

# **MINUTES** CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY **REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

#### 5:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear in the

Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson,

California 90745.

**ROLL CALL:** 

Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki noted the following:

Council/Agency Members Present:

Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Julie Ruiz-Raber. and Council/Agency Member Elito

Santarina

Council/Agency Members Absent:

Council/Agency Member Lula Davis-Holmes (Entered at 5:41 P.M.) and Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson

Other Elected Officials Present:

None

Other Elected Officials Absent:

Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk/Agency Secretary and Karen Avilla,

City/Agency Treasurer

Also Present:

David Biggs, City Manager/Executive Director; William Wynder, City/Agency Attorney; and staff:

Clifford Graves, Economic Development General Manager (Entered at 5:12 P.M.); Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki; and Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary

City/Agency Attorney Wynder presented the Closed Session items.

CLOSED SESSION (Items 1-4) 5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

## ITEM NO. (1) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8, to enable the Agency Board to consider negotiations with Frank Chang, AMCAL Multi-Housing, Inc., with whom Agency is negotiating, and to give direction to its negotiators David C. Biggs and Clifford W. Graves regarding that certain real property 2666 Dominguez Street. The Agency's real property negotiators will seek direction from the Agency Board regarding the price, conditions and terms of payment for the property.

**ACTION:** 

This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

# ITEM NO. (2) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8, to enable the Agency Board to consider negotiations with Frank Chang, AMCAL Multi-Housing, Inc., with whom Agency is negotiating, and to give direction to its negotiators David C. Biggs and Clifford W. Graves regarding that certain real property 600 W. Carson Street and 21723 and 21725 Figueroa Street. The Agency's real property negotiators will seek direction from the Agency Board regarding the price, conditions and terms of payment for the property.

**ACTION:** 

This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

## ITEM NO. (3) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8, to enable the Agency Board to consider negotiations with John Peterson, Cormier Chevrolet with whom Agency is negotiating, and to give direction to its negotiators David C. Biggs and Clifford W. Graves regarding that certain real property 2201 East 223rd Street. The Agency's real property negotiators will seek direction from the Agency Board regarding the price, conditions and terms of payment for the property.

**ACTION:** 

This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

# ITEM NO. (4) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8, to enable the Agency Board to consider negotiations with Marlene Clare Altmanshofer, Altmanshofer Family Trust, with whom Agency is negotiating, and to give direction to its negotiators David C. Biggs and Clifford W. Graves regarding that certain real property 22020 Recreation Road. The Agency's real property negotiators will seek direction from the Agency Board regarding the price, conditions and terms of payment for the property.

ACTION:

This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

**RECESS:** 

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 5:02 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to a Closed Session to discuss the items described on this evening's agenda.

**RECONVENE:** 

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 6:08 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present and with Davis-Holmes (Entered at 5:41 P.M.) and Gipson (Entered during Closed Session).

**ROLL CALL:** 

Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki noted the following:

Council/Agency Members Present:

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

Santarina

Council/Agency Members Absent:

None

Other Elected Officials Present:

Karen Avilla, City/Agency Treasurer

(Entered at 6:12 P.M.)

Other Elected Officials Absent:

Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk/Agency

Secretary

Also Present:

David Biggs, City Manager/Executive Director; William Wynder, City/Agency Attorney; Lindsey Tabaian, Deputy City/Deputy Agency Attorney; and staff:

Clifford Graves, Economic Development General Manager (Entered at 5:12 P.M.); Jackie Acosta, Administrative Services General Manager; Victor Rollinger, Development Services General Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; Berglund, Principal Administrative Analyst; Zarah Cruz, Public Information Manager: Edward Escamilla. Landscape/Building Maintenance Superintendent; Ky Truong, Public Safety & Community Services Manager; Jeff Westbrook. Redevelopment Manager; Luchie Magante, Senior Administrative Analyst; Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary; and Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary

Eddie Rivero, Interim Captain, Carson Sheriff's Station

#### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

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

#### Agency Closed Session Item Nos. 1 through 4

Staff provided a privileged and confidential briefing regarding ongoing negotiations involving the properties. No reportable action was taken nor was any solicited. Agency Member Davis-Holmes did not participate in the Closed Sessions.

