



Wednesday, June 4, 2025
701 E. Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745
Executive Conference Room, 2nd Floor of City Hall
6:30 P.M.

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Commissioners:

Brittney Ford
Ezekiel Swayzer
Freeman Watkins
Hourie Taylor (Chair)
Lillian Hopson (Vice Chair)
Maribel Peralta
William Koons
Vacant
Vacant

Alternates:

Vacant, Alt 1
Vacant, Alt 2
Vacant, Alt 3

Staff:

Evelyne Carmona, Senior Administrative Analyst
Jessica Coria, Division Secretary
Kristin Smith, Field Representative
Reata Kulcsar, Energy and Sustainability Officer

Isaac Young, Deputy City Attorney
Judy Baladi, City Attorney's Office

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

V. PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The public may address the Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Carson Environmental Commission or on any items on the agenda of the Carson Environmental Commission, prior to any action taken on the agenda. Speakers are limited to no more than three minutes, speaking once. Oral communications will be limited to one (1) hour unless extended by order of the Chair with the approval of the Environmental Commission.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from the May 7, 2025, Environmental Commission meeting

VII. CONTINUED/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

2. Presentation about new developments from the Planning Division

IX. COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS

X. STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings:

July – Dark

August 6, 2025

September 3, 2025

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MINUTES
May 7, 2025
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
701 E Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745

AGENDA POSTING: May 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Chair – Taylor called the meeting of the Environmental Commission Meeting to order at 6:34 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chair Hopson

ROLL CALL: Staff member Coria noted the following:

Present:

Vice Chair Lilian Hopson
Commissioner William Koons
Commissioner Freeman Watkins
Commissioner Maribel Peralta
Commissioner Ezekiel Swayzer
Chairperson Hourie Taylor
Alt. Commissioner Brittney Ford

Also Present:

Administrative Specialist, Jessica Coria
Senior Administrative Analyst, Evelyne Carmona
Energy and Sustainability Officer, Reata Kulcsar
Deputy City Attorney, Judy Baladi

INTRODUCTIONS/ PRESENTATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of minutes for April 2, 2025

Vice Chair Hopson moved to accept the minutes as presented, and Commissioner Koons seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Watkins, Hopson, Koons, Peralta, Taylor, Ford

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Swayzer

CONTINUED/ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Update on Existing and New Building Reach Codes and Building Performance Standards

Walker Wells from Raimi & Associates presented on building electrification and performance standards to the commissioners, sharing information and encouraging discussion to inform the potential adoption of specific measures by year-end or early next year.

3. Oral Report by the Energy and Sustainability Officer

Staff member Kulcsar provided verbal updates on recent refinery questions. Staff member Kulcsar also indicated that staff had contacted representatives from TRAA and were awaiting a response. Handouts summarizing the Earth Day survey results were distributed and reviewed with the Commissioners. Regarding the electric vehicle charging projects, staff shared that nearly all electric vehicle charging stations are operational, with the exception of two sites.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ORAL COMMUNICATION:

Vice Chair Hopson congratulated the Chair for doing a great job at the last council meeting. Commissioner Koons wanted to know if there was an emergency plan in place for the City in light of the refineries. He also inquired about the recent testing of the alarm system at a local refinery. Staff stated that they would reach out to Public Safety staff to determine what documents were available to share. Commissioner Swazyer congratulated the commission on the Earth Day Event and also asked if the commission had a list of objectives they wanted to accomplish. Chair Taylor stated that the commission has a priority list of activities and accomplishments. Alternate Commissioner Ford suggested that the City could use drones instead of fireworks for a show that could be funded through grants and would benefit the environment. Chair Taylor thanked everyone who attended Earth Day and the Council meeting.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff member Kulcsar announced that staff would be tabling at a non-City sponsor health fair scheduled for May 10, 2025, at the Dominguez Community Center. Judy Baladi mentioned that the City Attorney's Office continues to work on updating the municipal code language to allow greater flexibility for the Commission in scheduling formal meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without further discussion, Chair Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Commissioner Swazyer seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall.

ITEM NO. 2

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

June 4, 2025

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
FROM: MCKINA ALEXANDER, ACTING PLANNING MANAGER
SUBJECT: NEW DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

A representative from the City's Planning Division will present on the latest planning activities and development projects.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and Discuss.

ATTACHMENT

1. Presentation

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

June 4, 2025

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
FROM: REATA KULCSAR, ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER
SUBJECT: ORAL REPORT FROM THE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

The Energy and Sustainability Officer will provide an oral report on environmental activities, including:

1. Refinery Updates
2. Chevron Refinery Alarm Updates

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

RECORDING SECRETARY

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