



**MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2010**

5:00 P.M.

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AGENDA POSTED: OCTOBER 15, 2010

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:21 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear in the Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL: Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki noted the following:

Council/Agency Members Present: Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Chairman Pro Tem Elito Santarina, Council/Agency Member Lula Davis-Holmes, and Council/Agency Member Julie Ruiz-Raber

Council/Agency Members Absent: Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson (Entered during Closed Session)

Other Elected Officials Present: None

Other Elected Officials Absent: Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk/Agency Secretary (Entered at 5:22 P.M.) and Karen Avilla, City/Agency Treasurer

Also Present:

William Wynder, City/Agency Attorney; and staff: Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary

City/Agency Attorney Wynder presented the Closed Session items. He requested the addition of the following Closed Session items due to facts and circumstances which arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda and that direction from the City Council was required prior to the next regular meeting:

- To discuss the position of City Manager pursuant to Government Code § 54957.
- To discuss significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(b)(1) and 3(B), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one (1) case and the facts and circumstances giving rise to the claim were not presently known to the plaintiff.

It was moved to add the two (2) Closed Session items, as recommended by City/Agency Attorney Wynder, and identified above, on motion of Ruiz-Raber, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Council Member Gipson

CLOSED SESSION (Item 1) 5:00 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.

ITEM NO. (1) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: ALL GROUPS (EXCEPT CITY MANAGER AND UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES) (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6 with the City Manager and Administrative Services General Manager, regarding labor negotiations with AME, Supervisors Association, Professional Association, AFSCME Local 809, ACE, and Unrepresented employees.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

ITEM NO. (1A) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (ADDED ITEM)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code § 54957 to consider filling the position of City Manager.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. (1B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(ADDED ITEM)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(b)(1) and 3(B), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one (1) case.

RECESS: The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 5:24 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to a Closed Session to discuss the items described on this evening's agenda.

RECONVENE: The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 6:48 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, including Gipson who entered during the Closed Session.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe noted the following:

Council/Agency Members Present: Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Elito Santarina, Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes, Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson, and Council/Agency Member Julie Ruiz-Raber

Council/Agency Members Absent: None

Other Elected Officials Present: Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk/Agency Secretary, and Karen Avilla, City/Agency Treasurer

Other Elected Officials Absent: None

Also Present: Jerome Groomes, City Manager/Executive Director; William Wynder, City/ Agency Attorney; and staff:

Jackie Acosta, Administrative Services General Manager; Ray Cruz, Public Services General Manager (Entered at 7:03 P.M.); and Clifford Graves, Economic Development General Manager

Lisa Berglund, Senior Administrative Analyst;
Zarah Cruz, Public Information Manager;
Patricia Elkins, Storm Water Quality Program
Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Duane
Munson, Human Resources Officer; Sheri
Repp-Loadsman, Planning Officer; Glenn
Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician;
and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City
Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary

Captain Bernice Abram, Carson Sheriff's
Station

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

City/Agency Attorney Wynder reported the Closed Session report as follows:

Agency Closed Session Item No. 1

Staff provided a privileged and confidential status report. Questions were asked and answered. There was no reportable action. All members participated in the Closed Session.

Council Closed Session Item No. 1

Staff provided a privileged and confidential briefing on ongoing negotiations. Questions were asked and answered. There was no reportable action. All members participated in the Closed Session.

Council Closed Session Item No. 1A (Added Item)

Staff briefed the City Council on facts and circumstances. Questions were asked and answered. The City Council authorized the issuance of a Request-for-Proposal for an executive search firm and authorized staff to contact the League of California Cities regarding a "range rider" program in the possible that an interim City Manager would be needed. All members participated in the Closed Session.

Council Closed Session Item No. 1B (Added Item)

Staff provided a privileged and confidential report, briefed the City Council on facts and circumstances, and recommended a litigation avoidance strategy. Questions were asked and answered. The City Council unanimously authorized pursuit of such strategy. All members participated in the Closed Session.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING 6:00 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE: AUSTIN MENDOZA, YOUTH COMMISSIONER (Absent)

At 6:52 P.M., Amani Pittman led the Flag Salute.

INVOCATION: On May 16, 2006, the City Council unanimously approved the offering of a brief invocation at the commencement of all meetings of the City Council or Redevelopment Agency. In doing so, the City Council is cognizant of its legal obligation to assure that such invocations are “legislative prayers,” and that they do not purport to advance any particular religion or religious denomination.

