



**MINUTES
CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2012**

5:00 P.M.

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AGENDA POSTED: MARCH 16, 2012

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CALL TO ORDER: The meetings of the City Council, Successor Agency, and Housing Authority were called to order at 5:03 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: City Clerk/ Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause 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 Davis-Holmes; Council
Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson; and Council
Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Elito Santarina

Council/Agency/Authority Members Absent: None

Other Elected Officials Present:
Donesia Gause, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary

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

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

Clifford Graves, Economic Development General Manager;

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

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

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Wynder presented the Closed Session items for the City Council only.

RECESS: The City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were recessed at 5:06 P.M.,
by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear to a Closed Session to discuss
the items described on this evening's City Council agenda.

RECONVENE: The City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were reconvened at 6:09
P.M., by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause 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 Davis-
Holmes; Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson;
and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Elito Santarina

Council/Agency/Authority Members Absent: None

Other Elected Officials Present:
Donesia Gause, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary

Other Elected Officials Absent:
Karen Avilla, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer (Entered at 6:22 P.M.)

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

Clifford Graves, Economic Development General Manager; Jacquelyn Acosta, Administrative Services General Manager; and Raymond Cruz, Public Services General Manager;

Lisa Berglund, Principal Administrative Analyst; Trini Catbagan, Finance Officer; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Sheri Repp-Loadsman, Planning Officer; Margie Revilla-Garcia, Public Information Analyst; Kim Sao, Accounting Manager; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; Raymond Velasco, Public Works Program Administrator; and Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes reentered the meeting at 6:10 P.M.)

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

Council Item No. 1

No reportable action was taken nor was any solicited; all members participated in the Closed Session.

Council Item No. 2

No reportable action was taken nor was any solicited; all members participated in the Closed Session.

Council Item No. 3

No reportable action was taken nor was any solicited; all members participated in the Closed Session.

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

FLAG SALUTE: KAMERON ANDREWS, WILDER PREPARATORY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

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. In doing so, 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: **MAJOR JOHNSON, BREAD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER**

RECESS: The Successor Agency and Housing Authority were Recessed at 6:18 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear to the City Council for Approval of Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

This item was heard after Council Item No. 18 at 10:06 P.M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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: Chairman Dear, Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Agency Member Davis-Holmes, Agency Member Gipson, and 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.

RECONVENE: After Council Item No. B, the Successor Agency and Housing Authority were Reconvened at 6:33 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present, for Oral Communications – Members of the Public.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

This is the appropriate time for members of the general public to address the **Council on items not on the posted Agenda but are items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council.** 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 other than to place it on the Agenda for a future meeting if appropriate.**

This item was heard at 6:33 P.M.

Glenn White, 750 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745

Referred to and discussed city expenses and the use of phones.

Frances D. Cottrell, 19302 S. Cliveden Avenue, Carson, California 90746

Announced that donations were being accepted for the Scholarship Fund, Carson Women's Club.

Jennifer Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Announced that today was the first day of Spring and hoped that things would get better for the City of Carson.

Patricia Elkins, Stormwater Quality Program Manager, Development Services, City of Carson

Announced that the Keep Carson Beautiful event would be held on April 21, 2012, and invited the public to sign up for the event.

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Presented a photograph to Mayor Dear with Helen Kawagoe, retired city clerk; Jenny Vazquez, and herself.

William Davis, 17701 S. Avalon Boulevard, No. 227, Carson, California 90746

Discussed his support for veterans.

RECESS: After Oral Communications – Members of the Public, the Successor Agency was Recessed at 6:47 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear to the Housing Authority for Item No. 1.

RECONVENE: After Council Item No. 18, the Successor Agency was Reconvened at 10:06 P.M. by Chairman Dear for Approval of Minutes.

RECESS: The meeting stood in recess after Council Item No. 16 / Agency Item No. 2 were heard in joint session at 10:38 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (None)

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

RECONVENE: After Council Item No. 21, the Successor Agency was Reconvened at 12:17 A.M., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Agency Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present except Santarina absent, for Successor Agency Item No. 1.

DEMANDS (Item 1)

ITEM NO. (1) RESOLUTION NO. 12-05-CSA RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PREVIOUSLY PAID BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF CARSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$798,538.00, DEMAND NUMBERS SA-001016 THROUGH SA-001027

This item was heard at 12:17 A.M., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 12-05-CSA was PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Dear, Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Agency Member Davis-Holmes, and
Agency Member Gipson
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Agency Member Santarina

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Item 2)

**ITEM NO. (2) PRESENTATION OF THE JUNE 30, 2011, COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

THIS IS A JOINT AGENDA ITEM WITH COUNCIL ITEM NO. 16

This item was heard in joint session with the City Council at 10:38 P.M.

