

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



**Tuesday, August 11, 2026
701 East Carson Street
City Hall
4:00 PM**

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

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL 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 2:00 p.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 2:00 p.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 (4:00 pm)

ROLL CALL (CITY CLERK)

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION

CLOSED SESSION (Items 1-2)

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

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. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TAX PAYMENT AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON, TESORO REFINING & MARKETING COMPANY LLC, AND TESORO LOGISTICS OPERATIONS LLC (CITY COUNCIL)
- RECOMMENDED ACTION
- 1. CONSIDER and APPROVE the Tax Payment and Settlement Agreement by and between the City of Carson, Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC, and Tesoro Logistics Operations LLC; and
 - 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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 10, 2026



Report to Honorable Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 4:00 PM

DISCUSSION 3.

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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

Subject: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TAX PAYMENT AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON, TESORO REFINING & MARKETING COMPANY LLC, AND TESORO LOGISTICS OPERATIONS LLC (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

The City Council is being asked to consider and approve a Tax Payment and Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") by and between the City of Carson, a charter city and municipal corporation, Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Tesoro Logistics Operations LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

The Agreement provides for payments to the City totaling \$370 million, consisting of a \$120 million settlement payment and \$250 million to be paid annually over fifteen (15) years, subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

The Agreement is related to the City's previously proposed oil-refinery business license tax measure that had been scheduled for consideration by the voters at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

At its August 10, 2026 meeting, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-097, which rescinds and withdraws Resolution No. 26-086 and related resolutions concerning the proposed oil-refinery tax measure. Resolution No. 26-097 provides for the withdrawal of the order of election and is conditioned upon complete execution of the Tax Payment and Settlement Agreement.

The Agreement is therefore presented to the City Council for consideration and approval.

II. RECOMMENDATION

1. CONSIDER and APPROVE the Tax Payment and Settlement Agreement by and between the City of Carson, Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC, and Tesoro Logistics Operations LLC; and
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate and that is consistent with applicable laws.

IV. BACKGROUND

On August 4, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-086, placing a proposed business license tax on oil refining activities before the voters of the City at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.

The City subsequently engaged in discussions concerning a negotiated resolution of certain matters between the City and the affected parties. Those discussions resulted in the proposed Tax Payment and Settlement Agreement now being presented to the City Council.

The Agreement provides for payments to the City totaling \$370 million, consisting of a \$120 million settlement payment and \$250 million to be paid annually over ten years, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

The Agreement is intended to provide a negotiated resolution of the matters addressed therein and establish the financial obligations of the parties.

In connection with the Agreement, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-097 on August 10, 2026. Resolution No. 26-097 rescinds and withdraws Resolution No. 26-086, as well as Resolution Nos. 26-087 and 26-088, which related to the proposed oil-refinery tax measure and associated election procedures, conditioned on the complete execution of the Tax Payment and Settlement Agreement.

Resolution No. 26-097 directs the City Clerk to file the resolution with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk by August 12, 2026, in order to withdraw the order of election concerning the proposed measure pursuant to California Elections Code section 9605.

Resolution No. 26-097 further provides that its effectiveness is conditioned upon complete execution of the final and binding Tax Payment and Settlement Agreement.

The proposed Tax Payment and Settlement Agreement with additional details will be presented at the time of the Special Meeting on August 11, 2026.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

The Agreement provides for total payments to the City of \$370 million, consisting of a \$120 million settlement payment and \$250 million to be paid annually over fifteen years, subject to the terms of the Agreement. The payments contemplated by the Agreement will provide funds to the City for deposit into the General Fund for general municipal purposes. The actual timing and administration of payments will be governed by the terms of the Agreement and applicable City budgeting and fiscal procedures.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Proposed Tax Payment and Settlement Agreement