

# MINUTES CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

#### 5:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 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 noted the following:

Council/Agency Members Present: Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear, Mayor Pro

Tem/Vice Chairman Julie Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency Member Lula Davis-Holmes, Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson, and

Council/Agency Member Elito Santarina

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, 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

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

CLOSED SESSION (None) 5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

RECESS:

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 5:15 P.M. by Mayor

Chairman Dear to a Closed Session to discuss the items described on this evening's

City Council agenda.

**RECONVENE:** 

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 6:18 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

Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Julie Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency Member Lula Davis-Holmes, Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson, and

Council/Agency Member Elito Santarina

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; William Wynder, City/ Agency Attorney; Sunny Soltani, Deputy City/Deputy 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, Principal Administrative Analyst; Trini Catbagan, Finance Officer; Zarah Cruz, Public Information Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Uli Feesago, Public Works Superintendent (PT); Massoud Ghiam, Senior Civil Engineer;

Cedric Hicks, Recreation Superintendent; Gregory MacDonald, Tree Maintenance Supervisor; Gilbert Marquez, Senior Civil Engineer; Sheri Repp-Loadsman, Planning Officer; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary

Interim Captain Eddie Rivero, Carson Sheriff's Station.

#### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

City/Agency Attorney Wynder provide the Closed Session Report as follows:

## Council Closed Session Item No. 1.

A privileged and confidential briefing was provided on ongoing negotiations; Questions were asked and answered. The item was continued until the arrival of the new City Manager. There was no reportable action nor was any solicited. All five members participated in the Closed Session.

## Council Item Nos. 27 and 29

Mayor/Chairman Dear advanced Item Nos. 27 and 29 to be heard before the New Business Consent Calendar, with no objections heard.

## Birthday of City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe

Council/Agency Member Gipson announced the birthday of City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe and led those present in singing the birthday song.

#### REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING 6:00 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE: CITY CLERK/AGENCY SECRETARY HELEN KAWAGOE

**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: PASTOR RONALD SMITH, TRUE WORKERS OF THE HOLY TRINITY HOUSE OF PRAYER

**RECESS:** 

After the Invocation, the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 6:25 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for Approval of Council Minutes.

**RECONVENE:** 

After Council Item No. B, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 7:01 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.

RECESS (Council): After Oral Communications - Members of the Public, the City Council was Recessed at 7:38 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the Redevelopment Agency for Approval of Agency Minutes.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011** (REGULAR) MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011 (SPECIAL JOINT) **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011** (REGULAR) **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011** (REGULAR) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011 (ADJOURNED REGULAR) **TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011** (REGULAR) **TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011** (SPECIAL JOINT) TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011 (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:

Chairman Dear, Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Agency Member Davis-Holmes, Agency

Member Gipson, and Agency Member Santarina

Noes:

None None

Abstain: 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.

## 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 7:01 P.M.

#### Stephanie Orosco

Thanked Mayor Dear and the City Council for honoring the honoring the memory of her father John J. Montes.

## John Montes, Jr., 2030 W. 248th Street, Lomita, California 90717

Thanked Mayor Dear and the City Council for honoring the honoring the memory of his father John J. Montes.

Mayor/Chairman Dear requested those present to observe a moment of silence for the persons in whose memories the City Council/Redevelopment Agency would be adjourning this evening.

## Mila Echalas Boyer, 228 W. Carson Street, Apt. 42, Carson, California 90745

Discussed articles regarding the Carson City Manager David C. Biggs and extended words of welcome.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson exited and reentered the meeting at 7:06 P.M.)

## Moises "Jun" Aglipay, 322 W. 230th Street, Carson, California 90745

Discussed the Festival of Philippine Arts and Culture and announced the upcoming event to be held on September 10-11, 2011, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Point Fermin Park, San Pedro, California.

## Romeo Bejo, 109 Pismo Drive, Carson, California 90745

Spoke on behalf of the request of the ERB Foundation for continuous use by the Senior Coalition every third Monday of the month.

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

Discussed the senior services already available from Carson.

## Maciano Pasqua, 172 E. Javelin Street, Carson, California 90745

Spoke on behalf of the request of the ERB Foundation for continuous use by the Senior Coalition every third Monday of the month.

## Mary Anne O'Neal, 16211 Visalia Avenue, Carson, California 90746

Acknowledged the leadership of Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves and offered words of appreciation.