Consistent with the so-called “Burbank” prayer decision, the City Council hereby admonishes those who offer invocations to do so consistent with the current state of the law – meaning that an invocation must not be used to identify, advance, or urge a particular religious denomination, or identify a specific religion’s deity. This evening we are pleased that our invocation will be offered by: **DR. WILMA M. WILSON, CO-PASTOR, PEACE AND JOY CHRISTIAN CHURCH at 6:54 P.M.**

RECESS: At 6:55 P.M., after the Invocation, the City Council was Recessed at 6:55 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the Redevelopment Agency for approval of the minutes.

RECONVENE: At 6:56 P.M., after approval of the minutes of the Redevelopment Agency, the City Council was Reconvened by Mayor Dear, with all members previously noted present, for approval of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010 (REGULAR)

The Minutes, as listed on this evening’s agenda, were Approved as Submitted on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Public testimony may be given on any agenda item as it is called and will be LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER. Please fill out a Speaker Form in order to be identified correctly in the minutes. The forms are provided on the podium in the Council Chambers. All Speaker Forms must be given to the City Clerk/Agency Secretary at the beginning of the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS (Item 2)

ITEM NO. (2) INTRODUCTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

After Oral Communications – Members of the Public, Captain Bernice Abram, Carson Sheriff’s Station, introduced Deputy Amber Smith and Deputy Ulyssus Logerman and extended her best wishes to City Manager Groomes.

RECONVENE: After approval of the minutes of the City Council, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 6:57 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, for Oral Communications – Members of the Public.

(Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes exited and reentered the meeting at 6:57 P.M.)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

This is the appropriate time for members of the general public to address the Council/Agency on items not on the posted Agenda but are items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council/Agency. Any person wishing to speak at this time is requested to complete a Speaker Form, available on the podium or by the Public Agenda Binder in the Council Chamber. **ORAL COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER SPEAKER. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, no action can be taken on these items, and there can be no dialogue or discussion of the items with the Council/Agency other than to place it on the Agenda for a future meeting if appropriate.**

This item was heard at 6:57 P.M.

Larry Grant, 1823 Denwall Drive, Carson, California 90746

Reported that \$5,255.00 in funds were raised for the VAC's event and extended an invitation for the City Council Members to appear at the 26th Annual MLK Parade on Monday, January 7, 2011. At the request of Mr. Grant, the Council/Agency Members provided status report on fund-raising efforts.

Leroy Friley, 17200 Bonham Avenue Carson, California 90746

Thanked the City Council for the flowers; reported that the dogs were or will be removed according to Animal Control; thanked his neighbors from the Bonham Block Club; requested Council assistance regarding quarantined dogs and public notification; and requested that the Council recognize the two young men who pulled the dogs away from him.

Bill Smalley, 17700 Avalon Boulevard, No. 111, Carson, California 90746

As spokesperson for the Board of Colony Cove Board; message to JG that his services were appreciated and extended well wishes.

Lonnie A. Pittman, 120 W. 223rd Street, Carson, California 90745

Expressed his concern for children and adults regarding the dog situation.

Robert Lesley, P. O. Box 11164, Carson, California 90749

Referred to and discussed members of the public who have been disenfranchised in the council chambers, as a result of guidelines regarding public comments, especially through the use of the mute button.

Pamela Walters, 2766 E. Tyler Street, Carson, California 90810

Reported that they have problems with Code Enforcement in the Dominguez Area and raised the following inquiries: 1) why are they being paid so much money and not doing their jobs; 2) why raise taxes; and 3) why was she paying for their bottled water? Whereupon, Mayor/Chairman Dear requested that Ms. Walters contact his office and invited Ms. Walters and her homeowner association president to meet with City Manager/Executive Director Groomes, City/Agency Attorney Wynder, and him.

Dorothy M. Dominguez, 1818 E. 214th Street, Carson, California 90745

Referred to and discussed the program of Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque and that it was a duplication of services already offered by the City's Social Services Office.

Ron Smith, Director, District I, West Basin Municipal Water District

Announced the Ocean-Water Desalination Demonstration Facility Dedication to be held on November 12, 2010, 10:30 A.M., SEA Lab, Redondo Beach, California, and presented a Save-the-Date card to City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe to copy and distribute to the City Council. He also extended his best wishes to City Manager/Executive Director Groomes.

(Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes exited and reentered the meeting at 7:18 P.M.)

Shirley Graves, 1405 Harlan Avenue, Carson, California 90746; Wilma Wilson, 19306 Harlan Avenue, Carson, California 90746; Itelia Walker, 20208 S. Campaign, Carson, California 90746; and Lillian Hopson, 1628 Edom Street Carson, California 90746

Expressed their surprise to learn that City Manager/Executive Director Groomes was leaving the employment of the City of Carson; as an asset to the community, they prayed that he would not leave the community; and sang the words, "We Love You," to him.

Ricardo Pulido, 22106 Gulf Avenue, Carson, California 90745

Expressed his sadness and surprise to learn about the departure of City Manager/Executive Director Groomes; hoped that the City Council would use in-house resources instead of expending funds for an executive search firm; and discussed Carson Measure H.

RECESS: After Oral Communications – Members of the Public, the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 7:27 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for Introductions.

Item No. 10

At 7:37 P.M., after Introductions, Mayor Dear advanced Item No. 10 to be heard at this time, with no objections heard.

Item No. 14

At 7:48 P.M., after Item No. 10, Mayor Dear advanced Item No. 14 to be heard at this time, with no objections heard.

RECESS: After Item No. 14, the City Council was Recessed at 7:58 P.M. by Mayor Dear at the request of staff.

RECONVENE: The City Council was Reconvened at 8:25 P.M. by Mayor Dear, with all members previously noted present, for the New Business Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Items 3-8)

These items are considered to be routine items of Council/Agency business and have, therefore, been placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR. If Council/Agency wishes to discuss any item or items, then such item or items should be removed from the CONSENT CALENDAR. For items remaining on the CONSENT CALENDAR, a single motion to ADOPT the recommended action is in order.

Public Comments

Item No. 4

Robert Lesley, P. O. Box 11164, Carson, California 90749, inquired whether residents would be impacted by the removal of the cap.

Item No. 7

Ronald Shimokaji, 1502 E. Carson Street, Sp. 135, Carson, California 90745, requested that the City Council consider enactment of a comprehensive animal control ordinance and presented a memorandum to City Clerk Kawagoe.

Richard Vaughn, 415 E. Centerview, Carson, California 90746, distributed materials to the City Council regarding attacks by dogs in a neighborhood; requested that a hotline be established; and to training, license, and microchip vicious dogs.

Mayor Dear removed the following item for discussion:

Item No. 7: UPDATE ON VICIOUS DOG INVESTIGATIONS (PUBLIC SERVICES)

It was moved to approve New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6 on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ITEM NO. (3) STATUS REPORT ON CREATION OF A "CUSTOMER COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE" (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 3 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ITEM NO. (4) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-113 TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE "CAP" ON THE MAXIMUM TAX TO BE PAID UNDER THE CARSON UTILITY USERS TAX ORDINANCE (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 10-113, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE EXEMPTION SET FORTH IN SECTION 61104(e) OF ARTICLE VI, CHAPTER 11 OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A TWO PERCENT TAX ON ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITY USERS."

ACTION: Item No. 4 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ITEM NO. (5) CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE VARIOUS DONATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. ACCEPT the donations through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$30,440.29.
2. APPROVE an increase in the revenue budget of the General Fund by \$30,440.29 for FY 2009/10.
3. APPROPRIATE the \$30,440.29 in donations received in FY 2009/10 to the account numbers listed in Exhibit No. 1.

4. APPROVE an increase in the revenue budget of the General Fund by \$86,045.13 for FY 2010/11.
5. APPROPRIATE the remaining balance in the donations accounts as of June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$86,045.13, to the account numbers listed in Exhibit No. 1 for use in FY 2010/11 by the various city work groups.

ACTION: Item No. 5 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ITEM NO. (6) CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-112 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION, COUNCIL 36, LOCAL 809, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 10-112, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION (AFSCME), COUNCIL 36, LOCAL 809, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013."

ACTION: Item No. 6 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ITEM NO. (7) UPDATE ON VICIOUS DOG INVESTIGATIONS (PUBLIC SERVICES)

This item was heard at 8:35 P.M.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. RECEIVE and FILE report.

