



**MINUTES  
CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

**5:00 P.M.**

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**AGENDA POSTED: FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the City Council and the regular meetings of the City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were called to order at 5:00 P.M., by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority 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/Chief Deputy Authority Secretary Higaki noted the following:

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Commissioners Present:  
Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Jim Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Housing Authority Vice Chairman Julie Ruiz-Raber, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Elito Santarina and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson

Council/Agency/Authority Members Absent:  
Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes

Other Elected Officials Present:  
Karen Avilla, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer

Other Elected Officials Absent: None

Also Present:

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

Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary/Chief Deputy Authority Secretary; and Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary

**RECESS:**

The regular meetings of the City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were Recessed at 5:30 P.M., by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear to the special meeting of the City Council.

**RECONVENE:**

The regular meetings of the City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were Reconvened at 7:45 P.M., by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary/Chief Deputy Housing Authority Secretary Higaki noted the following:

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Commissioners Present:

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

Council/Agency Members Absent: None

Other Elected Officials Present: Karen Avilla, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer

Other Elected Officials Absent: None

Also Present:

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

Jackie Acosta, Administrative Services General Manager; Cliff Graves, Economic Development General Manager (Entered at 6:12 P.M.); Ray Cruz, Public Services General Manager (Entered at 8:14 P.M.);

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

Eddie Rivero, Interim Captain, Carson Sheriff's Station

## **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

City/Agency Attorney Wynder reported that there were no Successor Agency/Housing Authority Closed Session items for consideration this evening and provided the Council Closed Session report as follows:

### **Council Closed Session Item Nos. 1, 2, and 3**

A privileged and confidential status report briefing was provided on these cases; 2) there would be hearings on all three cases in March; 3) questions were asked and answered; 4) no authority was requested; and 5) there would be briefings to the mobilehome park residents on February 29, 2012. No reportable action was solicited or taken.

### **Council Closed Session Item No. 4**

A privileged and confidential status report was provided on ongoing labor negotiations with the various represented and unrepresented groups; 2) that additional information was requested and may have a follow-up discussion tonight, if the information becomes available; and 3) questions were asked and answered. No reportable action was solicited or taken.

## **CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING 6:00 P.M.**

**FLAG SALUTE: MAYOR/AGENCY CHAIRMAN/AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN 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. The Carson Successor Agency 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 Carson Successor Agency 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**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

This item was heard at 8:29 P.M.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011 (REGULAR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY)**

The Minutes, as listed on this evening's agenda, were Approved as Submitted 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

**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.**

**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.**

After Council Item No. B, it was moved that Oral Communications – Members of the Public end at 9:00 P.M.; that any remaining speakers may speak at the end of the agenda; and that the Council/Agency/Authority address the agenda as numbered on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Jim Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Housing Authority Vice Chairman Julie Ruiz-Raber, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Elito Santarina

Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Carrie Rogers, Vice President for Business Assistance & Development for Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LACEDC), and Barbara Voss, Regional Manager, LACEDC**

Presented the City of Carson an award for its Excellence in Business Friendliness and commended the City on the many Economic Development efforts.

**Rosa Banuelos, 17700 Avalon Boulevard, Sp. 66, Carson, California 90745**

Expressed concern over limiting the time for Oral Communications.

**Charmaine Sello, 151 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745**

Invited the Council Members and the community to attend the Digital Book Mobile on February 22, 2012, 12 Noon to 6 p.m., at the Carson Main Library.

**Hans Hoogendam, 19320 Belshaw Avenue, Carson, California 90746**

Expressed concern over the lack of support from the City Council at the Opening Ceremony of the Para-Cycling World Championship held at the Home Depot Center about two weeks ago.

**Mila Boyer, 520 E. Carson Street, Sp. 40, Carson California 90745**

Offered comments about limiting the time for Oral Communications; thanked the Fire Department for offering CERT to the community; and thanked the Veterans' Commission for including in their agenda the construction of the Veterans Monument at the Sculpture Garden.

**William Davis, 17701 S. Avalon Boulevard, Sp. 227, Carson, California 90746**

Reported that there were no coyotes and only traps.

**Dr. Rita Boggs**

Referred to and discussed the restriction that matters under the jurisdiction of the City Council may be discussed during Oral Communications; however, the City Council may place such items on future agendas.

**Janice Schaefer, 21111 Dolores Street, Sp. 62, Carson, California 90745**

Expressed the support of the community of naming the Council Chambers in honor of Helen Kawagoe now.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber clarified that the Del Amo Overpass was not the property of the City of Carson.

**Raul Murga, 21111 Dolores Street, Sp. 189, Carson, California 90745**

Offered comments in support of naming the Council Chambers in honor of Helen Kawagoe.