## Tiny Cook, 17701 S. Avalon Boulevard, No. 197, Carson, California 90746

Discussed the slow construction going on at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center.

## Anthony Hassan, 17918 Lysander Drive, Carson, California 90746

Requested that information regarding the salaries paid to the elected officials and senior management staff be available in the Carson Report.

## Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Welcomed City Manager David C. Biggs and expressed her appreciation to Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves.

#### Reginald Fagan

Referred to the community garden activity and discussed the TIMBUCTU Resource.

#### **RECESS (Council):**

After Oral Communications – Members of the Public, the City Council was Recessed at 7:38 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the Redevelopment Agency for Approval of Agency Minutes.

#### RECESS (Agency):

After Approval of Agency Minutes, the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed to the City Council at 7:40 P.M. by Chairman Dear for Council Item No. 27.

#### RECONVENE (Agency):

After Council Item No. 24, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 9:44 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present, for the Council/Agency New Business Consent Calendar.

## **NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Items 1-5)**

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

This item was heard in joint session at 9:44 P.M.

#### **Public Comments**

Agency Item No. 3:

## Gary Hamm, 145 Vista Avenue, No. 104, Pasadena, California 91107

Expressed his support for economic benefits to city residents with a PLA.

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

Requested consideration of a PLA.

Council Item No. 13:

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

Expressed her support for the residents of Vera Carson Mobile Estates.

## Alexander Maniscalo, 5760 Fleet Street, No. 110, Carlsbad, California 92008, Counsel for Vera-Carson Resident Association

Expressed his support for the residents of Vera Carson Mobile Estates.

## Tom King, 21811 Vera Street, Sp. 71, Carson, California 90745

Expressed his support for the residents of Vera Carson Mobile Estates and thanked the City Council.

Council Item No. 4:

## Harold Williams, 20113 Belshaw Avenue, Carson, California 90746

Offered comments in support of the staff recommendation.

Council Item No. 17 (Heard after Item No. 13 at 10:15 P.M.):

#### **Public Comments**

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

Offered general comments.

Item No. 18 (Heard after Item No. 13 at 10:18 P.M.):

#### **Public Comments**

## Mary Anne O'Neal, 16211 Visalia Avenue, Carson, California 90746

Expressed her support for the staff recommendation.

It was moved to approve the City Council and Redevelopment Agency New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear and seconded by Gipson.

During discussion of the motion, the following items were removed for discussion:

## Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Council Item No. 4: CONSIDERATION **OF** THE **NATIONAL** LEAGUE **OF CITIES** PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM (CITY MANAGER)

Council Item No. 18: CONSIDER THE CARSON/DOMINGUEZ HILLS COMMUNITY WIND ENSEMBLE BE APPOINTED THE OFFICIAL BAND OF THE CITY OF CARSON (PUBLIC **SERVICES**)

## Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Agency Item No. 3: CONSIDER AN AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR PROJECT NO. 1223: CARSON PARK MASTER PLAN (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Agency Item No. 4: CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CONSTRUCTION **VANIR** MANAGEMENT, INC. TO **PROVIDE** CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR PROJECT NO. 1223: CARSON PARK MASTER PLAN (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Council Item No. 8: MEETING DISPOSITION: CITY COUNCIL POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Council Item No. 12: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CARSON CIRCUIT FIXED ROUTE CHANGES TO ROUTE E (DEL AMO) AND ROUTE G (METRO BLUE LINE 2) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Council Item No. 14: CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE 2011 CALTRANS COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN OF BIKEWAYS (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

The motion to approve Council New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, and 22 and Agency New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1, 2, and 5 was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:

Mayor/Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency

Member Davis Holmes, Council/Agency Member Gipson, and Council/Agency Member Santarina

Noes:

None Abstain: None

Absent: None

**RECESS:** 

After the New Business Consent Calendar, the City Council was Recessed at 10:25

P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the Redevelopment Agency to discuss Agency Item No. 6.