ACTION: Mayor Dear referred this item to the Public Safety City Council Sub-Committee, at the request of Council Member Ruiz-Raber, with no objections heard.

ITEM NO. (8) THIS ITEM INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

DEMANDS (Item 9)

ITEM NO. (9) RESOLUTION NO. 10-111 ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,455,774.75, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 095130 THROUGH 095377

This item was heard after Item No. 7 at 8:37 P.M.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 10-111 was PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (Item 10)

Any person wishing to testify is requested to complete a speaker card, available on the podium in the Council Chambers. TESTIMONY WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. Any subject of controversy will be limited to a total of fifteen minutes of testimony per side; those wishing to address the Agency/Council are requested to select three speakers to represent your opinion.

ITEM NO. (10) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 10-110 APPEALING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 825-10 FOR A PROPOSED AUTO REPAIR USE ON A SITE ZONED CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL) AND DENYING VARIANCE NO. 517-10 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1209 E. CARSON STREET (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

This item was heard at 7:37 P.M.

City Attorney Wynder announced that Item No. 10 was a public hearing and outstanding issues still remained. As the appealing party, Mayor Dear has requested that the hearing be continued for two weeks. Whereupon, Mayor Dear reported that members of the public have been trying to contact him and messages were left with a staff member who was on leave.

City Attorney Wynder clarified that the City Council may take testimony now or invite the speakers to come back and that no staff report would be provided this evening.

Public Hearing

Mayor Dear declared the Public Hearing open **TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 10-110 APPEALING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 825-10 FOR A PROPOSED AUTO REPAIR USE ON A SITE ZONED CG (COMMERCIAL GENERAL) AND DENYING VARIANCE NO. 517-10 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1209 E. CARSON STREET.**

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Kawagoe reported that notice of the Public Hearing had been given pursuant to applicable law, including but not limited to the timely verbal notification to the appellant, Mayor Jim Dear, by staff; postings as required by law; and other mailings as requested by individuals and organizations. The affidavits attesting to mailing and publishing such notice were on file in the City Clerk's Office. No written communications were received.

Mayor Dear directed that all affidavits of notice be made part of the record.

Staff Report

As recommended by City Attorney Wynder, no staff report was provided.

Administration of Oath

Mayor Dear requested that all persons wishing to testify to stand and take the Oath, which was administered by City Clerk Kawagoe.

Public Testimony

The following persons, being previously sworn, testified before the City Council:

Vince Zankich, 1209 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745, property owner, clarified that he was requesting a three-foot setback with landscaping.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 10-110, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 825-10 AND DENYING VARIANCE NO. 517-10."

ACTION: There being no further testimony to be provided, Mayor Dear ordered the Public Hearing continued to 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 3, 2010, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745, as recommended by City Attorney Wynder, with no objections heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Item 11)

ITEM NO. (11) CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES (CITY CLERK)

This item was heard after Item No. 9 at 8:38 P.M.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

Mayor Dear to **TAKE** the following actions:

1. **REAFFIRM, RE-DESIGNATE** and/or **DESIGNATE** member assignments to the City Council Sub-committees.
2. **CONSIDER** the status of any City Council Sub-committee.
3. **CONSIDER** and **CREATE** any new City Council Sub-committee or **RE-ACTIVATE** any previous City Council Sub-committee as listed on Exhibit No. 2.

ACTION: Mayor Dear announced that he would consider this item later during the meeting.

RECESS: After Item No. 11, the City Council was Recessed at 8:56 P.M. by Mayor Dear to the Redevelopment Agency for the New Business Consent Calendar.

RECONVENE: After Agency No. 6, the City Council was Reconvened at 9:03 P.M. by Mayor Dear, with all members previously noted present, for Item No. 11.

