



**MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 1, 2011**

5:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:17 P.M., by Mayor/Chairman Dear in the Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe called the roll:

Council/Agency Members Present: Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Elito Santarina, Council/Agency Member Lula 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

Other Elected Officials Absent: Karen Avilla, City/Agency Treasurer

Also Present:

Clifford Graves, Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves; William Wynder, City/Agency Attorney; and staff:

Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary

CLOSED SESSION

City/Agency Attorney Wynder presented the Closed Session agenda for the City Council only.

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

ITEM NO. (1) CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. 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 party. The title of such litigation is as follows: NRDC v. County of Los Angeles Case No. 08-1467; Court Name, United States District Court.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

RECESS: The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 5:19 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to a Closed Session to discuss the item described on this evening's agenda for the City Council only.

RECONVENE: The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 6:15 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present.

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 Lula 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: Clifford Graves, Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager; William Wynder, City/Agency Attorney; and staff:

Jackie Acosta, Administrative Services General Manager; Ray Cruz, Public Services General Manager; and Vic Rollinger, Development Services General Manager;

Lisa Berglund, Senior Administrative Analyst; Zarah Cruz, Public Information Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

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

Council Closed Session Item No. 1

A privileged and confidential status report was provided. The City Council was briefed on facts and circumstances. Questions were asked and answered. All five members participated in the Closed Session and the City Council unanimously authorized to direct the City Manager to execute the extended tolling agreement on behalf of the City of Carson.

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

FLAG SALUTE: JACKLYN SUAREZ

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: **REVEREND JEFFERY GRANT, DOMINGUEZ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

RECESS: The Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 6:20 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for Approval of Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

JULY 19, 2010 (ADJOURNED SPECIAL)

The Minutes, as listed on this evening’s agenda, were Approved as Submitted 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

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.

INTRODUCTION OF SHERIFF’S DEPUTIES (None)

RECONVENE: The Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 6:21P.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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

This is the appropriate time for members of the general public to address those matters under the jurisdiction of the Council/Agency, and not on the posted Agenda. Any person wishing to address the Council/Agency is requested to complete a Speaker Form, available on the podium in the Council Chambers. TESTIMONY WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, no action can be taken on these items, and there can be no discussion of the items, other than to place it on the agenda for a future meeting.

Garry C. Jacobs, 610 Loyola Avenue, Carson, California 90746

Discussed the propensity of vandalism and burglary when homeowners fumigate their homes.

Paz V. Velasquez, 23802 Ronan Avenue, Carson, California 90745, Executive Director, Youth Family Partnership in Action

Provided a status report and announced and distributed postcard flyers regarding upcoming the high school dance competition event starting March 11, 2011.

Larry Grant, 1823 Denwall Drive, Carson, California 90746

Reported on telephone contacts with the Haitian Mayor Jean Franz Theodat and presented photographs to Mayor/Chairman Dear.

Maria Rubalcava, representing the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Reported that Ray Park had made a derogatory remark to her congregation.

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Reported that while attending a church service at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Ray Park displayed a bad attitude towards the congregation.

Jules Manson, 21224 Bolsa Street, Carson, California 90745

Expressed concern that police enforcement in Carson was becoming abusive relative to traffic enforcement.

Gary Galardo, 21509 S. Figueroa Street, Carson, California 90745

Reported an incident that occurred last night involving a Santarina sign that was removed by an unknown person.

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

Stated that he was incensed that a person running for City Council would criticize the Carson Sheriff's Department.

Ron Ursich, 20840 Leapwood Avenue, Carson, California 90746, representing Carson Tru-Value

Reported that he had received a notice of code violation relative to signs, banners, and pennants and requested that the City assist his business to survive.

Mayor/Chairman Dear invited Mr. Ursich to attend a Signage Sub-Committee meeting and that information could be provided by the City Clerk's Office.

After Oral Communications – Members of the Public, City/Agency Attorney Wynder requested the addition of two urgency items to this evening's agenda as follows:

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ITEM NO. (12A)

URGENCY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-031, SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 579 (MONNING) ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RECOVER ATTORNEYS' FEES AFTER SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING LOCAL RENT CONTROL ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING A SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS IN CASES WITH NO REASONABLE BASIS AND DESIGNATION OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF THE SAME (URGENCY ITEM) (CITY ATTORNEY

City/Agency Attorney Wynder reported that Urgency Item No. 12A regarding AB 579 was introduced after the posting of the agenda and the need to take action by the City Council was required before its next meeting.

ITEM NO. (12B)

URGENCY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-033, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION WHICH WOULD UPHOLD THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS OF WORKERS IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN (URGENCY ITEM) (CITY ATTORNEY)

City/Agency Attorney Wynder reported that Urgency Item No. 12B regarding Resolution No. 11-032 was a request by Council/Agency Member Gipson and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda and was required before its next meeting.