## ITEM NO. (1) CONSIDERATION OF MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT (AGENCY SECRETARY)

## THIS IS A JOINT AGENDA ITEM WITH COUNCIL ITEM NO. 2.

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

1. RECEIVE and FILE.

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

Ayes:

Mayor/Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency

Member Davis-Holmes, Council/Agency Member Gipson, and Council/Agency

Member Santarina

Noes:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

ITEM NO. (2) CONSIDER AN AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR PROJECT NO. 1281: CITYWIDE ANNUAL OVERLAY PROGRAM, PLUS CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOTS; AND PROJECT NO. 1286: CITYWIDE ANNUAL CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

## THIS IS A JOINT AGENDA ITEM WITH COUNCIL ITEM NO. 3.

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

- 1. AWARD a construction contract for Project No. 1281: Citywide Annual Overlay Program, plus civic center parking lots; and Project No. 1286: Citywide Annual Concrete Replacement Program in the amount of \$1,059,059.00, to the lowest responsible bidder, All American Asphalt, Inc.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of a construction contingency, if necessary, in an amount not-to-exceed \$158,859.00 (15%) for change orders such as the removal and remediation of contaminated soil, substructure conflicts, and other unforeseen construction work that may be required to complete this project.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor/Agency Chairman to execute the construction contract following approval as to form by the City Attorney/Agency Counsel.
- 4. AUTHORIZE a material testing service agreement in the amount of \$14,948.00 to Hushmand Associates, Inc.

ACTION: Item No. 2 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:

Mayor/Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency

Member Davis-Holmes, Council/Agency Member Gipson, and Council/Agency

Member Santarina

Noes:

None

Abstain: Absent:

None None

ITEM NO. (3)

CONSIDER AN AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR PROJECT NO. 1223: CARSON PARK MASTER PLAN (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Item No. 3 was heard at 11:01 P.M.

(Agency Member Gipson reentered the meeting at 11:03 P.M.)

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

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

- AWARD a Construction Contract for Project No. 1223: Carson Park Master Plan, without 1. regard to the existing PLA in effect for certain projects undertaken by the City of Carson, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, CWS Systems, Inc. in the bid amount of \$8,841,000.00.
- AUTHORIZE the expenditure of a 15% construction contingency of \$1,326,150.00 for 2. change orders such as the removal and remediation of contaminated soil, substructure conflicts, soils and material testing, and other unforeseen construction work that may be required to complete this project.
- APPROPRIATE \$1,733,599.00 from the unreserved, undesignated Carson Consolidated 3. Project Area fund balance, to augment the amount currently budgeted for Project No. 1223: Carson Park Master Plan
- AUTHORIZE the Agency Chairman to execute the construction contract following approval 4. as to form by the Agency Counsel.

It was moved to approve alternative staff recommendation Nos. 1, 2, and 3, as follows ACTION: on motion of Davis-Holmes and seconded by Ruiz-Raber:

- 1. Award a Construction Contract for Project No. 1223: Carson Park Master Plan, subject to the existing PLA in effect for certain projects undertaken by the City of Carson (but NOT required by the Redevelopment Agency), to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, CWS Systems, Inc., in the bid amount of \$9,351,000.00.
- 2. Authorize the expenditure of a 15% construction contingency of \$1,402,650.00 for change orders, such as the removal and remediation of contaminated soil, substructure conflicts, soils and material testing, and other unforeseen construction work that may be required to complete this project.
- 3. Appropriate \$2,327,799.00 from the unreserved, undesignated Carson Consolidated Project Area fund balance, to augment the amount currently budgeted for Project No. 1223: Carson Park Master Plan.

During discussion of the motion, Chairman Dear reported that it was his recollection that the PLA arrangement was approved for city and redevelopment agency projects.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:

Chairman Dear, Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Agency Member Davis-Holmes, Agency

Member Gipson, and Agency Member Santarina

Noes:

None

Abstain: Absent:

None None

ITEM NO. (4)

CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VANIR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR PROJECT NO. 1223: CARSON PARK MASTER PLAN (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Item No. 4 was heard after Item No. 3 at 11:20 P.M.

Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves summarized the staff report and recommendation. He subsequently discussed construction management.

Development Services General Manager Rollinger discussed the selection process set forth in the Government Code and discussed the objectivity of the evaluation process.

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE a Professional Services Agreement with Vanir Construction Management, Inc. to provide Construction Management Services for Project No. 1223: Carson Park Master Plan; for a negotiated fee not-to-exceed \$706,540.00.

2. AUTHORIZE the Agency Chairman to execute the Professional Services Agreement following approval as to form by the Agency Counsel.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation Nos. 1 and 2 on motion of Davis-Holmes and seconded by Ruiz-Raber.

