



**MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2012**

5:00 P.M.

AGENDA POSTED: JANUARY 5, 2012

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:19 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, 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: None

Other Elected Officials Absent: Karen Avilla, City/Agency Treasurer (Entered at 6:00 P.M.)

Also Present: David Biggs, City Manager/ Executive Director, Lindsay Tabaian, Deputy City/ Deputy Agency Attorney; and staff:

Jackie Acosta, Administrative Services General Manager (Entered at 6:00 P.M.); Ray Cruz,

Public Services General Manager (Entered at 6:24 P.M.); Clifford Graves, Economic Development General Manager;

Lisa Berglund, Principal Administrative Analyst; Zarah Cruz, Public Information Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Duane Munson, Human Resources Officer; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary

Birthday of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Council/Agency Member Gipson announced that today was the birthday of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber and led those present in singing the birthday song to her.

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.

CLOSED SESSION (Items 1-2)

Public Comments

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

Reported that this evening's meeting was not being televised.

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs clarified that this evening's meeting was being recorded, but not televised. Upon inquiry, he discussed the purpose of this evening's special joint meeting.

Deputy City/Deputy Agency Attorney Tabain presented the Closed Session items.

ITEM NO. (1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation to which the City is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: City of Cerritos, et.al. vs. State of California, et al., Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Sacramento, Case No. 34-2011-80000952

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

ITEM NO. (2) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR - ALL GROUPS

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6, with City Manager and Administrative Services General Manager, regarding labor negotiations with AME, Carson Professionals and Supervisors Association, AFSCME Local 809, ACE, Unclassified and Unrepresented employees.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

RECESS: The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 5:25 P.M. by Mayor Chairman Dear to a Closed Session for the City Council only to discuss the items described on this evening's agenda.

RECONVENE: The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 6:22 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Deputy City/Deputy Agency Attorney Tabain 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. There was no reportable action was taken, nor was any solicited. All five members participated in the Closed Session.

Council Closed Session Item No. 2

A privileged and confidential status report was provided on ongoing negotiations. The City Council was briefed on facts and circumstances. Questions were asked and answered. There was no reportable action, nor was any solicited. All five members participated in the Closed Session.

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Item 3)

ITEM NO. (3) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-003 DETERMINING THAT THE CITY OF CARSON ELECTS TO, AND SHALL, SERVE AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34173

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-004 DETERMINING THAT THE CITY OF CARSON ELECTS TO, AND SHALL, THROUGH THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, SERVE AS THE SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BY RETAINING ITS HOUSING ASSETS AND ASSUMING ITS HOUSING FUNCTIONS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34176

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs summarized the staff report and recommendation.

Public Comments

The following persons offered comments:

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

Inquired into the status of: 1) homes on the site of The Boulevards; 2) after-school at Carson High School; 3) solar panels at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center; 4) bond proceeds; 5) quality restaurants; 6) general fund reimbursement and why mix funds.

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Inquired into the status of: 1) CDBG funding; 2) First-time Homebuyer Program; Neighborhood Pride Program; and requested that the City Council retain Economic Development General Manager Graves.

Harold Williams, 20113 Belshaw Avenue, Carson, California 90746

Inquired into the disposition of funds when property purchased as a landbank would be sold.

Upon inquiry, City Manager/Executive Director Biggs discussed the timeline of the transfer and the Oversight Board.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 12-003, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THE CITY OF CARSON ELECTS TO, AND SHALL, SERVE AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34173."
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 12-004, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THE CITY OF CARSON ELECTS TO, AND SHALL, THROUGH THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, SERVE AS THE SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BY RETAINING ITS HOUSING ASSETS AND ASSUMING ITS HOUSING FUNCTIONS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34176."

ACTION: It was moved to approve the staff recommendation on motion of Ruiz-Raber, seconded by Gipson and unanimously carried by the following voice 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

After Item No. 4, Mayor/Chairman Dear read Resolution Nos. 12-003 and 12-004 into the record by titles only.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Item 4)

ITEM NO. (4) CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR THE RELIEF EFFORTS OF THE TYPHOON SENDONG VICTIMS IN THE PHILIPPINES (CITY MANAGER)

(Council/Agency Member Gipson exited the meeting at 7:15 P.M.)

