



CITY OF CARSON
MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2020
2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 P.M. by Mayor Albert Robles via Zoom Teleconference.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Donesia Gause-Aldana noted the roll:

Council Members Present via Zoom Teleconference:

Mayor Albert Robles, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear, Council Member Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member Jawane Hilton, and Council Member Cedric Hicks.

Also Present via Zoom Teleconference Telephone:

Monica Cooper, City Treasurer; Sharon Landers, City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City Attorney; David Roberts, Assistant City Manager; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; and Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance

INTRODUCTIONS

Item No. 1. 2020-442 A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 19, 2020 IN HONOR OF JUNETEENTH

Item No. 1 was heard after Oral Communications.

It was moved to approve a proclamation recognizing June 19, 2020 in honor of Juneteenth on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Robles, Mayor Pro Tem Dear, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Hilton and Council Member Hicks
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Council Member Davis-Holmes suggested the proclamation be framed and placed in the City's display case.

Council Member Hicks directed City Manager to send a copy of the proclamation to all churches in the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Dear directed City Manager to send a copy of the proclamation to churches of all ethnic groups, Black Life Matters organization, NAACP or any other appropriate organization.

Council Member Davis-Holmes directed City Manager to send a copy of the proclamation to 100 Black Women of Carson, Carson African American Empowerment Coalition, Carson Citizens Cultural Arts, and Filipino Community of Carson organization.

Mayor Robles noted that he and the Council Members will prepare a mailing list for the City Manager with no objection heard.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)

This item was heard after Roll Call.

City Clerk Gause-Aldana read a public comment from the following:

Jaime Monteclaro – Email – Items No. 1 and 3

Supports the City recognizing Juneteenth and offered the inquiries and comments related to Item No. 3.

City Attorney Soltani noted that all insurance carriers were informed immediately after the claim was filed.

DISCUSSION: (Item 2)

Item No. 2. 2020-443 CONSIDER DIRECTION TO STAFF TO PREPARE A REOPENING PLAN FOR CITY HALL AND OTHER CITY FACILITIES, AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON JULY 4 BLOCK PARTY PERMITS AND OTHER OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES (CITY COUNCIL)

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Assistant City Manager Raymond gave a Powerpoint presentation on reopening City Hall.

Assistant City Manager Roberts gave a Powerpoint presentation on reopening City parks and recreation services. Council Member Davis-Holmes inquired which parks and programs will be reopened.

Assistant City Manager Roberts answered Council Member Davis-Holmes' inquiry to reopen parks with gyms and will prepare a list identifying other areas.

Discussion ensued regarding reopening all City parks.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. DISCUSS and provide direction to staff on the draft reopening plan for Carson City Hall, provide input on the reopening of other City facilities including parks and recreation facilities, and on the outreach and public information efforts to provide information to local businesses about their opportunities to reopen under the current State guidelines.
2. DISCUSS and provide direction to staff on other activities outside City facilities that may have been or may be impacted by continued social distancing orders, such as Block Party permits for July 4th, street sweeping, and other code enforcement activities.

ACTION: The Mayor and Council took the following actions:

Motion No. 1

It was moved to reopen all City parks with a plan of action for staff effective June 29, 2020 on motion of Hicks, seconded by Robles.

During discussion of the motion, Mike Whittiker, Human Services Manager, gave a presentation on reopening City parks and programs in phases. Discussion ensued regarding the process of reopening the parks.

Motion No. 2

It was moved to direct the City Manager to bring back all city employees and bring back a plan of action at the next City Council meeting on motion of Dear, seconded by Hilton.

Human Services Manager Whittiker offered comments regarding reopening City parks in phases by June 29, 2020.

Mayor Robles clarified the motion to reopen all City parks on June 29, 2020; direct City Manager to bring back all city employees by June 29, 2020; and, commence the Kids Program at all parks throughout the city.

Council Member Hicks recommended all park staff be brought back on June 22, 2020 and reopen all City parks on June 29, 2020.

Vote on Motion No. 1

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Robles, Mayor Pro Tem Dear, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Hilton and Council Member Hicks
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Assistant City Manager Roberts gave a Powerpoint presentation on reopening Senior Programs.

Council Member Hilton inquired if play in the park is allowed. Staff addressed his inquiry.

Assistant City Manager Raymond gave a Powerpoint presentation on reopening outside city facilities.

Discussion ensued about whether or not the city can enforce that masks be worn while attending block parties. Staff noted the city has enough masks to supply the organizers of the block party.

Motion No. 3

It was moved to approve the issuance of block party permits and street closures on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton.

During discussion of the motion, it was a consensus of Mayor and City Council to recommend the following guidelines:

- All participants must wear a face mask
- No contact activities (bounce houses)
- No shared food

Vote on Motion No. 3

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dear, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Hilton and Council Member Hicks
Noes: Mayor Robles
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Council Member Davis-Holmes directed the City Manager to include a list of safe and sane guidelines when issuing Block Party permits.

Mayor Pro Tem Dear restated his motion to direct the City Manager to immediately bring back all city employees to work which was seconded by Hilton.

Council Member Hicks inquired about personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees, ensuring social distancing, and temperature gauging, etc. City Manager Landers responded to his inquiry.

City Manager Landers asked the maker of the motion to include in his motion subject to a Meet and Confer with the bargaining units.

City Attorney Soltani clarified to add subject to completion of Meet and Confer.

Discussion ensued about how to move forward bringing back employees.

Council Member Davis-Holmes requested City Manager Landers provide an update of the Meet and Confer with the bargaining units at the next City Council meeting on July 7, 2020.

Discussion ensued about the city's efforts in making employees whole that are currently not working.

City Attorney Soltani recommended the City Manager bring back all employees immediately subject to completion of Meet and Confer within six business days.

The mover and seconder of the motion accepted the friendly amendments made by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Vote on Motion No. 2

The motion, as amended, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Robles, Mayor Pro Tem Dear, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Hilton and Council Member Hicks
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

City Manager Landers noted items not discussed this evening will be addressed at the next City Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION (Item 3)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Attorney Soltani announced the Closed Session item.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was recessed at 4:17 P.M. by Mayor Robles to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened at 4:47 P.M. by Mayor Robles.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

City Attorney Soltani provided the Closed Session report as follows:

Item No. 3. 2020-444

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY)

Recommendation:

A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation to which the Carson Reclamation Authority is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows:

CAM-CARSON, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Plaintiff, v. CARSON RECLAMATION AUTHORITY, a California

joint powers authority; the CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, a municipal corporation; RESOLUTIONS, LLC., a Colorado limited liability company; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, Defendants, Case Number 20STCV16461, Superior Court.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

Mayor Pro Tem Dear wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Council Member Davis-Holmes wished everyone a Happy Father's Day. She inquired about an appeal for the Southern California Edison rate increase. Mayor Robles authorized the City Manager to add her request to the June 23, 2020 City Council meeting agenda.

Council Member Hicks wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Mayor Robles wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and Juneteenth.

Council Member Hilton wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and Juneteenth. In addition, he requested the City Manager provide the Mayor and City Council a copy of the memorandum provided to city employees related to accessing unemployment benefits.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 P.M. by Mayor Robles.



Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:



City Clerk Donesla Gause-Aldana