

**CITY OF CARSON
HOUSING AUTHORITY/
SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
PUBLIC FINANCING
AUTHORITY/
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
MEETING AGENDA**



**Friday, August 7, 2026
701 East Carson Street
City Hall
9:00 AM**

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

Dr. Jawane Hilton, District 1 Councilmember

Cedric L. Hicks, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem and District 3 Councilmember

Jim Dear, District 2 Councilmember

Arleen Bocatija Rojas, District 4 Councilmember

Dr. Khaleah Bradshaw, City Clerk

Monica Cooper, City Treasurer

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

“In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call the City Clerk’s office at 310-952-1720 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.” (Government Code Section 54954.2)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The public may address the members of the City Council on any matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council or on any items on the agenda of the City Council during the designated public comment periods. There will be two Oral Communication sessions: one for Agendized Items (comment about items ON the agenda) and the other for non-Agendized items (comment about items NOT on the Agenda). The Oral Communications portion of the agenda is limited to a duration of one hour unless otherwise approved by the City Council. Comment time is normally 3 minutes depending on the number of speakers.

PUBLIC VIEWING AVAILABLE BY:

- Livestream on the City’s website: The meeting will be streamed live over the internet via: www.carsonca.gov
- Youtube : www.youtube.com/@CityofCarsonCalifornia
- Cable TV: Spectrum (Channel 35) and ATT (Channel 99)

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN-PERSON, PUBLIC COMMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED BEFORE THE MEETING AT/VIA:

- Email: Public comments can be emailed to cityclerk@carsonca.gov. The cut-off time to submit any email communications is 7:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.
- Written: Written comments can be dropped off at the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall. The cut-off time to submit any written communications is 7:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Written comments drop

PUBLIC COMMENTS CAN BE MADE LIVE DURING ORAL COMMUNICATIONS PORTION OF THE AGENDA.

- In Person at Council Chambers: Submitting a Public Comment Card to City Clerk during Council Meeting.
- Virtual via Two-way audiovisual platform:

- Join Online: Zoom: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84636630313?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84636630313?pwd=kmb6K91M9m0U1x2KJcn19fV1g55owL.1)
[pwd=kmb6K91M9m0U1x2KJcn19fV1g55owL.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84636630313?pwd=kmb6K91M9m0U1x2KJcn19fV1g55owL.1)

Passcode: 227766

- **Join via Phone: +1 669 900 6833 US**

Meeting ID: 84636630313#

CALL TO ORDER: CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY (5:00 pm)

ROLL CALL (CITY CLERK)

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION

CLOSED SESSION

REPORT ON ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY CLERK)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION UNTIL THE END OF CLOSED SESSION (Items 1 - 2)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)
 - A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(a), to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation to which the City is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company, LLC; Tesoro Logistics Operations LLC v. City of Carson, Second Appellate District Case No. B335686.
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)
 - A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (d)(3) and (e)(1), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in 1 case(s).

RULES OF DECORUM:

1. No person attending a Public Meeting shall engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct, including but not limited to applause, whistling, stamping of feet, booing, or making any loud, threatening, profane, abusive, personal, impertinent, or slanderous utterance-that disturbs, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
2. All remarks by members of the public shall be addressed to the Mayor or the Chair and not to any other member of the public or to any single Council, Board or Commission Member unless in response to a question from that Member.
3. Signs, placards, banners, or other similar items shall not be permitted in the audience during a Public Meeting if the presence of such item disturbs, disrupts or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
4. All persons attending a Public Meeting shall remain seated in the seats provided, unless addressing the body at the podium or entering or leaving the meeting.
5. All persons attending a Public Meeting shall obey any lawful order of the Presiding Officer to enforce the Rules of Decorum.