**Tiny Cook, Carson Harbor Village, 17701 S. Avalon Boulevard, Sp. 197, Carson, California 90746**

Produced photographs of coyotes at Carson Harbor Village that will be provided to the City Council.

**Ronald Shimokaji, 1502 E. Carson Street, Space No. 135, Carson, California 90745**

Agreed that the Council Chambers should be named in honor of Helen Kawagoe now and observed that the same people supported the naming of a street in The Boulevards after Mayor Dear.

**NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Item 1)**

These items are considered to be routine items of Carson Successor Agency business and have, therefore, been placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR. If Carson Successor Agency 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)      CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 12-02-CSA ADOPTING THE AMENDED ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND THE INITIAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34169 (ABX1 26) (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

RECOMMENDATION for the Carson Successor Agency:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 12-02-CSA, "A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE AMENDED ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND THE INITIAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION SCHEDULE, AS SET FORTH IN HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34169 (ABX1 26)."

ACTION: Item No. 1 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina 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

**RECESS:** After Item No. 1, the Successor Agency was Recessed at 9:25 P.M., by Chairman Dear to the City Council New Business Consent Calendar.

**RECOVENE:** The City Council was Reconvened at 9:25 P.M. by Mayor Dear to the City Council for the New Business Consent Calendar.

**DEMANDS (None)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)**

**NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (None)**

**RECONVENE:** The City Council and Successor Agency was Reconvened at 10:51 P.M., for a joint session with the Housing Authority by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present for remaining Oral Communications.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS I (STAFF)**

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

### **Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson**

Emma C. Nares  
Loriana "Angel" Johnson

### **Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear**

Steve Newburg, Associate Planner, Economic Development Workgroup

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson subsequently referred to the passing of Steve Newburg and announced that the City of Carson had lost a family member and offered his condolences to his family.

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

Sharon Cantlope, Queen Mother, Ladies of Favor, Carson Chapter, and F.O.F.C.C. member

### **Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Santarina**

Asuncion "Mary" Corpuz

### **Public Services General Manager Cruz**

John Michael Swanson, cousin of Public Services General Manager Cruz

### **City/Agency/Authority Treasurer Karen Avilla**

Reported that she had attended and/or participated in the following activities:

- Board Meeting of NALEO in Washington, D.C., on February 7-8, 2012;
- Gala honoring the Honorable Ed Roybal; and
- Extended an invitation to Mercedes Marquez, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD, to hold a housing meeting in the City of Carson

(Council/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson exited and reentered the meeting at 10:49 P.M.)

## **ORAL COMMUNICATION II (COUNCIL/AGENCY)**

### **Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear**

Offered the following oral communications:

- Attended the following events: 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party of Mrs. Anna Arioso, sister of Marcelino Ines; NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks Awards Ceremony, at the Holiday Inn, Harbor Gateway; monthly Library Commission meeting on February 15, 2012; ribbon cutting ceremony for

ARB Structures; meeting with the coordinator for the Para-Olympics at the Holiday Inn, Long Beach; party in honor of the Mayor and City Council hosted by Chidi Metu, Utility Users' Tax Budget Oversight Commission, on February 17, 2012; and the ribbon cutting ceremony for E-Cosway and was joined by Council Member Davis-Holmes.

- Acknowledged the Presidents' Day holiday and extended his greetings to everyone;
- Gave the welcome speech to the Los Angeles County Association of Black Administrators, Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center; and
- Subsequently announced that the Carson Chamber of Commerce would be holding the Business Expo at the Carson Community Center on Thursday, February 23, 2012.

**Council/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Santarina**

Offered the following oral communications:

- Thanked City staff for the excellent job they have been doing for the City of Carson; congratulated Mr. Tony Ballesteros, President, Southern California Mapua Alumni, for a successful event for the Mapua Institute of Technology (MIT), Manila, Philippines; attended the NAACP event held on February 11, 2012; and attended the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Mrs. Anna Arioso.
- Subsequently announced that Dr. Keith Curry, Compton Community College District, would like to provide an update on the college redistricting issue to the City Council; whereupon, City Manager/Executive Director Biggs suggested that Dr. Curry contact him for placement on a future agenda.

**Council/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes**

Offered the following oral communications:

- Clarified that the previous reference to the Utility Users' Tax Oversight Commission was not accurate since it was a committee and not a commission;
- Congratulated the City of Carson African American Empowerment Coalition on their Black History Program at the South Bay Pavilion; and
- Announced that the faith-based organizations were sponsoring a re-entry program in Carson and would be providing a presentation to the City Council.

