



**MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 11, 2011**

6:00 P.M.

AGENDA POSTED: JULY 7, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:25 P.M. by Mayor Dear in the Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Kawagoe noted the following:

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

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; and staff:

Jackie Acosta, Administrative Services General Manager; Ray Cruz, Public Services General Manager (Entered at 6:54 P.M.); Vic Rollinger, Development Services General Manager (Entered at 6:54 P.M.);

Lisa Berglund, Principal Administrative Analyst; Trini Catbagan, Finance Officer; Daniel Cisneros, Human Services Manager; Zarah Cruz, Public Information Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Patricia Elkins, Storm Water Quality Program Manager; Edward Escamilla, Landscape and Building Maintenance Superintendent; Uli Feesago, Public Works Superintendent (PT); Cedric Hicks, Recreation Superintendent; Duane Munson, Human Resources Officer; Mike Page, Community Center Manager; Garrett Roberts, Administrative Analyst; Gina Marie Trinidad, Senior Administrative Specialist; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk

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CLOSED SESSION

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves presented the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION (Item 1)

ITEM NO. (1) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: ALL GROUPS (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6, with the Interim City Manager and Administrative Services General Manager, regarding labor negotiations with AFSCME-Local 809 and the Carson Professionals and Supervisors Association (CPSA).

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

RECESS: The City Council was Recessed at 6:27 P.M. by Mayor Dear to a Closed Session to discuss the item described on this evening's agenda.

RECONVENE: The City Council was Reconvened at 6:59 P.M. by Mayor Dear with all members previously noted present.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves provided the Closed Session report as follows:

Council Closed Session Item No. 1

A privileged and confidential status report was provided. Questions were asked and answered. The City Council gave instructions to its negotiators to meet with the bargaining groups. No reportable action was taken nor was any solicited. All five members participated in the Closed Session.

RECESS: The City Council was Recessed at 7:01 P.M. by Mayor Dear at the request of staff.

RECONVENE: The City Council was Reconvened at 7:02 P.M. by Mayor Dear with all members previously noted present.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Item 2)

ITEM NO. (2) CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE FY 2011/12 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Item No. 2 was heard at 7:00 P.M.

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves summarized the staff report and recommendation and discussed reports previously provided by staff to respond to questions raised by the City Council.

Administrative Services General Manager Acosta discussed minor adjustments suggested since the public hearing.

Public Comments

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

Referred to and discussed the following issues: 1) 3% at 60 retirement plan offered by the City and inquired into the amount needed to pay for the pensions; 2) business expense salaries for the City Council; and 3) funding for the Sheriff's Department.

Ken LeTourneau, 9152 Algeroma Street, Bellflower, California 90706, introduced himself as a resident of Bellflower and a real estate developer (house flipper) for ten years. He reported that cities were losing funds because rehabilitation developers were not purchasing permits. He requested to be referred to meet with appropriate staff. Whereupon, Mayor Dear referred Mr. LeTourneau to Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves.

The following issues were raised and concerns discussed:

Council Member Davis-Holmes

Movement of Risk Management from the City Manager to Human Resources and concern of shifting workloads to one person.

Total overtime budget; whereupon, Administrative Services General Manager Acosta clarified that staff was not proposing to continue with the temporary policy that was negotiated with the employee groups for compensatory overtime in lieu of paid overtime because more accrued compensatory time equals more time off and unproductive time.

City Treasurer Avilla requested the same consideration to be paid overtime due to having small numbers of staff on behalf of the City Clerk and herself. Whereupon, Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves stated that if funds were available, he would take care of the offices of the City Clerk and the City Treasurer, respectively.

Mayor Pro Tem Santarina

Requested staff to clarify Account No. 6004, Professional Services.

Council Member Gipson

Requested staff to discuss Account No. 5008, Leave Redemption.

Mayor Dear

Proposed to fund one of the two Field Representative positions in this FY and hold off on the recruitment process until later this year and to reassess the situation when the new city manager comes on board.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-095, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011/12 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND APPROVING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2011/12 FISCAL YEAR."

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 11-095 was PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, including to fill one of the two Field Representative positions 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

Upon inquiry, Mayor Dear clarified that his motion also included all adjustments recommended by Administrative Services General Manager Acosta, including overtime funds to be determined for the City Clerk's Office and the City Treasurer's Office, respectively, and full funding for the Council Field Representative position, which was accepted 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

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that the funding amounts for overtime would be discussed with the City Clerk and City Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:05 P.M., by Mayor Dear and in recognition of the passing of Ramona Hahn, widow of former Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk Helen Kawagoe