



**MINUTES  
CARSON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2011**

**6:00 P.M.**

**THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS  
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**AGENDA POSTED: MARCH 18, 2011**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Dear in Community Halls A, B, and C, in the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center, located at 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Kawagoe noted the following:

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

Council Members Absent: None

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

Other Elected Officials Absent: None

Also Present:

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

Ray Cruz, Public Services General Manager; Cliff Graves, Economic Development General Manager; Victor Rollinger, Development Services General Manager;

Zarah Cruz, Public Information Analyst; Candace Bohanan, Management Assistant; Margie Revilla-Garcia, Public Information Analyst; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk

Captain Bernice Abram, Carson Sheriff's Station

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS: THE YOUTH, FAMILY, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY-PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION BSA VENTURE CREW 120**

**FLAG SALUTE: ROGER SALVADOR, THE YOUTH, FAMILY, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY-PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION BSA VENTURE CREW 120**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM: NATHANIEL "NATE" RIDDICK, CHAIRPERSON, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**INVOCATION:** Recently, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution that encourages 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: **FRANCES COTTRELL, MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL**

## **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 at the beginning of the meeting.**

## **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Items 1-9)**

### **ITEM NO. (1)        CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-046, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 8, 2011, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW (CITY CLERK)"**

City Clerk Kawagoe presented the general election results as follows:

- That the whole number of ballots cast in the precincts except vote by mail voter ballots and provisional ballots was 4,715. That the whole number of vote by mail voter ballots cast in the City was 4,282, the whole number of provisional ballots cast in the City was 359, making a total of 9,356 ballots cast in the City.
- That the names of persons voted for at the election for Member of the City Council are as follows:

ELITO M. SANTARINA  
HAROLD WILLIAMS  
MICHAEL "MIKE" MITOMA  
JULES MANSON  
LULA DAVIS-HOLMES

- That the names of persons voted for at the election for City Clerk is as follows:

HELEN KAWAGOE

- That the names of persons voted for at the election for City Treasurer are as follows:

JERRY QUINONES LEE  
KAREN AVILLA  
REY MONZON  
ALENE B. HARRIS

- That Elito M. Santarina was elected as Member of the City Council for the full term of four years; Lula Davis-Holmes was elected as Member of the City Council for the full term of four years; Helen Kawagoe was elected as City Clerk for the full term of four years; and Karen Avilla was elected as City Treasurer for the full term of four years.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-046, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 8, 2011, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW."

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, it was moved to PASS, APPROVE, and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-046, as read by title only, on motion of Ruiz-Raber, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following roll call 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) SWEARING-IN CEREMONY (CITY CLERK)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. HOLD the swearing-in ceremony for City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe by Mayor Jim Dear of the City of Carson.
2. HOLD the swearing-in ceremony for Councilmember Elito Santarina by City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe.
3. HOLD the swearing-in ceremony for Councilmember Lula Davis-Holmes by City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe.
4. HOLD the swearing-in ceremony for City Treasurer Karen Avilla by City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe.

ACTION: Mayor Jim Dear administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe.

City Clerk Kawagoe administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Elito M. Santarina.

City Clerk Kawagoe administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Lula Davis-Holmes with Congresswoman Laura Richard, who extended her congratulations to the re-elected officials, and young people present.

City Clerk Kawagoe administered the Oath of Office to City Treasurer Karen Avilla.

Mayor Dear read a letter from Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr., Senator to the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress in the Philippines.

Council Member Davis-Holmes extended her appreciation to those who voted for her and thanked husband Harry, family members, and volunteers.

Council Member Gipson extended his congratulations to the re-elected officials and commended City Treasurer Karen Avilla.

Mayor Pro Tem Santarina extended his congratulations to the re-elected officials and expressed appreciation to those present this evening, including the spiritual leaders, young people, supporters, family, and wife Anita.

City Clerk Kawagoe extended her appreciation to those who voted for her.

City Treasurer Avilla extended his congratulations to the re-elected officials and acknowledged the presence of her family members, expressed her appreciation to those who believed in her – Chief Deputy City Treasurer Lindberg, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, Vera DeWitt -- and dedicated her election victory to Candy Saenz.

Mayor Dear extended his congratulations to the re-elected officials.

**ITEM NO. (3)            CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION: SELECTION OF MAYOR *PRO TEMPORE***

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1.     SELECT a Mayor *Pro Tempore* for the 2011-2012 term.

ACTION:     Mayor Pro Tem Santarina nominated Julie Ruiz-Raber to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for the 2011-2012 term, 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

**CLOSING PRAYER: REV. MAJOR JOHNSON, BREAD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M. by Mayor Dear.

ATTEST:

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Mayor Jim Dear

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City Clerk Helen Kawagoe