Provided the following directions to staff:

- Reported that she had attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at E-Cosway in the South Bay Pavilion by coincidence because she happened to be in the mall, noted the attendance of Mayor Dear, and expressed concern that Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber, Council Member Gipson, and she were not notified, and requested that all members be informed in the future;
- Reported and expressed concern that she had received complaints from residents over four-day closures of Carson City Hall from Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holiday Mondays due to holidays and acknowledged that holiday leave credit was arranged for Cesar Chavez Day only; and reminded staff to provide recommendations for consideration by the City Council;
- Referred to the \$100,000 dollar investment from Choura Events and requested information about the remodeling of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center; and
- Requested information with respect to the operation of the speaker queue screen display.

**Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Chairman Pro Tem/Authority Chairman Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber**

Offered the following oral communications:



- Reported that she had attended the State Democratic Convention and Senior Caucus and learned that Dolores Huerta, who marched with Cesar Chavez, was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and Congressman John Garamendi;
- Announced, at the request of Frances Cottrell, Scholarship Chairperson, Carson Women's Club, that applications for donations to the Scholarship Fund were available; also, to contact Chairperson Cottrell regarding scholarship requirements;
- Announced that the AARP Carson Chapter meets on the first Monday of each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center, and that the March meeting will be about women's health issues; encouraged those eligible to join for \$5 per year;
- Attended the Nigerian Party in honor of the entire City Council hosted by Mr. Metu and that Council Member Davis-Holmes and Council Member Gipson were also in attendance; whereupon, she briefly discussed the difference between grandstanding versus sharing the limelight.
- Announced that Senior Service Center also offers free tax assistance to seniors.

**Council/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson**

Offered the following oral communications:

- Reported that he had attended numerous events, including the event hosted by Mr. Metu;
- Spoke in honor of the Black Probation Officers Association of Los Angeles County, whose keynote speaker was Dr. Tommy Smith, 1968 Olympic Gold Medalist, 200-Meter Race, Mexico City, whose silent gesture resulted in being stripped of his medal and whose victory stand was a commitment to breaking color barriers;
- Attended the California State Democratic Convention and a number of his colleagues were present;
- Acknowledged the accomplishment of California State Attorney General Kamala Harris and discussed the landmark settlement reached on the subprime lending and banking issue after months of negotiation between 49 state attorneys general and the federal government;
- Acknowledged the interest of President Barack Obama and Congresswoman Karen Bass and reported that a town hall meeting and workshop for student loan borrowers to assist college graduates in need of guidance with current loans; and
- Announced that the "Free 2012 Income Tax Preparation Family Assistance Service," sponsored by Jerome E. Horton, State Board of Equalization, would be held at 10:00 A.M., on February 25, 2012, at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

**Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear**

AT 11:22 P.M., inquired whether there were any objections to continue on with this evening's agenda, with no objections heard.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS**

This item was heard at 11:25 P.M.

**A. MAYOR DEAR REQUESTS A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "BAN THE BOX" PROGRAM.**

- B. COUNCILMEMBER SANTARINA REQUESTS SUPPORTING AN INITIATIVE REPEALING THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
- C. COUNCILMEMBER SANTARINA REQUESTS SUPPORTING AN INITIATIVE PROHIBITING ABORTIONS FOR FEMALES UNDER 18 WITHOUT PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND WAITING PERIOD
- D. COUNCILMEMBER GIPSON REQUESTS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADULT EDUCATION AS PART OF THE LAUSD THAT IS AT RISK
- E. COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS-HOLMES REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DAY AND TIME EACH MONTH FOR CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION OF CEREMONIAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
- F. COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS-HOLMES REQUESTS AN ITEM OPPOSING TO THE 10 PERCENT REDUCTION OF MEDI-CAL PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT RATES

ACTION: It was moved to add Item Nos. A, B, C, D, E, and F to future agendas on motion of Dear and seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Jim Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Housing Authority Vice Chairman Julie Ruiz-Raber, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Elito Santarina

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**RECESS:** The City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were Recessed at 11:31 P.M., by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear to Closed Session to discuss the items described on this evening's City Council agenda only.

**RECONVENE:** The City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were Reconvened at 11:45 P.M., by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman, with all members previously noted present, except Davis-Holmes and Gipson absent.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioners Davis-Holmes and Gipson reentered the meeting at 11:46 P.M.)

## **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

### **Council Closed Session Item No. 4**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Wynder reported that City Council concluded its earlier commencement of a Closed Session to discuss labor negotiation issues with the various collective bargaining unions. One or more Council Members requested additional financial analysis and data; the requested financial analysis and data was provided; staff made a negotiating recommendation; and the City Council unanimously approved that recommendation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:45 P.M., by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear and in memory of the individuals requested this evening.

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Agency Chairman Jim Dear

ATTEST:

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Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Wanda Higaki