Item No. 11 (Continued)

Mayor Dear ordered this item continued until requested by Mayor Dear, with no objections heard.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Items 12-15)

ITEM NO. (12) COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR DEAR (CITY CLERK)

This item was heard after Item No. 11 at 8:39 P.M.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. Mayor Dear to **CONSIDER, APPOINT, or REAPPOINT** members to the Commissions, Committees, and Boards in accordance with Ordinance No. 04-1330, with the approval of a majority of the entire City Council present, including the Mayor, as listed on Exhibit No. 1:

- Planning Commission (9) – **1 vacancy – Triangle Page 6**
- Parks and Recreation Commission (7)
- Environmental Commission (7)
- Cultural Arts Commission (7)
- Human Relations Commission (7)
 - Human Relations Commission-Youth (2)
- Citywide Advisory Commission (7)
- Economic Development Commission (11)
- Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board (15)
 - At-Large Member (3)
 - At-Large Member (Alternate) (4)
 - Park Owner Member (2)
 - Park Owner Member (Alternate) (2)
 - Resident Homeowner Member (2)
 - Resident Homeowner Member (Alternate) (2)
- Public Relations Commission (7)
 - Community Representative (3)
 - Public Relations Specialist (4)
- Public Works Commission (5)
- Public Safety Commission (7)
- Relocation Appeals Board (5)
- Women's Issues Commission (7)
- Senior Citizens Advisory Commission (11)
- Youth Commission (11)
- Veterans Affairs Commission (11)
- Beautification Committee (11)
- Utility Users' Tax Citizens Oversight Committee (24) – **2 vacancies – Triangle Page 20**
- Carson Historical Committee (9)

ACTION: Mayor Dear took the following actions:

Planning Commission

Mayor Dear removed and appointed John Goolsby from the Mobile Home Park Rental Review Board to the Planning Commission.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes:	None
Abstain:	Council Member Davis-Holmes
Absent:	None

Utility Users' Tax Citizens Oversight Committee

Mayor Dear appointed Terri Forsythe.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Dear continued the balance to November 3, 2010, with no objections heard.

ITEM NO. (13) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATED TO THE OPENING OF SOUTH REGION HIGH SCHOOL NO. 4 (CITY MANAGER)

This item was heard after Item No. 12 at 8:40 P.M.

Mayor Dear reported that Mr. Park had provided names of individuals for consideration and invited his colleagues to provide names of individuals in writing for consideration.

Public Comments

Ronald Shimokaji, 1502 E. Carson Street, Sp. 135, Carson, California 90745, discussed limited transportation options for students as a topic of discussion by the ad-hoc committee.

(Mayor Dear exited and reentered the meeting at 8:42 P.M.)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. DETERMINE the size and composition of such ad hoc committee, and give the committee a name.
2. APPOINT the members of such ad hoc committee.

ACTION: Mayor Dear appointed Nathaniel "Nate" Riddick, Perlita Rasing, Raymond Park, Reina Alvarez, Veronica Argon, Michelle Herron-Archie, and Jim Dear, to begin the formation of the ad-hoc committee.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointments on motion of Dear and seconded by Ruiz-Raber.

During discussion of the motion, the following comments were expressed:

Mayor Pro Tem Santarina

Recommended the appointment of representatives as follows: one Youth Commissioner; one student body leader-president or designee from a high school, middle school, and elementary school; one teacher representative from a high school; one block captain, who lives in the area; and plus those he had articulated earlier, e.g., representation from Fire and Sheriff's Department.

Council Member Ruiz-Raber

Felt that a committee member should have a connection with the school and would be directly affected and recommended the appointment of representatives from the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and the block captain in the area. She submitted the name of Brian Raber for consideration.

Mayor Dear

Discussed a sample list consisting of the following committee members: four residents from the Dominguez area; four parents from the Del Amo and Carnegie areas; high school principal; elementary school principal; representatives from the City of Carson from Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Traffic Engineering, and Youth Commission; Sheriff's Department; Fire Department; a high school student who would be attending the new school; and a teacher representative.

Council Member Gipson

Suggested that it be a community-driven committee with no elected officials and that its recommendations would be made to the City Council and then from the City Council to the School Board via a resolution.

Council Member Davis-Holmes

Stated that since over half of the student population would be from the North Carson area, it would be important to have equal representation from the parents; recommended that the committee include parents of children who would be affected; and a listing would be provided.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

ITEM NO. (14) CONSIDERATION OF A FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE CARSON WOMEN'S CLUB BLACK AND WHITE BALL (CITY MANAGER)

This item was heard after Item No. 10 at 7:48 P.M.

City Manager Groomes summarized the staff report and recommendation.

Public Comments

Lillian Hopson, 1628 Edom Street Carson, California 90746

Urged the Council to grant the fee waiver request.