### **Council Closed Session Item No. 1**

There was a privileged and confidential briefing on a recent negotiating session. Questions were asked and answered. No reportable action was taken nor was any solicited.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING 6:00 P.M. FLAG SALUTE: MAYOR/CHAIRMAN JIM DEAR

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 TUVAI FAATAI**,

CALVARY CHAPEL OF SOUTH BAY - Not present

Mayor/Chairman Dear invited everyone to observe a moment of silence for the women and men who were fighting to defend our country in Iraq, Afghanistan, and in many other locations around the world protecting American lives.

#### **RECESS AND RECONVENE:**

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed and Reconvened at 6:11 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear.

**RECESS** (Council):

The City Council was Recessed at 6:12 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the

Redevelopment Agency for Approval of Minutes.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011

**MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2011** 

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011

(ADJOURNED REGULAR)

(SPECIAL)

(SPECIAL JOINT)

(REGULAR)

The Minutes, as listed on this evening's agenda, were Approved as Submitted on motion of Dear and seconded by Gipson.

Upon inquiry, Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki stated that the corrected copies of the minutes were distributed to the Chairman and Agency Members prior to the meeting.

The motion to approve the minutes with the corrected copies were 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

**RECESS:** 

The Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 6:14 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to

the City Council for Approval of Minutes.

**RECONVENE:** 

The Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 6:38 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.

#### 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 <u>Council/Agency on items not</u> on the posted Agenda but are items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the <u>Council/Agency</u>. 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. <u>ORAL COMMENTS</u> <u>WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER SPEAKER</u>. <u>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.</u>

# Lavonne Moore, 20203 Campaign Drive, Carson, California 90746

Announced that Britney Monique Prince is a contestant in the Ms. California USA 2012 Pageant and would be representing the city of Carson in Palm Springs on January 6, 7, and 8, 2012. Ms. Prince is a fourth generation and the proud grandparents are Albert and Esther Sanford who reside in the city of Carson. Her website is <a href="www.notre/mode.com">www.notre/mode.com</a>; introduced Ms. Prince to everyone.

### **Britney Prince**

Announced that she would be running in the Ms. California 2012 Pageant in Palm Springs and that she would come back with the crown for Ms. California USA.

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes stated that she would present Ms. Prince a certificate on November 7, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. and that the city was proud of her and encouraged her to bring home the crown.

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

Shared information from a flyer that he obtained at CSUDH seeking support for an effort to restore the Women's Resource Center at CSUDH; informed the Mayor/Chairman and Council/Agency Members that he requested that Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber and Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes take the lead and work with the Human Relations Commission and the Women's Issues Commission so that the women of Carson would feel safe and that he had copies of the memorandum he provided to them earlier.

#### Bob Bowcoch, 405 N. Indian Hill, Claremont, CA 91711

Stated that he was the coordinator between the law firm and the residents who were plaintiffs in the Carousel Tract matter; provided an update on the conditions of the Carousel Tract; encouraged the Council to participate with the community and consider a public nuisance action in the courts.

Upon request, City/Agency Attorney Wynder reported that at the direction of the Council, the City continued to carefully monitor the progress of both the testing and the litigation; Planning Officer Repp and staff maintained an ongoing contact with both the science that was involved in the process; met with representatives from Shell's legal team to discuss their perspective on this matter and had a meeting with the plaintiff's counsel with Mayor Dear and Mr. Girardi to discuss the litigation; if in the judgment of the City Council there were legal issues that were right and otherwise appropriate for the city to assert on behalf of the residents of the Carousel Tract and on behalf of the community in general, that would be subject to a further closed session and as legal developments occur that require a confidential briefing of the Council, then would take the Council into another Closed Session to discuss a strategy for the City to follow to protect the interest of the residents of the tract and of the community.

# Lourdes Lulu Piazza, 24403 S. Ravenna, Carson, California 90745

Reported on the significant increase of crime on Ravenna and that crime and blight were a public nuisance; requested the following: 1) Sheriff's increase patrol in the neighborhood; 2) Shell provide 24-hour security for all existing operations; and 3) help from the Mayor and City Council.

#### Barbara Post, 24433 Marbella, Carson, California 90745

Reported that there have been no results from the ongoing monitoring the past two and a half years; inquired into the regulation of the ongoing noise, dust, and debris and how long does the city allow a contractor to keep a building permit open; open-ended construction was a public nuisance; requested help from the City Council.

