



TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025  
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745  
Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center  
Carson Dominguez Hall  
6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Members:	Dianne Thomas Chair	Louie Diaz Vice Chair	Frederick Docdocil
	Carlos Guerra	Del Huff	Richard Hernandez
	DeQuita Mfume	Clarence Johnson	Leticia Wilson
Alternates:	Jaime Montecarlo		
Staff:	Christopher Palmer, AICP Planning Manager	Benjamin Jones Assistant City Attorney	Laura Gonzalez Planning Secretary

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thomas Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Guerra led the Salute to the Flag.

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**3. ROLL CALL**

Planning Commissioners Present: Thomas, Diaz, Huff, Mfume, Johnson, Montecarlo, Guerra, Docdocil (Late)

Planning Commissioners Absent: Wilson

Planning Staff Present: Planning Manager Palmer, Senior Planner Alexander, Senior Planner Coleman, Assistant City Attorney Jones, Planning Secretary Gonzalez

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#### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

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#### **5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)**

None

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#### **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **A) Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2025**

##### Planning Commission Decision:

Vice Chair Huff moved, seconded by Commissioner Mfume, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0. (Commissioner Docdocil was not present)

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#### **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **A) General Plan Amendment 2025GPA-02 (Safety Element)**

##### Request:

A request for a recommendation to the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 25-2884 recognizing the City of Carson 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and to amend the Community Services, Education, and Safety Element of the General Plan to incorporate the LHMP in accordance with Assembly Bill 2140.

##### Staff Recommendation:

Senior Planner Coleman presented the staff report and the recommendation to ADOPT Resolution No. 25-2884, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CARSON RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE 2024 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CARSON AND AMENDING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES, EDUCATION AND SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE CITY'S 2024 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2140."

Commissioner Guerra – Trump is taking away a lot of funding, will that affect us in any way?

Assistant City Attorney Jones – No, we are not aware of that having any effect on this action.

Chair Thomas – There's a lot going on but there are some compliance issues that we must meet. No matter what happens we must be in compliance, and I think that's what this is all about.

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing. There being no further input, Chair Thomas closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Monteclaro – I would like to express my gratitude to those who birthed this resolution.

Planning Manager Palmer – They had a committee and some public outreach. It went through the same type of process that we would go through for any type of planning policy document. The community saw it and participated. They had online meetings throughout 2024. I'm not sure who participated in that but that's what the process was.

Vice Chair Thomas – This is being in compliance with our General Plan. If there is a disaster and there's need for assistance from the federal government and the state government, we have to be in compliance and that's what this is further doing.

Assistant City Attorney Jones – This action is not to approve or recommend approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, but instead it's to recommend approval of the necessary General Plan Amendment to the City Council. The charter provides that one of the powers and duties of the Planning Commission is to make a recommendation to the City Council on any General Plan Amendment. In order to get the necessary grant funding, the General Plan needs to be amended to incorporate the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. Currently, the General Plan incorporates the previously adopted plan. The text of the General Plan in the Safety Element would be amended to essentially just replace a link and link the newly to be adopted plan if the council adopts it. Although the initial plan that's currently referenced in the General Plan was originally adopted in 2013, we might add some language that says "and as may be amended from time to time" since it's required to be amended every five years. The General Plan moving forward doesn't need to be amended every time the Hazard Mitigation Plan is amended. The purpose of this item is not to get into the Hazard Mitigation Plan and determine whether it's sufficient or not. It's already deemed to be sufficient by FEMA and Cal OES. They have approved it conditioned upon the city adopting it. It's part of the city's adoption process. The first step is Planning Commission recommendation and then City approval. Once adopted that will enable the city to qualify for all the state and federal grant funds.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Vice Chair Diaz, to approve staff's recommendation, thus adopting Resolution 25-2884. Motion carried, 8-0.

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## **8. MANAGER'S REPORT**

You may have received an email informing that we have a Brown Fields Committee that's being formed, and they were looking to get it staffed. If you're interested, please follow the directions that were in the email.

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## **9. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Guerra – It's great to be back.

Commissioner Huff – This was a wonderful meeting. Monday is Cesar Chavez Day.

Commissioner Docdocil – I apologize for my tardiness. I'm excited to participate in the various events and activities that have happened in our city this past week including the groundbreaking, the State of the City Address alongside with our fellow commissioners. I'm grateful to have an opportunity to re-swear my commitment as part of this commission. After

the last Planning Commission meeting where we talked about Carson being an amazing home for businesses, I've had two different businesses reach out to me about developments. I'll be connecting them with our staff and hopefully bring more businesses to Carson.

Commissioner Mfume – It's a pleasure to be here.

Commissioner Johnson – Happy to be here, happy to serve, and echoing Commissioner Docdocil's participation in recent events. Happy to be part of the vision.

Commissioner Monteclaro – I appreciate and thank all the commissioners who unanimously approved this resolution because of its significance to our safety, health, and public welfare of residents of Carson. I want to express gratitude to FEMA for approving the city's plan for Hazard Mitigation Plan waiting for the adoption by City Council.

Commissioner Diaz – I would like to invite everyone to an Air Quality Community Meeting on April 2nd from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Dominguez Community Center located at 21156 S. Santa Fe Ave., Carson. It's an opportunity to collaborate with them. They're going to be doing a measure air pollution block by block. It's open to all city residents.

Chair Thomas – What an incredible job to all the staff that worked on the State of the City presentation. It was an incredible presentation. We should feel proud of what's happening in this city. We will continue to do our part.

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## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Dianne Thomas  
Chairperson

Attest By:

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Laura Gonzalez  
Planning Secretary