Peggy McBride, representing Vasquez & Associates, provided a brief report on the audited financial statements of the City of Carson for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

City/Agency Treasurer Avilla reported that the City Treasurer was an integral part in the audit process, which was acknowledged and affirmed by the City Council.

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs reported that Administrative Services General Manager Acosta, the City's independent auditor, and City/Agency Treasurer Avilla will be involved in the audit process.

RECOMMENDATION for the Successor Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

1. HEAR a presentation from the City's outside, independent auditor on the City's financial results for FY 2010/11.
2. RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Mayor/Chairman Dear ordered that Item No. 16 be received and filed with no objections heard.

RECONVENE: After Successor Agency Item No. 1, the Housing Authority was Reconvened at 12:18 A.M., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, for a joint session with the City Council and Successor Agency by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present except Santarina absent, for remaining Oral Communications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS I (STAFF)

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

Mrs. Edythe M. Castro, wife of George Castro, City Photographer.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear

Alfred Lee Cain, Sr., close friend of the Cottrell Family; and Arthur L. Solorzano, husband of retired employee Carmen Solorzano and father of Monica Solorzano Chan, Assistant Event Coordinator, Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center.

Council/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes

Chief Chinwuba Umeadi

Council/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson

Reverend Eugene Williams, III, Senior Pastor, Prophetic Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, and Harout Hadjinian, father of Council Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello.

Council/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Santarina

Alfredo Diaz, family member of Mrs. Anita Santarina, and Bert Ostrea, friend of Council Member Santarina.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson exited the meeting at 12:20 A.M., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.)

City/Agency/Authority Treasurer Avilla

Reported that she had attended the National Leagues of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson reentered the meeting at 12:21 A.M., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS II (COUNCIL/AGENCY)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear

Discussed the following oral communications:

- Visited retired City Clerk Helen Kawagoe and reported that she continues to heal.
- FPPC Panel voted 3-to-2 that there was no conflict to serve on boards.
- Attendance at community events.
- Integrity of recording meetings.

- Bridging the Gap, a free event, would be taking place on April 14, 2012, 9:00 A.M., CSUDH, LaCorte Hall A. Attendees should park in Parking Lot 6 and pay a \$4.00 fee.
- Bus community has donated to the City for the Parent Conference and that City Treasurer Avilla will be managing the donations.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson exited the meeting at 12:45 A.M., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, and reentered the meeting at 12:46 A.M., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.)

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

Discussed the following oral communications:

- Attended the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Attendance at community events.
- Cesar Chavez Day celebration will be taking place on March 31, 2012, from 1-5 P.M., and acknowledged and thanked Price Transfer for the first donation check.
- Welcomed City Clerk Donesia Gause.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear exited and reentered the meeting at 12:53 A.M., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.)

Council/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson

Discussed the following oral communications:

- Renovation of the Double Tree Hotel.
- Attended the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C.; HELO Board of Directors meeting and announced that City Treasurer Avilla serves as President; Council Member Ruiz-Raber, Treasurer, on the HELO Board of Directors; National Black Caucus; and Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials (APAMO).
- Attended community events.
- Women's Conference will be taking place on June 14, 2012, at CSUDH.

Council/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes

Discussed the following oral communications:

- AIDS Awareness Day at Carson High School.
- Recognition of the Women of Carson at the first meeting in April.
Congratulated Al Austin on his election victory as Long Beach City Councilman, 8th District.

Additional Oral Communications (After Council Item No. A)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes

- Referred to and announced an e-mail request from Interim Captain Rivero requesting prayers for Deputy Martinez.
- Reported that Ruben Belisle, Recreation Center Supervisor II, was back at work.
- Requested prayers for Natalie Cisneros who was very ill.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson

- Congratulated City Manager Biggs on his six-month' anniversary on March 26, 2012.
- Congratulated City Clerk Donesia Gause on her appointment.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear

- Expressed his appreciation to staff and those in attendance this evening.

UNFINISHED/CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None)

ADJOURNMENT

The meetings of the City Council, Successor Agency, and Housing Authority were Adjourned at 1:02 A.M., on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear and in memory of those requested this evening with Santarina absent.

Agency Chairman Jim Dear

ATTEST:

Agency Secretary Donesia L. Gause