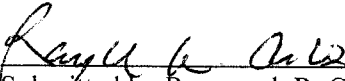


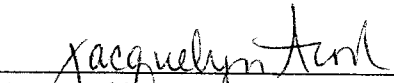


City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

July 2, 2013
New Business Discussion

SUBJECT: CONSIDER EXTENDING THE FEE WAIVER FOR THE USE OF THE CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER AT CARSON FOR ASOCIACION CULTURAL DE SOUTH BAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES MARIACHI ACADEMY, APOLLO WEST PLAYERS, AND SOPHISTICATED DANCE


Submitted by Raymond R. Cota
Director of Community Services


Approved by Jacquelyn Acosta
Acting City Manager

I. SUMMARY

On June 6, 2012, the City Council voted to waive fees for the use of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson (Community Center) for three community groups that previously received funding by the City Council through the City's Cultural Arts Commission (Exhibit No.1). The fee waiver was provided in order to assist these groups with holding rehearsals, meetings, and their fundraising efforts. The term of the fee waiver was for all of Fiscal Year 2012/13. Tonight, the City Council is asked to provide direction to staff regarding whether to continue waiving the fees for the use of the Community Center for these three groups for Fiscal Year 2013/14.

II. RECOMMENDATION

DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The City of Carson has provided funding for fine arts programming through the Cultural Arts Commission since the 1980s. With the City's budget challenges, this program was suspended until a time when it would be financially feasible for the City to restart the program. In the interim, on June 6, 2012 the City Council voted to waive fees for use of the Community Center for three groups that had received funding in prior years: Asociacion Cultural de South Bay of Greater Los Angeles Mariachi Academy (Mariachi Academy of Carson), Apollo West Carson Players, and Sophisticated Dance. This action was taken in order to assist these groups with their fundraising activities, as well as to hold meetings and rehearsals.

Tonight, the City Council is asked to provide direction to staff regarding whether to extend this fee waiver for all of Fiscal Year 2013/14.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

Should the fee waiver be extended, the estimated revenue loss is \$16,322.25

| Organization | Fees |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Mariachi Academy of Carson | \$5,700.00 |
| Apollo West Players | \$2,286.25 |
| Sophisticated Dance | \$8,336.00 |
| TOTAL | \$16,322.25 |

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Minutes, June 6, 2012. (pg. 3)

Prepared by: Regina Ramirez, Community Center Supervisor

TO: Rev06-19-2013

Reviewed by:

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| City Clerk | City Treasurer |
| Administrative Services | Public Works |
| Community Development | Community Services |

Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____

ITEM NO. (15) CONSIDER EXTENDING THE FEE WAIVER FOR THE USE OF
THE CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD
COMMUNITY CENTER AT CARSON FOR ASOCIACION
CULTURAL DE SOUTH BAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES
MARIACHI ACADEMY, APOLLO WEST PLAYERS, AND
SOPHISTICATED DANCE (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Item No. 15 was heard after Item No. 23 at 8:02 P.M.

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

Public Comments:

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Offered comments in support of granting the fee waiver to the Mariachi Academy of Carson.

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

Offered comments in support of granting the fee waivers to the Mariachi Academy of Carson, Apollo West Players, and Sophisticated Dance.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. PROVIDE direction to staff regarding whether to continue the fee waiver for the use of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson for the Mariachi Academy of Carson, Apollo West Players, and Sophisticated Dance for Fiscal Year 2012/13.

ACTION: It was moved to extend for another year the fee waiver for the use of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson for the Mariachi Academy of Carson, Apollo West Players, and Sophisticated Dance for Fiscal Year 2012/13 on motion of Dear and seconded by Ruiz-Raber.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber recognized the cultural groups who were present.

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING/RECOMMENDATIONS

Description of Vote:

Maker/Second Ayes/Noes/Abstain/Absent

Legend:

JD: Dear

ES: Santarina

DH: Davis-Holmes

MG: Gipson

AR: Robles

| ITEM NO. | ORD. NO. | TITLE | DISPOSITION |
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| 24 | 13-1521 | AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 170-13 CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 20795 S. MAIN STREET (APN 7336003029) FROM ML-ORL-D TO CG-ORL-D | Introduced: 6/18/13 Item No. 25 ES/MG 5/0 |
| 25 | 13-1522 | AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTIONS 4211 TO 4211.9 ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 2, OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIONG TO ALCHOL CONSUMPTION BY MINORS | Introduced: 6/18/13 Item No. 36 ES/DH 5/0 |
| 26 | 13-1523 | AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE PROCESS OF REMOVAL FROM VARIOUS COMMISSIONS | Introduced: 6/18/13 Item No. 31 AR/ES 5/0 |