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs summarized the staff report and recommendation.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson reentered the meeting at 7:16 P.M.)

Public Comments

The following persons offered comments:

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Felt that since the City of Carson was experiencing a crisis with the Redevelopment Agency, everyone must become self-supporting.

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

Concurred with the staff recommendation and to ensure that the money goes to help the victims.

Jenny Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Concurred that everyone must become self-supporting.

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

Referred to the staff report and noted that since there was no contribution from the City of Carson, the City Council had no authority to control funds.

Joaquin (Jun) Punsalan, Jr., 109 W. 224th Place, Carson, California 90745

Discussed his request for a fee waiver for the use of Veterans Park gymnasium for relief efforts of the Typhoon Sendong victims in the Philippines.

Raul Murga, 21111 Dolores Street, Carson, California 90745

Consurred with the staff recommendation and requested that the waiver amount be provided in future reports.

City/Agency Treasurer Avilla

Discussed the administrative handling of donations for past relief efforts.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. REQUEST the City Treasurer to act as the custodian for Typhoon Sendong donations for a period of 90 days.
2. CONSIDER WAIVING FEES FOR Carson facilities needed to host a fundraiser.

ACTION: It was moved to request the City Treasurer to act as the custodian for Typhoon Sendong donations for a period of 90 days and to waive the fees for Carson facilities needed to host a fundraiser on motion of Santarina and seconded by Dear.

Amended Motion

During discussion of the motion, Mayor/Chairman Dear offered an amendment to the motion to direct the City Treasurer to dispose of proceeds raised by the fund-raising committee to a legitimate charitable group doing the work of aiding the victims in the Philippines, which was accepted by Santarina.

During discussion of the amended motion, the following comments were expressed:

Council/Agency Member Santarina

Requested that the City Treasurer coordinate the distribution of funds with one or two of the following suggested organizations: ABS-CBN Foundation; Catholic Bishops Conference for the Philippines in coordination with the International Catholic Relief for Charities; and Philippine National Red Cross with the Lanao Del Norte Association.

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Provided a copy of the appeal procedure for equipment and facility reduced fee waiver requests to City Manager Biggs and setting forth policy and procedure and requested that the City Manager bring back a policy for the fee waiver requests for special events and to provide procedures how such requests would be executed.

Joaquin (Jun) Punsalan, Jr., 109 W. 224th Place, Carson, California 90745

Reported that two fund-raising events were planned; however, there was no fee waiver for the second event to be held at the South Bay Pavilion.

City/Agency Treasurer Avilla

Stated that it was her intent to provide a report to the City Council on February 7 and discussed a timeframe within which any money with the City's name would be turned into the City Treasurer's Office and suggested that money could be turned into staff at Veterans Park for safekeeping as well.

Yolanda Punsalan, 109 W. 224th Place, Carson, California 90745

Upon inquiry, reported that payments could be made to Iligan City and Lanao Del Norte Association of Southern California, both non-profit organizations. Whereupon, City Treasurer Avilla subsequently determined that the City Treasurer's office need not act as a repository.

Substitute Motion

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes offered a substitute motion to waive the rental fees for the Veterans Park gymnasium on January 21, 2012, in the amount of \$1200; to inform the organizing committee that they would be responsible for all hard costs associated with the event, such as staff, insurance, and security, and that the fees were to be paid by the organizing committee prior to the event, which was seconded by Ruiz-Raber. Whereupon, Mayor Dear requested that the maker include that the organizing committee abide by all rules for groups which utilize City facilities, which was accepted by the maker and the second.

Council/Agency Member Gipson stated that he may not be available to attend the fund-raising event and that Mr. Punsalan could pick up a check for \$100.00 from him.

The substitute motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:29 P.M., by Mayor/Chairman Dear and in memory of Ruben A. Reyes, Jr., brother of Executive Assistant Rosemary Naval, City Council Office, at the request of Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes; and Donna Nielsen, member of the Senior Clubs, at the request of Tiny Cook, President, VIP Senior Club.

Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk/
Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Wanda Higaki