Itelia Walker, 20208 S. Campaign, Carson, California 90746; Shirley Graves, 1405 Harlan Avenue, Carson, California 90746; Wilma Wilson, 19306 Harlan Avenue, Carson, California 90746; Jennie Reddick; Bonnie Lu; and Lillian Hopson, 1628 Edom Street Carson, California 90746

Thanked the City Council in advance for granting the fee waiver.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. CONSIDER and PROVIDE direction.

ACTION: It was moved to approve Alternative No. 5, to waive the \$1,621.00 fee for the costs of the room rentals, stages, and dance floor, and seconded by Santarina.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member Ruiz-Raber felt that it was about time for the City to do something for the Carson Women's Club (CWC) and Mayor Dear acknowledged the volunteer work performed by the CWC and as the official hostesses for the City of Carson.

Amended Motion

Council Member Davis-Holmes amended the motion to approve an annual fee waiver for the Carson Women's Club, which was accepted by the maker and the second and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

ITEM NO. (15) THIS ITEM INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

RECONVENE: After Council Item No. 11, the Redevelopment Agency was reconvened for a joint session with the City Council at 9:04 P.M., by Mayor/Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present, for remaining Oral Communications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS I (STAFF)

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe requested that this evening's meetings be adjourned in memory of the following persons:

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Santarina

Judge Diosdado Valenzuela
Antonio Carlos

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Evelyn Steele
Joe Weems, husband of Frankie Stewart, Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
Rodger "Uncle Jamm" Clayton

Council/Agency Member Gipson

Christopher Sandle, cousin of Council Member Gipson
Devin Field

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe

Bertha Henderson, aunt of Shirley Graves

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe

Reported that President Obama signed S.B. 1055, introduced by Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Japanese American soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and added that her oldest brother was part of the regiment.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS II (COUNCIL/AGENCY)

Council/Agency Member Ruiz-Raber

Reported on her attendance at community and personal events; provided public announcements of community interest; and extended her wishes for a Happy Halloween.

Commented to City Manager/Executive Director Groomes and staff that the symposium by the Women's Issues Commission could be improved by more public outreach.

(Mayor/Chairman Dear exited and reentered the meeting at 9:08 P.M.)

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Santarina

Reported on his attendance at community events, extended his congratulations, and reported on those who were in attendance.

Council/Agency Member Gipson

Raised an inquiry to City/Agency Attorney Wynder to clarify how one "adds on" votes. Whereupon, City/Agency Attorney Wynder stated that he would do some analysis and report back to the City Council.

Reported on his attendance at community events, reported on those who were in attendance, announced upcoming events of community interest, encouraged the public to vote on November 2, 2010, and extended a public plea to young people who may be contemplating suicide and adults who may feel overwhelmed to seek help.

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Reminded the community to be safe for Halloween and announced that City employees were soliciting donations – candy or cash – to treat the school children on Halloween at City Hall and added that she had donated \$50; encouraged the public to vote on November 2, 2010; and announced upcoming events of community interest.

Directed a request to City Manager/Executive Director Groomes and staff for Certificates of Valor for the two young men who assisted Mr. Friley and concurred with the critique from Council/Agency Member Ruiz-Raber regarding the symposium event.

Mayor/Chairman Dear

Reported on his attendance at community and personal events, reported on those who were in attendance; announced upcoming events of community interest; and reminded the public to vote on November 2, 2010.

Referred to the symposium event and commented to City Manager/Executive Director Groomes and staff that, perhaps, the Public Information Office could assist the Women's Issues Commission; expressed concern that town hall meetings may be political events and must be reported as such; and requested that the City put on town hall meetings for the City Council so that all five may attend. Whereupon, Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes clarified that Council Member Gipson and she pay for the town hall meetings out of their pockets.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS:

This item was heard after remaining Oral Communications.

A. MAYOR *PRO TEM* SANTARINA REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LAUSD LOCAL DISTRICT 8'S APPLICATION FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE PROCESS

Item No. A was approved to be added to a future agenda on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

B. COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS-HOLMES REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT TO COUNCIL ON WHAT THE CITY OF CARSON IS DOING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS

Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that this item was scheduled to be placed on the agenda on November 16, 2010.

UNFINISHED/CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None)

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (None)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:32 P.M., by Mayor/Chairman Dear and in memory of the persons requested this evening.

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk Helen Kawagoe