- Treat everyone courteously
- Listen to others respectfully
- Exercise self-control
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints
- Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate
- Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights that are inherent components of an inclusive public process and tools for forging sound decisions

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT THE END OF CLOSED SESSION

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (CITY ATTORNEY)

INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)

PRESENTATIONS

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) (LIMITED TO ONE HOUR)

The public may address the members of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency on any matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency or on any items on the agenda of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency, other than closed session matters, prior to any action taken on the agenda. Speakers are limited to no morethan three minutes, speaking once. Oral communications will be limited to one (1) hour unless extended by order of the Mayor with approval of the City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CONSENT

ANY ITEM OR ITEMS MAY BE REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION

These items are considered to be routine items of business and have, therefore, been placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR. For items remaining on the CONSENT CALENDAR, a single motion to ADOPT the recommended action is in order.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public testimony is restricted to three minutes per speaker, speaking once (excepting applicants who are afforded a right of rebuttal, if desired), unless extended by order of the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

DISCUSSION (Item 3)

3. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-096, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-086 FOR THE PURPOSE OF WITHDRAWING THE ORDER OF ELECTION ON A PROPOSED OIL REFINERY TAX MEASURE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION, AND RESCINDING RELATED RESOLUTIONS (CITY COUNCIL)
RECOMMENDED ACTION
- 1. Consider waiving further reading and adopting Resolution No. 26-096, entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-086 FOR THE PURPOSE OF WITHDRAWING THE ORDER OF ELECTION ON A PROPOSED OIL REFINERY TAX MEASURE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION, AND RESCINDING RELATED RESOLUTIONS."

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)

The public may at this time address the members of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency on any matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency. No action may be taken on non-agendized items except as authorized by law. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than three minutes each, speaking once.

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (AS NECESSARY)

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

REPORT OF ACTIONS ON UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Date Posted: August 5, 2026



Report to Honorable Mayor and City Council

Friday, August 7, 2026, 9:00 AM

DISCUSSION 3.

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Michael George, Government Affairs Officer {{department}} {{division}}

Subject: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-096, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-086 FOR THE PURPOSE OF WITHDRAWING THE ORDER OF ELECTION ON A PROPOSED OIL REFINERY TAX MEASURE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION, AND RESCINDING RELATED RESOLUTIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

On August 4, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-086 to submit a proposed General Oil Refinery Business License Tax measure to the City's voters at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election and request consolidation with the statewide general election, and Resolution Nos 26-087, and 26-088 to establish procedures for written ballot arguments, direct preparation of an impartial analysis, and provide for rebuttal arguments.

Since that time, based on continued discussions with industrial stakeholders, this item provides an opportunity for the City Council to rescind the previously adopted resolutions and withdraw the proposed ballot measure from the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election. Adoption of the proposed resolution would formally rescind Resolution Nos. 26-086, 26-087, and 26-088 and direct the City Clerk to file the resolution with the County elections official to effectuate withdrawal of the order of election on the tax measure.

II. RECOMMENDATION

1. Consider waiving further reading and adopting Resolution No. 26-096, entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-086 FOR THE PURPOSE OF WITHDRAWING THE ORDER OF ELECTION ON A PROPOSED OIL REFINERY TAX MEASURE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION, AND RESCINDING RELATED RESOLUTIONS."

III. ALTERNATIVES

Take another action deemed appropriate by the City Council and that is consistent with applicable law.

IV. BACKGROUND

On August 4, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution Nos. 26-086, 26-087, and 26-088 to place a proposed General Oil Refinery Business License Tax measure before the City's voters at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

Resolution No. 26-086 called the election for purposes of submitting the proposed tax measure to the voters, requested consolidation with the statewide general election, and requested that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk conduct all necessary election services. Resolution No. 26-087 established procedures for filing written arguments and directed the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis on the measure. Resolution No. 26-088 established procedures for filing rebuttal arguments.

This item now provides the City Council an opportunity to rescind those resolutions and withdraw the order of election on the proposed General Oil Refinery Business License Tax measure. Adoption of the proposed resolution and timely filing of the same with the County elections official would withdraw the proposed ballot measure from the November 3, 2026 election and eliminate the need for further election administration related to the measure, including preparation of ballot arguments, impartial analysis, and related election materials. The proposed resolution with additional details will be presented at the time of the meeting.

Upon adoption of the proposed resolution, the City Clerk would promptly file it with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and take any additional administrative steps necessary to withdraw the measure from the ballot.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

Rescinding the previously adopted resolutions would eliminate costs of holding an election on the proposed ballot measure.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Resolution 26-096