# Linda Ayers, 24733 Ravenna Avenue, Carson, California 90745

Reported that the environmental testing process from Shell Oil was shameful; stated that construction activities exceeding one year constitute a public nuisance which had been ongoing for almost three years and requested that the city not issue any further permits for encroachment or construction by Shell Oil in the Carousel Tract.

# Terri Forsythe, 17700 Avalon Boulevard #282, Carson, California 90746

Thanked the City Council and staff on the wonderful job in the fire incident behind the Renaissance; thanked Council/Agency Member Santarina, his wife and the president of the Filipino Community for meeting with her last Sunday at the hotel to assist some of the residents in providing clothing; thanked David from S&W Suits for generously providing complete wardrobes for two residents; and thanked everyone involved for helping the mobilehome and Renaissance residents.

### Dr. Rita Boggs

Stated that the residents of the Carousel Tract were in need of the City's help and that other people throughout the city were in need of the City's help as well.

Mayor/Chairman Dear ordered that the Carousel Tract issue be placed on the agenda as a Closed Session item at the next City Council Meeting and every City Council Meeting until the issue was resolved.

**RECESS:** 

The Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 7:04 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to

the Council for the New Business Consent Calendar.

**RECONVENE:** 

The Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 7:04 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear

for a joint session with the City Council for the Council and Agency New Business

Consent Calendar.

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes thanked Barbara Post and the residents of the Carousel Tract for attending the City Council Meeting and informing the Council their concerns.

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

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

# Council/Agency Member Santarina

Council Item No. 2: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-128 STRONGLY URGING GOVERNOR BROWN AND OUR STATE LEGISLATORS TO RESTORE ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE AS A MEDI-CAL BENEFIT (CITY MANAGER)

Council Item No. 10: CONSIDER REPORT FROM THE SIERRA CLUB REGARDING THE CITY OF CARSON'S WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS (PUBLIC SERVICES)

## Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Council Item No. 4: CONSIDER THE AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE VERNON HEMINGWAY PARK MAIN OFFICE BUILDING (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

The motion to approve Council New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 and Agency New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5 and 6 were 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

# Council Item No. 12

Mayor/Chairman Dear ordered Council Item No. 12 continued, with no objections heard. Whereupon, City/Agency Attorney Wynder stated that the request to continue this item was a City Attorney driven

request and not an appellant driven request and that it was not to attribute any attempt to delay the process by the appealing party. The staff report was incomplete and would be completed by the next meeting.

**RECESS (Council):** 

The City Council was Recessed at 7:09 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the

Redevelopment Agency for Item No. 7.

# **NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Items 5-6)**

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.

**ITEM NO. (5)** CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH AHBE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT SERVICES TO REDEVELOPMENT THE CARSON **AGENCY** ON THE CONSTRUCTION **OF** REFLECTIONS MINI-PARK (CARSON CONSOLIDATED PROJECT AREA) (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

- 1. APPROVE the first amendment to the consultant retainer agreement by and between the Carson Redevelopment Agency and AHBE Landscape Architects to increase the contract amount by \$11,000.00 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$151,672.00.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Agency Chairman to execute the first amendment to the consultant retainer agreement following approval as to form by the Agency Counsel.

ACTION: Item No. 5 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina 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. (6)** 

CONSIDER EXTENDING THE CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CJ LAKE, LLC FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES AND CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF A REDEVELOPMENT AND BROWNFIELDS REMEDIATION LOAN AND FINANCING ACT (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

## TAKE the following actions:

- 1. APPROVE a one-year extension of, and Fourth Amendment to, the Consultant Services Agreement with CJ Lake, LLC.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Chairman to execute the Fourth Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement following approval as to form by Agency Counsel.

ACTION: Item No. 6 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina 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 7)**

**ITEM NO. (7)** 

RESOLUTION NO. 11-54 ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AGAINST CARSON CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL PROJECT AREA FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,462,407.27, DEMAND NUMBERS 1-005759 THROUGH 1-005785; AND LOW/MODERATE INCOME HOUSING FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,445.00, DEMAND NUMBERS 3-000708 THROUGH 3-000711

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 11-54 was PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson 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 (None)**

### **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Item 8)**

ITEM NO. (8) REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE FY 2011/12 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

1. REVIEW and DISCUSS.

ACTION: Executive Director Biggs summarized the staff report and gave a brief overview of the Redevelopment Agency Budget.