It was moved to add Urgency Item Nos. 12A and 12B, as described by City/Agency Attorney Wynder, to the City Council agenda on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

RECESS: The Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 6:49 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for the New Business Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Items 2-6)

These items are considered to be routine items of COUNCIL business and have, therefore, been placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR. If COUNCIL 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.

Item No. 3

Ronald Shimokaji, 1512 E. Carson Street, Sp. 135, Carson, California 90745

Requested that staff investigate the fee waiver granted to South Bay Pavilion for the Cesar Chavez event.

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Requested the solicitation of funds from businesses for Cesar Chavez Day.

Item No. 5

Dr. Rita Boggs, 21328 Island Avenue, Carson, California 90745

Discussed the balanced budget.

Item No. 4

Terri Forsythe, 17700 Avalon Boulevard, No. 282, Carson, California 90746

Discussed the Council's support of SB 445 and reported that the previous speaker did not speak for H.A.T.

Item No. 5

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Felt that Carson should reduce high wages of employees to offset the deficit.

Jules Manson, 21244 Bolsa Street, Carson, California 90745

Wanted the unions out of government at the city level. He subsequently inquired into reforms that could be initiated by the City Council, e.g., campaign financing.

(Council Member Gipson exited the meeting at 7:18 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 7:20 P.M.)

Dr. Rita Boggs, 21328 Island Avenue, Carson, California 90745

Reported the salaries of the City Council according to State Controller Chaing's web site.

Gary Gallardo, 21509 S. Figueroa Street, Carson, California 90745

Reported that his working hours had been reduced to three hours per day and that he was hired in 2005.

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

Discussed the benefits of unions; referred to the City Clerk/City Treasurer vs. City Council raises the issue of full-time vs. part-time employment; and inquired into how would the City balance with the reductions of funding at the State level and Redevelopment in the coming fiscal year.

Jennifer Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Acknowledged the hard work and long hours by Mayor Dear.

This item was heard at 11:12 P.M.

It was moved to approve the New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 6 on motion of Dear and 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. (2) MEETING DISPOSITION: CITY COUNCIL LANDSCAPE AND MONUMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. RECEIVE and FILE the agenda disposition of the City Council Landscape and Monument Sub-committee.

ACTION: Item No. 2 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear and 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) MEETING DISPOSITION: CITY COUNCIL POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE (CITY MANAGER)

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves summarized the staff report and recommendation. He requested that the City Council also consider the full report which was distributed earlier.

Upon inquiry, Mayor Dear reported that the Sub-Committee had followed the advice of the City Clerk to restore the business meeting of the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. ALLOW the report.

ACTION: It was moved to approve the recommendation of the Sub-Committee with one change to have the legal name of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center as the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and carried by the following vote:

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

ITEM NO. (4) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-030 SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 444 (EVANS) TO CLARIFY GOVERNMENT CODE § 66427.5 RELATING TO MOBILEHOME PARK CONVERSIONS AND DESIGNATION OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF THE SAME (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-030, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 444 (EVANS) TO CLARIFY GOVERNMENT CODE § 66427.5 RELATING TO MOBILEHOME PARK CONVERSIONS."
2. INSTRUCT staff to transmit a copy of the executed resolution to the authors of SB 444, Senator Noreen Evans and Assemblymembers Warren Furutani, Michael Allen and Das Williams, and to instruct the City's Lobbyist, Mr. Brian Augusta, to forward the same to each member of the State Legislature.
3. DESIGNATE the members of the City Council Mobilehome Park Lobbying Sub-Committee to testify before the relevant committees of the State Legislature in support of SB 444.

ACTION: Item No. 4 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear and 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 RESOLUTION NO. 11-027 - ADOPTING A REVISED FY 2010/11 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-027, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A REVISED FICAL YEAR 2010/11 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND APPROVING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS FOR TH 2010/11 FISCAL YEAR"

ACTION: Item No. 5 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear and 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 RESOLUTION NO. 11-029, OPPOSING THE HOUSE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE'S H.R. 1 BILL, THAT PROPOSES THE ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL JOB TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-029, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE HOUSE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE'S H.R. 1, RECURRING FISCAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2011 PROPOSING ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL JOB TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS."
2. DIRECT staff to transmit an executed copy of the resolution to the House Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman Richardson, Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein.

ACTION: Item No. 6 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear and 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

DEMANDS (Item 7)

ITEM NO. (7) RESOLUTION NO. 11-026 ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$568,926.22, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 097350 THROUGH 097516

Item No. 7 was heard at 7:56 P.M.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 11-026 was PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, 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

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (Item 8)

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. (8) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER GRANTING A PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, L. P. (ORDINANCE NO. 11-1462) (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

This item was heard at 7:57 P.M.

