

MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 2022  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**AGENDA POSTING:** March 30, 2022

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair – Hourie Taylor called to order the meeting of the Environmental Commission Meeting at 6:33 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair – Hourie Taylor

**ROLL CALL:** Recording Secretary Coria noted the following:

Present: Commissioners Koons, Hopson, Taylor, Pulido, Watkins, Love, Gills-Ward, Isiah-Payne and Alternate Villalpando and Brillantes

Absent: None

Also Present: Public Works Director Whitman, Sustainability Administrator – Utilities Kulcsar and Recording Secretary Coria  
Deputy City Attorney – Lona Laymon

**INTRODUCTIONS/ PRESENTATIONS:**

1. New Environmental Commission Member, Roye Love

PLEASE SEE BELOW NEW BUSINESS ITEM #3, IT WAS MOTIONED AND PASSED TO MOVE BEFORE PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION.

**PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Email was sent by a resident, Miss Miller regarding the Dominguez Channel, and was read out loud by Recording Secretary Coria. Commissioners express that this matter should be answered by City Council because it is in close session.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of minutes for March 2, 2022

Commissioner Pulido comments that Director Eliza Jane's comments are not in the minutes. Eliza Jane states she doesn't recall making any comments last meeting and other commissioner agree.

Commissioner Gillis-Ward motioned to approve minutes. Commissioner Isiah-Payne seconded the motion.

AYES: Koons, Hopson, Taylor, Watkins, Gills-Ward, Isiah-Payne, Villalpando

NOES: Pulido

ABSTAIN: Love

## **CONTINUED/ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **2. Continue Discussion on the Priority List & Finalize**

Staff member Kulcsar provided a presentation about the priority list and the Commissioners discussed the list.

Commissioners input on the list that was provided.

Chair Taylor motions to take out the Robert's Rule of order in the top 6 itmes and replace with tree planting and beautification. Commissioner Koons seconds motion

AYES: Koons, Hopson, Taylor, Pulido, Watkins, Gills-Ward, Isiah-Payne, Love, Villalpando

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **3. Presentation and Discussion about Fireworks**

#### **a. Carson Sheriff Department**

#### **b. Carson Public Safety – Zak Gonzalez**

Chair Taylor made a motion to move this item up before Public Oral Communication. Commissioner Isaiah-Payne seconds motion

AYES: Koons, Hopson, Taylor, Pulido, Watkins, Love, Gills-Ward, Isiah-Payne, Villalpando

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Emergency service staff Zak Gonzalez asks what the Commissioners are concerned about the fireworks. Commissioners asked questions about: what are the sheriffs doing to prevent illegal fireworks being on the street? Are there steps being taken prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? Are block parties being regulated for illegal fireworks? How much of illegal fireworks were confiscated? Can we increase the fines for fireworks? Do we know the environmental impact regarding air quality during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? What is the best way to get in contact to report fireworks? How successful are we for persecution?

Sheriffs go over their plan of action that they follow to confiscate illegal fireworks. For block parties, there is no way for staff to deny residents a permit for block party. 2,000lbs of fireworks were confiscated last year and they anticipate that same amount this year. Zak Gonzalez recommends to get in contact with AQMD when it comes to air quality for fireworks. Fireworks

that are done throughout the year, sheriffs ask to call and they will send out a car. For a more detailed investigation, to contact a special operations supervisor to get something together. Alternate Villalpando expresses the experience that she had when illegal fireworks that were being used in her neighborhood and also wants staff to pull the letter that was submitted to council from the previous commission. Staff member Kulcsar goes over the fines that the City currently has and will send a copy of the letter to the commissioners. Commissioner Pulido recommends submitting a letter to raise the fines for the fireworks. Commissioner Love wants to know how many tickets have been issued and how many people have been prosecuted for fireworks. Commissioner Pulido wants to ask for overtime for the sheriffs and double the fines, and go back to the letter that was sent in 2019 to council and update the fines.

Commissioner thank the presenters for the presentation and excuse the presenters and continue this item to the next commission meeting.

Commissioner Pulido motions to bring this item with recommendations to next commission meeting. Commissioner Isiah-Payne seconds motion.

AYES: Koons, Hopson, Taylor, Pulido, Watkins, Gills-Ward, Love, Isiah-Payne, Villalpando

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

#### **4. Brown Act Presentation about Fair Process and Laws Avoiding Bias by Lona Laymon**

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Commissioner Koons wants to be put on the agenda on what is on the priority list and starting with the tree planting and truck routes. Commissioner Pulido wants a report from the CRA about the remediation for the 157 acre lot and a site visit. Chair Taylor recommends to put on the agenda fireworks, the 157 acre lot, and an update on the Dominguez Channel. Commissioner Pulido does a sub-motion to add CRA update to the agenda. Alternate Villalpando recommends to educate the community of the Dominguez Channel. Commissioners Isiah-Payne and Gillis-ward feel that that information should come from Council and not the commission. Staff will add fireworks, 157 acre/ CRA update, Dominguez Channel and the Brown Act will go on the next agenda.

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

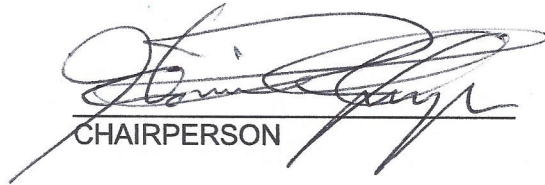
Commissioner Pulido makes and announcement for a fundraiser.

#### **STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Staff Kulcsar shares the Earth Day Event.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Chair Taylor and seconded by Vice Chair Hopson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., via zoom.

  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
RECORDING SECRETARY