



**MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA POSTED: FEBRUARY 27, 2012

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber in the Adult Activity Room, Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center, located at 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL: Acting City Clerk Biggs noted the following:

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

Council Members Absent: Mayor Jim Dear and Council Member
Elito Santarina

Other Elected Officials Present: Karen Avilla, City Treasurer

Other Elected Official Absent: None

Also Present: David Biggs, Acting City Clerk; William
Wynder, City Attorney; and staff:

Lisa Berglund, Principal Administrative
Analyst; Zarah Cruz, Public Information
Manager; Margie Revilla-Garcia, Public
Information Analyst; Robert Eggleston,
IT Manager; Duane Munson, Human

Resources Officer; Cedric Hicks,
Recreation Superintendent; Isabella
Meni, Acting Transportation Services
Supervisor; and Joy Simarago, Deputy
City Clerk

Eddie Rivero, Interim Captain, Carson
Sheriff's Station

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

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. (1) INTERVIEW SELECTED CANDIDATES, CONSIDER MAKING AN APPOINTMENT, AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 12-024 (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Biggs announced that he would be the Acting City Clerk this evening.

City Attorney Wynder discussed the posting process.

Public Comments:

The following persons offered comments in support of the appointment of Donesia Gause as the Interim City Clerk:

Larry Herrera, City Clerk, City of Long Beach, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802

Charles Davis, P.O. Box 361, Compton, California 90223

Mr. Baird

The following persons offered comments in support of the appointment of Wanda Higaki as the Interim City Clerk:

Jane Osuna, 21207 S. Avalon Boulevard #144, Carson, California 90745

Paul Randall, 17701 S. Avalon Boulevard #318, Carson, California 90746

Harold Williams

The following persons offered general comments:

Dr. Rita Boggs

Requested to offer comments after the candidate interviews.

Bill Smalley, 17700 Avalon #111, Carson, California 90746

Offered comments in favor of considering two in-house candidates.

Ronald Shimokaji, 1502 E. Carson Street #135, Carson, California 90745

Cautioned the City Council to select a City Clerk based on qualifications and not personality.

Peggy Anderson

Stated that selection of a City Clerk should be promoted within and to start at a lower salary.

Acting City Clerk Biggs reported that a letter of support dated February 28, 2012 addressed to the Mayor and Members of the City Council for the appointment of Donesia Gause as Interim City Clerk, was received from Larry Herrera, City Clerk, City of Long Beach. Copies of the letter were provided to the Mayor Pro Tem, Council Members, City Attorney, Acting City Clerk, and the City Treasurer.

Donesia Gause submitted an Overview of Qualifications for Donesia Gause, Applicant for Appointment of City Clerk, City of Carson, California dated February 28, 2011. Copies of the handout was provided to the Mayor Pro Tem, Council Members, City Attorney, Acting City Clerk, and the City Treasurer.

City Attorney Wynder stated that it would take three affirmative votes to select a City Clerk this evening and confirmed that all four candidates were domiciled and registered voters in the city of Carson.

Administration of Oath

City Attorney Wynder requested that all four candidates stand and take the Oath and that they were legally domiciled and registered to vote in the city of Carson.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE all of the following actions:

1. INTERVIEW the four candidates at this Council meeting; *and*
2. SELECT a City Clerk, *and*
3. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 12-024, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING A CITY CLERK, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 36512(b), TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ELECTIVE OFFICE ENDING IN MARCH, 2015."

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber, Council Member Davis-Holmes and Council Member Gipson interviewed the following four candidates:

Vera DeWitt
Donesia Gause
Wanda Higaki
Qiwana Williams

Acting City Clerk Biggs announced that he had meant to announce earlier that Mayor Dear had a minor medical procedure and that Council Member Santarina was out of town, therefore, were not able to attend this evening's meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber ordered the interviews closed at 7:58 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber, Council Member Davis-Holmes, and Council Member Gipson thanked all the candidates.

It was moved to appoint Donesia Gause as the City Clerk on motion of Ruiz-Raber and seconded by Davis-Holmes.

Council Member Gipson offered a substitute motion to appoint Vera DeWitt as the City Clerk and no one seconded.

It was moved to call for the question and end debate on motion of Ruiz-Raber, seconded by Davis-Holmes and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 12-024 was PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

City Attorney Wynder administered the Oath to Donesia Gause.

City Clerk Gause thanked the City Council, Larry Herrera, and Charles Davis.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:08 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber

ATTEST:

Acting City Clerk Biggs