Public Hearing

Mayor Dear declared the Public Hearing open **TO CONSIDER GRANTING A PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, L. P. (ORDINANCE NO. 11-1462).**

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 publication, and such copy of proof received by the City Clerk; 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

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves summarized the staff report and recommendation. Upon request, he reported that pipeline safety was within the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission and stated that staff would provide a report at a future meeting, which was accepted without objection.

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 duly sworn testified before the City Council:

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Jennifer Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

**Marvin Clayton, 426 W. Carson Street, No. 6, Carson, California 90745, Executive Director,
Apollo West Carson Players**

Ronald Shimokaji, 1512 E. Carson Street, Sp. 135, Carson, California 90745

There being no further persons wishing to testify, Mayor Dear declared the Public Hearing closed.

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 INTRODUCE Ordinance No., 11-1462, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A PUBLIC UTILITY PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, L.P."
3. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-005, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DELINEATING CERTAIN LOCATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF PIPELINES OR OTHER FACILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH A PUBLIC UTILITY PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, L.L."

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation Nos. 2 and 3 on motion of Santarina, 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

RECESS: After Council Item No. 8, the City Council was Recessed at 8:14 P.M. by Mayor Dear at the request of staff.

RECONVENE: After Agency Item No. 3, the City Council was Reconvened at 9:14 P.M. by Mayor Dear, with all members previously noted present, for Item No. 9.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Item 9)

ITEM NO. (9) COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR DEAR (CITY CLERK)

Item No. 9 was heard at 9:14 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)
 - 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) – 1 vacancy – Triangle Page 10
 - 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) – 1 vacancy – Triangle Page 12
 - Women’s Issues Commission (7)
 - Senior Citizens Advisory Commission (11) – 1 vacancy – Triangle Page 14
 - Youth Commission (11)
 - Veterans Affairs Commission (11)
 - Beautification Committee (11)
 - Utility Users’ Tax Citizens Oversight Committee (24) – 2 vacancies – Triangle Page 19
 - Carson Historical Committee (9)

ACTION: Mayor Dear took the following actions:

Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Mayor Dear appointed Tiny Cook.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor’s appointment 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

Mayor Dear continued the balance of his appointments to March 16, 2011, with no objections heard.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Items 10-12)

ITEM NO. (10) CONSIDERATION OF FY 2010/11 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW REPORT (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Item No. 10 was heard at 9:17 P.M.

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves summarized the staff report and recommendation. He reported that since the bulk of the revenue comes in April, he would bring back a report in late April or early May.

Mayor Dear discussed fee waivers at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. REVIEW and DISCUSS the FY 2010/11 mid-year budget review report.

ACTION: Mayor Dear ordered this item to be received and filed with no objections heard.

ITEM NO. (11) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF SERVICE MODIFICATIONS FOR THE DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM AND APPROVAL TO RELEASE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Item No. 11 was heard after Item No. 12 at 9:32 P.M.

Development Services General Manager Rollinger summarized the staff report and recommendation.

Public Comments

Nathaniel "Nate" Riddick, 2723 Monroe Street, Carson, California 90810

Referred to the allocation of Prop A funding and impact on senior citizens.

Sergio Carrillo, representing Associated Services Cooperative, Inc. (ASC), 2129 W. Rosecrans Avenue, Gardena, California 90249

Reported that ASC has been the City's service provider for Dial-a-Ride and Paratransit services since 2002 and had been operating on month-to-month basis for the past six years and offered comments in support of the staff recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. AUTHORIZE staff to implement a "per trip" maximum value of \$20.00 per trip.
2. AUTHORIZE staff to increase the one-way per trip cost for the DAR program from \$1.00 per one-way trip to \$2.00 per one-way trip.
3. AUTHORIZE staff to release the Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit bids to operate the Dial-A-Ride program.

ACTION: It was moved to approve the staff recommendation on motion of Dear and seconded by Ruiz-Raber.

During discussion of the motion, the following issues were discussed: 1) staff recommendation to release the Request for Proposal for the Dial-a-Ride Program; 2) maximum value amount; 3) card swipe system; and 4) benefits attributed to the new technology.

Upon inquiry, City Treasurer Avilla expressed her willingness to work with Mayor Dear to establish a satellite location to increase services.

Amended Motion

Mayor Dear offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include that the City Treasurer and Mayor would work together to establish an additional location for senior citizens to make payments, possibly at the South Bay Pavilion, which was accepted 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. (12) CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 11-025 OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT ON CITY GENERAL FUND (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Item No. 12 was heard at 10:08 P.M.