#### **Substitute Motion**

During discussion of the motion, Agency Member Santarina discussed the notification process for local firms and offered a substitute motion to award the bid to Uniplan Engineering, Inc., Carson, California, which seconded by Dear.

#### Public Comments

## Harold Williams, 20113 Belshaw Avenue, Carson, California 90746

Provided comments regarding the bid process and felt that staff should package a portion of the bid to engage small firms.

Agency Member Gipson felt that a consistent policy or pilot project could be established with input from Development Services General Manager Rollinger and Mr. Williams.

At 12:00 A.M., on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves referred to the suggestion from Agency Member Gipson and felt that it was a good suggestion; however, he urged the Redevelopment Agency to not do this with construction management.

Agency Member Davis-Holmes requested that staff report back to the Redevelopment Agency and that Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves inform Mr. Biggs.

#### **Public Comments**

## Rudy Niere, representing Uniplan Engineering, Inc.

Discussed the experience of Uniplan Engineering, Inc., to do the project.

The substitute motion failed to carry by the following vote:

Ayes:

Chairman Dear and Agency Member Santarina

Noes:

Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Agency Member Davis-Holmes, and Agency Member

Gipson

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber stated that in the future, direction would be given to include Carson-based businesses; however, it was important to concur with staff's recommendation this evening.

The motion, first above, was carried by the following vote:

Ayes:

Chairman Dear, Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Agency Member Davis-Holmes, and

Agency Member Gipson

Noes:

Agency Member Santarina

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

After Item No. 4, at 12:16 A.M., on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, Chairman Dear inquired whether there were any objections from his colleagues to continue with this evening's agenda, with no objections heard.

RECESS:

After Item No. 4, the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 12:16 A.M., on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, by Chairman Dear to the City Council for Item No.

4.

ITEM NO. (5)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH ECO & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL PEER REVIEW SERVICES TO THE CARSON REDEVELOPMENT **AGENCY** (ECONOMIC **DEVELOPMENT**)

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

- APPROVE the first amendment to the consultant retainer agreement between the Carson 1. Redevelopment Agency and Eco & Associates, Inc. to increase the contract amount by \$58,750.00 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$138,750.00.
- AUTHORIZE the Agency Chairman to execute the first amendment to the consultant retainer 2. agreement following approval as to form by the Agency Counsel.

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

Ayes:

Mayor/Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency

Member Davis-Holmes, Council/Agency Member Gipson, and Council/Agency

Member Santarina

Noes:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

#### **DEMANDS (Item 6)**

**ITEM NO. (6)** 

RESOLUTION NO. 11-48 ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AGAINST CARSON CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL PROJECT AREA FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,257,761.10, DEMAND NUMBERS 1-005645 THROUGH 1-005700; AND LOW/MODERATE INCOME HOUSING FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,851.56, DEMAND NUMBERS 3-000654 THROUGH 3-000677

Item No. 6 was heard at 10:25 P.M.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 11-48 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:

Chairman Dear, Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Agency Member Davis-Holmes, Agency

Member Gipson, and Agency Member Santarina

Noes:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Item 7)**

## ITEM NO. (7) CONSIDERATION OF RECLASSIFICATION OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Item No. 7 was heard after Item No. 6 at 10:27 P.M.

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

#### **Public Comments**

#### Isabella Meni, President, AFSCME Local 809

Expressed concern regarding the process that may be flawed; there was no reference to a PDQ; and no review by the Personnel Sub-Committee. She requested that the City Council refer this item to the Personnel Sub-Committee and follow the process.

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

1. AUTHORIZE the reclassification of Fred Steinmann from Administrative Intern to Business Development Analyst (part-time).

ACTION: It was moved to hold this item until the City Manager comes on board for his recommendation on motion of Davis-Holmes and seconded by Santarina.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member Santarina stated that he did not receive a written opinion from the Deputy City Attorney.

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that he had advised the City Attorney that it was a moot point and to not provide a written opinion since the individual was looking at moving into an apartment in Carson. Whereupon, Council Member Santarina indicated that he should have been informed.

#### **Substitute Motion**

Council Member Gipson concurred with AFSCME President Meni regarding the process and offered a substitute motion to refer this item to the Personnel Sub-Committee; for the new City Manager to be part of the process; and did not wish to see any similar item come before the City Council, which was seconded by Santarina.

