

MINUTES
CARSON AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
LOGISTICS MORATORIUM, APRIL 4, 2017
9:10 A.M. – 11:06 A.M.

Mayor Robles advised that only two letters were submitted, one letter being signed by a few business representatives; and he mentioned that a copy of those letters, the minutes from the March 28th Ad Hoc Committee meeting, and the exemption/exception letter are all available for distribution at this meeting. He welcomed the industry's input/proposals to help the City through this process; stated that those comments will be taken into consideration; and he urged the business community to put those comments in writing and submit those to Planning Manager Saied Naaseh in the Planning Department.

City Attorney Soltani pointed out that because this is a public agency, all correspondence will be a matter of public record; explained that the City is looking at its regulations and is trying to come up with ideas that will strengthen those regulations; and she encouraged the public to participate in this process.

Mayor Robles proposed establishing the following four subcommittees to focus in on those areas of concern, inviting the Committee members to volunteer for any subcommittee:

- 1) Road Maintenance and Economic Impacts/Benefits (Alex Cherin, Francisco Franco, Ray Aldridge, Councilman Santarina, Berwyn Salazar)
- 2) Land Use and Environmental Issues (Weston LaBar, Pilar Hoyos, Ramona Pimentel, Peter Herzog, Councilman Elito Santarina, Berwyn Salazar)
- 3) Truck Routes, Sheriff (Alex Cherin, Ray Aldridge, Louie Diaz, Ramona Pimentel, Councilman Santarina, Sheriff's Captain Jason Skeen)
- 4) Lease Provisions and other issues that may have been overlooked (Mayor Robles, Pilar Hoyos, Weston LaBar, Francisco Franco, Peter Herzog, Ramona Pimentel)

Mayor Robles advised that Sheriff's Captain Jason Skeen was not able to attend today's meeting but that he will be taking part in the Truck Routes/Sheriff subcommittee meetings.

The meeting was recessed at 10:05 a.m. to allow each subcommittee to meet and discuss issues of concern to each subcommittee and to set a date/time to meet. The meeting was reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

Peter Herzog indicated he would be participating in the Lease Provisions and Land Use and Environmental Issues subcommittees.

Mayor Robles advised that the Lease Provisions subcommittee will meet on Thursday, April 6th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Weston LaBar advised that the Land Use and Environmental Issues subcommittee will meet on Thursday, April 6th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Alex Cherin advised that the Truck Routes/Sheriff subcommittee has not yet set a date to meet, noting that Planning Manager Naaseh will contact Sheriff's Captain Skeen on his availability to attend; and advised that the subcommittee has identified four issues they want to address.

Francisco Franco advised that the Road Maintenance and Economic Impacts/Benefits subcommittee has not yet set a date to meet, noting that City Manager Farfsing will be providing a roadway ratings map of the City's streets.

Ray Aldridge stated that because Carson already has regulations/laws in place, the City should be enforcing those codes/laws upon those not following them; stated that if the problem is not enough code enforcement personnel, then the City should be looking at finding the funding to hire more staff; added that more Sheriff's personnel should be assigned to look for truck drivers traveling off approved routes; and stated that a moratorium is not needed if the laws are enforced. He pointed out that going north on Wilmington Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Victoria Street is a pothole-ridden roadway that is not in the city of Carson, mentioning that many residents mistakenly believe this roadway belongs to Carson.

City Manager Farfsing advised that he has been in communication with the Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office to address the poor roadway conditions in that area; and advised that just this morning, he received a response indicating the County has already implemented plans to improve those poor roadway conditions in that area. City Manager Farfsing advised that he will continue to follow up with the Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office on those activities.

Pilar Hoyos advised that Watson Land Company has over 100 buildings in Carson that largely provide logistics and port-related services; reiterated their concern that this ordinance is too far-reaching; stated it is unfortunate the way this process has been handled thus far, but added that they are hoping the City will work with the business community in a cooperative manner to identify what the real issues are; added that the issues remain to be discussed or put on the table; and advised that she is talking about use over revenue, stating that the Ad Hoc Committee should address that issue. She echoed the comments about fully utilizing the City's enforcement team; and stated that the City should immediately begin with fully enforcing its laws and determine why these issues of concern are not being enforced.

Ms. Hoyos stated that she will volunteer for the Land Use and Environmental Issues subcommittee, highlighting 24 pages which lists/describes permitted industrial uses in Carson. She volunteered for the Lease Provisions subcommittee, stating this is a critical issue, one that needs a better understanding with the complexity of business issues that this process creates; and stated that the lease provisions should be deleted entirely because it creates a host of negative consequences. She advised that the state has earmarked billions of dollars for road repairs; and she expressed her belief that staff's City Council moratorium report was biased, unfair and unjustified as to blaming all these problems being caused by only one sector of the industry. She entered into the record the state's/League's 2016 California Local Streets and Road Assessments booklet. She noted her appreciation of City Manager

Farfsing mentioning at the February 7th City Council meeting Watson Land Company's hosting of a warehouse tour, which included staff members and commissioners, and his mentioning that it's difficult to define what is in those warehouses because there is a mix of uses, offices, manufacturing; and reiterated her concern with the City making disparaging remarks about the logistics and trucking industry, pointing out this is not the only industry using the City's roads and doing business in Carson.

Weston LaBar stated that the Land Use and Environmental Issues subcommittee discussed looking at Carson's current land use codes relating to the operations that are covered under the moratorium and possible connection with either existing or potential land uses moving forward to make sure everything marries up with one another; addressed issues in and around the moratorium relating to truck parking and impacts to streets and neighborhoods; and addressed environmental assessment with the Ports of L.A. and Long Beach, concessions agreements, truck registries which determine how many of the clean trucks come into Carson and that impact to the environmental analysis, those that meet the new environmental standards versus those that don't.

Alex Cherin reiterated that the position of the California Trucking Association (CTA) is that regulations already exist, both statewide and citywide, noting the subcommittee's desire to address these regulations with Sheriff's Captain Skeen; that the subcommittee will address the department's jurisdiction with respect to being able to cite an errant truck driver; will look at existing truck routes to see if the truck routes need to be updated; will clarify with Captain Skeen issues related to over-weight trucks and other truck condition issues and the department's jurisdiction; and to address training and other mechanisms necessary to allow the Carson Sheriff's Department the authority to cite these truck drivers when necessary.

Weston LaBar stated his subcommittee will be addressing street signage related to trucks and the ability to enforce street signage/violations, truck routes, truck parking; and he added that he would not want to see this moratorium extended beyond this 45-day period.

Ray Aldridge stated he is hopeful everyone will work in good faith to solve these issues of concern and that the 45-day period will not be extended.

Ms. Hoyos agreed with Mr. Aldridge's comments, stating that we are all in this together; and urged the City not to have this moratorium create non-intended consequences from a policy decision that may be counter to this moratorium.

Ramona Pimentel stated she hopes this effort will come to a conclusion within this 45-day period.

Mayor Robles thanked the audience members and the subcommittee members for their attendance and participation, stating he is hopeful and optimistic a resolution will be reached where the highest percentage of people will be supportive of the process.

The meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Hall C, Carson Community Center.