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves summarized the staff report and recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-025, " A RESLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE REDEVELOPEMNT AGENCIES AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT VALUE OF REDEVELOPMENT TOWARD BLIGHT REMOVAL AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION."
2. DIRECT staff to transmit copies of the executed resolution of the Governor of California, the legislature, the League of California Cities/Board of Directors and the California Redevelopment Association/Board of Directors.
3. INSTRUCT staff to draft a resolution to create a local housing authority for the City Council's consideration at its adjourned regular meeting on March 16, 2011.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation Nos. 1, 2, and 3 on motion of Ruiz-Raber, 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

ITEM NO. (12A) URGENCY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-031, SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BLL NO. 579 (MONNING) ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RECOVER ATTORNEYS' FEES AFTER SCCESSFULLY DEFENDING LOCAL RENT CONTROL ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING A SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS IN CASES WITH NO REASONABLE BASIS AND DESIGNTION OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE IN SUPORT OF THE SAME (URGENCY ITEM) (CITY ATTORNEY)

Urgency Item No. 12A was heard at 10:38 P.M.

City Attorney Wynder summarized the staff report and recommendation.

Public Comments

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

Expressed his support for the staff recommendation and affirmed that it was he who represented H.A.T.

Terri Forsythe, 17700 Avalon Boulevard, No. 282, Carson, California 90746

Inquired whether the City could pursue Mr. Goldstein for vexatious litigation and reported that Mr. Smalley would be removed from the Board of H.A.T.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-031, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 579 (MONNING) ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RECOVER ATTORNEYS' FEES AFTER SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING LOCAL RENT CONTROL ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING A SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS IN CASES WITH NO REASONABLE BASIS."
2. INSTRUCT staff to transmit a copy of the executed resolution to the author of AB 579, Assemblymember William W. Monning, and to instruct the city's Lobbyist, Mr. Brian Augusta, to forward the same to each member of the State Legislature.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, it was moved to PASS, APPROVE and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-031, as read by title only, and to approve staff recommendation No. 2 on motion of Santarina, 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. (12B) URGENCY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-033, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION WHICH WOULD UPHOLD THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS OF WORKERS IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN (URGENCY ITEM) (CITY ATTORNEY)

Urgency Item No. 12B was heard after Urgency Item No. 12A.

City Attorney Wynder summarized the staff report and recommendation.

Public Comments

Tommy Faavae, 605 E. 221st Street, Carson, California 90745

Discussed collective bargaining and expressed his support for the staff recommendation.

Sergio Carrillo

Discussed the importance of collective bargaining and expressed his support for the resolution.

City Attorney Wynder recommended the following amendment to the resolve paragraph to read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the city of Carson, California, supports the adoption of the resolution and hereby includes in its 2001-2002 Federal Legislative Program sponsorship and/or support for legislation or administrative action which would uphold the collective bargaining rights of workers in the state of Wisconsin.”

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-033, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION WHICH WOULD UPHOLD THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS OF WORKERS IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.”
2. INSTRUCT staff to transmit a copy of the executed resolution to the Wisconsin Legislature.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, it was moved to PASS, APPROVE and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-033, as amended and as read by title only, and to approve staff recommendation No. 2 on motion of Ruiz-Raber, 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

RECONVENE: After Council Urgency Item No. 12B, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 10:58 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council 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

Loto Simi
Peggy Vallido
Joe Catangay, Jr.
Petra C. Singson

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Wilbur Carl Jenkins
Audrey Quarles
Aziz Tajj Malik Harris

Council/Agency Member Ruiz-Raber

Charmaine Haunani Cherry
Rita McCormack

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe reported that two men were caught cutting the political signs of Candidates Elito Santarina and Harold Williams.

City/Agency Treasurer Avilla

Reported that it has been an honor to serve the citizens of Carson for the last twenty years and that her birthday falls on Election Day.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe subsequently led those present in singing the birthday song to City/Agency Treasurer Avilla.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS II (COUNCIL/AGENCY)

Council/Agency Member Gipson

Announced upcoming events of community interest.

Council/Agency Member Ruiz-Raber

Reported on her attendance at community events, acknowledged those who were in attendance, and announced upcoming events of community interest.

Mayor/Chairman Dear

Referred to the issue regarding the Don Dominguez Apartments and entered the February 7, 2011 relocation letter into the record and reported on his attendance at community.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson exited the meeting at 11:05 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 11:06 P.M.)

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Santarina

Reported on his attendance at community events, acknowledged those who were in attendance, and announced upcoming events of community interest.

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Announced upcoming events of community interest.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS (None)

UNFINISHED/CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None)

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (None)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:28 P.M., by Mayor/Chairman Dear and in memory of the individuals requested this evening.

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk Helen Kawagoe