#### **Amended Motion**

Mayor Dear offered a friendly amendment for the Economic Development General Manager to be part of the process, which was accepted by the maker and the second and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:

Chairman Dear, Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Agency Member Davis-Holmes, Agency

Member Gipson, and Agency Member Santarina

Noes:

None None

Abstain: Absent:

None

**RECESS:** 

After Item No. 7, the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 10:44 P.M. by

Chairman Dear to the City Council for Item No. 23.

**RECONVENE:** 

After Council Item No. 28, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 11:01

P.M. by Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present, except Gipson absent, for Agency New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3 and 4.

#### **RECONVENE (Agency):**

After Council Item No. 18, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 12:42 A.M., on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, for a joint session by Mayor/Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present, for remaining Oral Communications.

## ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (None)

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS I (STAFF)

#### City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe

Requested that this evening's meetings be adjourned in memory of the following persons:

#### Mayor/Chairman Dear

John Montes, Sr. Richard E. "Dick" Floyd Richard Rosas, Sr. Geraldine Wilkins

## Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Vincent C. Serrato Audrey Watkins

Larry Charles Rolland, neighbor of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber Theodora Carbarles, aunt of the daughter-in-law of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber Johnny Pueliu, best friend of the son of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber Beverly Stillson, employee of Farmers Brothers, Human Resources

## **Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes**

Ruth Helen Sims-Moss, mother of Judy Matthews

Larry Charles Rolland, father-in-law of a sorority sister

Virgilio David, brother-in-law of Oscar Ramos, and subsequently requested that the memorial adjournment certificate be framed prior to mailing to the David Family.

#### **Council/Agency Member Gipson**

Hayward Alexander, father-in-law of Council/Agency Member Gipson, and subsequently expressed words of appreciation for the expressions of sympathy over the loss of three members of his family.

Walter Backstrom, uncle of Martine Ellis, Public Services Workgroup, and a mentor to Council/Agency Member Gipson

Helen Varnado

Virgilio David, brother-in-law of Oscar Ramos

### Council/Agency Member Santarina

Tuitavate Salausa, husband of Selma Salausa, former employee, City Clerk's Office

## Administrative Services General Manager Acosta

Aquileo Reyes, father of Berni Swerissen, Administrative Services Workgroup

## Public Services General Manager Cruz

Eric Middleton, USC classmate of Public Services General Manager Cruz and founding partner of Alliance Resource Consulting

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe referred to the event at Carnegie Middle School and commended Tom Safran and employees for doing an outstanding clean-up and paint job and reported that the following communications from residents, two of whom had left the meeting earlier:

A resident had reported that trees were overgrown and leaves were causing a mess at 20027 Earlie Avenue, and the East/West Signals were not in sync at the intersection of Del Amo/Avalon.

Donaldo Reed, 1145 E. Renton Street, Carson, California 90745, requested the consideration of having big screen movies in the park for family entertainment.

Granerson Ford, 18821 Eddington Drive, Carson, California 90746, raised a general inquiry whether he would be able to use a room for free if it were filled with seniors.

#### City/Agency Treasurer Avilla

Reported that Bonita Tate, mother of Aja Tate, had requested an accounting of the funds and provided an oral report to be provided to Mrs. Tate.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS II (COUNCIL/AGENCY)

#### Mayor/Chairman Dear

Reported on his attendance at community events, acknowledged those who were in attendance; and announced upcoming events of community interest. He announced that Tesoro Refining Company, located in Carson and Los Angeles, would like to purchase electricity from Edison Company, not Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and would be paying a 2% utility users' tax to the City of Carson versus 5% to the City of Los Angeles and requested that Administrative Services General Manager Acosta provide a report on the amount of money would be coming into the City of Carson.

Announced that a tour of the Sculpture Garden in the City of Cerritos has been scheduled for September 26, 2011. A discussion ensued regarding the Brown Act requirements, and City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe recommended that the City Council adjourn from its meeting on September 20, 2011, to an adjourned regular meeting, which was accepted with no objections heard.

Announced that the Leadership Conference would be held on September 17, 2011, and City Attorney Bill Wynder would be presenting AB 1234 Ethics Training.

## **Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes**

Reported on her attendance at community events, acknowledged those who were in attendance; and announced upcoming events of community interest, including the Jazz Festival to be held on October 1, 2011, at Anderson Park.