Economic Development General Manager Graves narrated a graph presentation on the AB 27 Continuation Payments and AB 27 Impact on Future Costs.

Administrative Services General Manager Acosta provided the Chairman, Agency Members, and staff copies of Exhibit No. 3 FY 2011/12 Proposed Capital Projects Budget and Exhibit No. 4 FY 2011/12 Proposed Low/Mod Income Housing Fund Budget and gave an overview of the proposed budgets.

A discussion ensued regarding the Infrastructure Projects: City Entrance Monuments and Art in Public Places, to be combined.

Executive Director Biggs stated that he would bring back options when staff presented the budget back for adoption including the art component.

### **Public Comment**

#### Dr. Rita Boggs

Stated that she was informed by an insurance adjuster at the mobilehome park site that was burned that since the building was built with redevelopment money that it would be redevelopment money that insured the building and inquired if that was included in the budget.

Executive Director Biggs responded that it was an incorrect statement.

**RECESS:** 

The Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 7:49 P.M. by Chairman Dear for staff.

**RECONVENE:** 

After Council Item No. 15, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 9:01 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)**

Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki requested that this evening's meetings be adjourned in memory of the following persons:

### Mayor/Chairman Dear

Erma Jean Gaston Ginny Lambert

# Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Oscar Villa

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

Roscoe Brown Willie Jean Brooks

# Public Services General Manager Cruz

Larry Zarian

### City/Agency Treasurer Avilla

Reported that city employees Lisa Vasquez, Sandra Torres, Andrea Barrera, Sandy Barber, Mickie Sanchez, and Regina Ramirez were also very helpful to the evacuees from the fire incident; recognized Wilma Wilson, President of the Carson Women's Club and a nurse by trade, who also assisted the evacuees; reported that there was no Treasurer's report on this evening's agenda but was working on a portfolio tracking system that would generate better reports and was having technical issues with the software company; further reported that she would not have the Treasurer's report at the next agenda due to her attendance at the Kellogg School of Management in Chicago the week of November 14<sup>th</sup> nor would she be in attendance at the meeting due to a week-long of public finance discussion.

## City Manager/Executive Director Biggs

Stated that he was proud of the employees who quickly responded to the fire incident and reported that there was a two and a half hour debriefing with key staff, Fire department, and the Police Department to improve in the future; strongly recommended to wait to recognize people at a special event rather than on November 7, 2011 so that no one would be overlooked due to the massive operation and active engagement in the recovery period and that he would coordinate the ceremonial recognitions for a later meeting related to the fire only.

**RECESS:** 

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 9:13 P.M. by

Mayor/Chairman Dear.

**RECONVENE:** 

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 9:16 P.M. by

Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present.

# ORAL COMMUNICATIONS II (COUNCIL/AGENCY)

#### Mayor/Chairman Dear

Reported on his attendance at community events and his attendance at the following events: California Academy of Math and Science (CAMS) 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of CAMS and reported to City Manager/Executive Director Biggs that there was a request for some signage to direct the parents of the CAMS high school students to the high school on the campus of CSUDH; Peace and Justice Summit regarding reentry for prisoners and the affect in the communities and how to take a proactive approach, hosted by Councilman Dee Andrews in Long Beach; announced the Groundbreaking of the first public art to be installed in the International Sculpture Garden on Saturday, November 5, 2011, 10:00 a.m.; the piece of public art was a 7-foot bronze statue of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Filipino national hero, which was a gift to the people of Carson from the Republic of the Philippines.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson exited the meeting at 9:26 P.M.)

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

Thanked President Mildred Garcia for the framed banners; she was President Obama's appointee on the Commission of Educational Affairs and that she had done a great job in reaching out to the community and partnering with the City; reported on her attendance at community events;

(Council/Agency Member Gipson reentered the meeting at 9:27 P.M.)