Provided a status report on the Floodplain Maps Moratorium Act and acknowledged Congresswomen Laura Richardson and Maxine Waters and announced that Congresswoman Richardson would discuss the five-year moratorium, including repair of the levees, at an upcoming town hall meeting in October.

Provided a status report on her meetings with staff from Southern California Edison Company relative to the power outages experienced by the Carson community and announced that the Public Utilities Commission has intervened and gave Edison Company thirty days to provide recommendations to correct problems and a town hall meeting would be held to discuss the recommendations from Edison Company.

Provided a status report on the town hall meeting held by ABC Channel 7 News.

### Council/Agency Member Santarina

Reported on his attendance at community events, acknowledged those who were in attendance; and commended the sponsors.

## Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Reported on her attendance at community events, acknowledged those who were in attendance; and announced upcoming events of community interest, including the Friends of the Library Book Sale to be held at the Carson Regional Library, on Thursday, September 15, 2011, and Saturday, September 17, 2011, and the Mexican Independence Day Celebration to be held on September 17, at the South Bay Pavilion.

Thanked ABC Channel 7 News for its outreach to the City of Carson.

## **Council/Agency Member Gipson**

Reported on his attendance at community events, acknowledged those who were in attendance; commended the sponsors; and announced upcoming events of community interest, including the West Los Angeles AIDS Walk on October 16, 2011, to advocate awareness.

Informed Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves regarding the pending closure of Victoria Park Pool and that residents want to assist in efforts to preserve the facility.

Reported to Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves that four lights were burned out on Bitterlake in the Stevenson Park area of Carson.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS** This item was heard at 1:35 A.M., on Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

- A. COUNCILMEMBER SANTARINA REQUESTS STAFF RESEARCH THE FEASIBILITY OF SCHEDULING E-WASTE COLLECTIONS ONCE A MONTH FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CARSON AND HOW SUCH A PROGRAM COULD POSSIBLY PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY
- B. COUNCILMEMBER SANTARINA REQUESTS AMENDING THE MARKETING FOR THE "DRUG FREE CITY" HOTLINE TO INCLUDE "HUMAN TRAFFICKING FREE CITY" TO ALLOW FOR REPORTABLE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ISSUES IN CARSON
- C. COUNCILMEMBER GIPSON REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON SUPPORTING H. RES. 348: CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS "FOR THE PEOPLE" JOBS INITIATIVE RESOLUTION (CLEAVER)

ACTION: It was moved to approve Item Nos. A, B, and C for the meeting on September 20, 2011, on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:

Mayor/Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency

Member Davis Holmes, Council/Agency Member Gipson, and Council/Agency

Member Santarina

Noes: Abstain:

None None

Absent:

None

#### **Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes**

Requested reconsideration of the request for waiver of fees for the use of Anderson Park and equipment for the Jazz Festival.

A discussion ensued regarding the process to add items to future agendas and the policy for the Policy Sub-Committee to review requests for fee waivers. Whereupon, Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes clarified that since the Jazz Festival was scheduled to be held on October 1, 2011, she requested consideration by the City Council at its next meeting and handled in the same manner as the request for fee waiver of the use of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center by the ERB Foundation.

Mayor/Chairman Dear reported that the Policy Sub-Committee could meet quickly; whereupon, Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes agreed to the review by the Policy Sub-Committee if it would meet before the next City Council meeting on September 20, 2011.

#### Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Referred to her request for Gardena City Council Member Dan Medina to attend a City Council meeting to discuss surveillance cameras and inquired whether a vote was taken. Whereupon, Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that a representative from the Gardena Police Department would be providing the presentation.

Requested that an item to declare the City of Carson as a violence-free city be placed on the next agenda for future consideration.

Reported that two tires and a couch were dumped into the flood control channel near Walnut Mini-Park and raised an inquiry to Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves on the process to clean up the collection of debris.

UNFINISHED/CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None)

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (None)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 1:43 A.M., on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, by Mayor/Chairman Dear and in memory of the individuals requested this evening and to an adjourned regular joint meeting of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency to be held on September 17, 2011, at 8:00 A.M., in Carson Dominguez Room, Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center, located at 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

	Chairman Jim Dear	
ATTEST:		
Agency Secretary Helen Kawagoe		