Thanked City Manager/Executive Director Biggs for attending the Carson Women's Club Fashion Show. wherein she met his wife Kate; announced that she and her husband Brian would be celebrating their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on Monday, November 7, 2011 and would be traveling to Laughlin and then to Phoenix for the National League of Cities Conference where she would be receiving her Silver Leadership Certificate; reported that she would not be present at the Ceremonial Presentations on November 7, 2011 and would leave her certificates for the Mexican Independence Day for the Mayor and City Council to present to the people who did not receive them at the event; reported that on the day of the fire she was hosting an event and thanked Pat, Raul, and Brian who helped her pack the food from her event and provided to the evacuees at the community center; commended Paul Randall and Terri Forsythe who helped Pat repair her window; thanked Hido Delira from the Paul Davis Emergency Company for offering his assistance to make repairs at no cost to a mobilehome resident who had no insurance on her mobile home: stated that it was a great idea from City Manager/Executive Director Biggs to wait for the presentation to recognize the individuals for their heroic acts until they pinpoint everyone who was involved with the fire: recognized Norm Peterson, Chris, Bernard Jaminal (off duty Deputy Sheriff), and Rafael and Veronica Estrada who assisted during the fire; wished City/Agency Attorney Wynder a Happy Birthday and invited everyone to sing the Happy Birthday song.

## Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Commended City Manager/Executive Director Biggs for taking control of the fire situation and appreciated everything he had done; enjoyed meeting City Manager/Executive Director Biggs's wife at the Carson Women's Club Fashion Show; recognized the fire shelter management staff under the umbrella of Recreation Superintendent Hicks, including Gwen Whittaker and Latrice Carter; thanked City Manager/Executive Director Biggs for his suggestion to recognize all inclusively; reported on her attendance at community events;

(Mayor/Chairman Dear exited the meeting at 9:38 P.M.)

Reported on the successful Halloween Carnival event and inquired about the funds raised, whereupon, City/Agency Treasurer Avilla reported that \$4,802 was received;

(Mayor/Chairman Dear reentered the meeting at 9:39 P.M.)

Announced that she would be attending the National League of Cities Conference; announced meeting with the Breast Cancer Awareness Committee of 15 ladies who would bring back an item in October and invited anyone interested in being a part of the committee to contact her at (310) 952-1710 and that the next committee meeting would be on November 28<sup>th</sup>; requested a community workshop regarding the Carousel Tract issue until after City Manager/Executive Director Biggs provided an update at a future meeting.

#### Council/Agency Member Santarina

Reported on his attendance at community events; congratulated Mr. Bautista and Mrs. Jones for the Grand Opening of the Alpha Hospice Care in which Senator Ted Lieu was the guest of honor; congratulated the leadership and members of the Carson Women's Club for the wonderful Fashion Show fundraising event; congratulated the winners of the Fil-Am Got Talent that was held at the SouthBay Pavilion organized and coordinated by Paz Velasquez and Sweeney Mae Montinola, Marketing Manager; offered kudos and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Noel Omega for organizing the Fil-Am Chamber of Commerce in the city of Carson who were active in the city of Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley; shared the same sentiments

made by Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes with respect to the fire response; concurred with City Manager/Executive Director Biggs' recognition suggestion; announced the Pacquiao/Marquez fight on November 12, 2011.

# Council/Agency Member Gipson

Agreed with City Manager/Executive Director Biggs for a one time recognition event to celebrate the efforts of everyone who were involved with the fire incident; reported on his attendance at community events and his attendance at the following events: Town Hall Meeting at the Martin Luther King Hospital with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas on Wednesday, October 26, 2011; Watts So Funny held at the WLCAC in Watts; luncheon with Senator Diane Feinstein who discussed the fight in Washington D.C. regarding foreclosures and commended her leadership; Bones and Blues at the WLCAC in Watts last Friday; 100 Black Men of Long Beach Breast Cancer Symposium Awareness for Women and Families at Houghton Park, Long Beach; Board of Directors for the African Focus Advisory Board; honored and presented a proclamation to a pastor at his appreciation service for his leadership at the Christ International Church; celebration with Josena Network, a Christian Broadcasting Station that broadcasts in Africa; commended everyone who participated and organized the Carson Women's Club Fashion Show; commended Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber for providing an abundance of food to the fire evacuees; wished everyone a nice evening and God's blessings.

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

Commended Mayor/Chairman Dear for keeping the fire evacuees calm by reassuring them that everything was going to be okay.

**RECESS:** 

The Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 9:51 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for Council Members Requests to Add Items to Future Agendas.

**RECONVENE:** 

The Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 9:56 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear

with all members previously noted present.

# **UNFINISHED/CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None)**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:56 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear and in memory of those individuals requested this evening.

	Chairman Jim Dear			
TTEST:				