



**MINUTES
CITY OF CARSON
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
701 EAST CARSON STREET
CARSON, CA 90745**

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DECEMBER 18, 2012

5:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER:

The meetings of the City Council, Successor Agency, and Housing Authority were called to order at 5:04 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/Authority Vice Chairman Julie Ruiz-Raber, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Elito Santarina

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Commissioners Absent:

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson

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

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

Also Present:

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

Lisa Berglund, Principal Civil Engineer; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Cedrick Hicks, Recreation Superintendent; Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk; and Glen Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician

CLOSED SESSION (Item 1) 5:00 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.

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

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. 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: SoCal Mobile Food Vendors Assoc. v. City of Carson, Case No. TC026919 Los Angeles County Superior Court- South Central District.

ACTION: Item No. 1 is related to Item No. 19.

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 agenda.

RECONVENE: The City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were Reconvened at 6:13 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, including Gipson.

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/Authority Vice Chairman Julie Ruiz-Raber, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Elito Santarina

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Commissioners Absent: (None)

Other Elected Officials Present:

Donesia Gause, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary and Karen Avila, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer

Other Elected Officials Absent: None

Also Present:

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

Clifford Graves, Director of Community Development; Jacquelyn Acosta, Director of Administrative Services; Farrokh Abolfathi, Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Eddie Rivero, Captain, Carson Sheriff's Station; Lisa Berglund, Principal Administrative Analyst; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Glen Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; Cedrick Hicks, Recreation Superintendent; and Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

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

Council Closed Session Item No. 1

Provided a privileged and confidential status report; questions were asked and answered; no reportable action was taken nor was any solicited; all members participated in the Closed Session item.

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

FLAG SALUTE: AALIYAH GATLIN, NEW MILLENNIUM SECONDARY 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: **PASTOR KARLA ABREU, ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH OF GOD**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (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 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 Agency on items not on the posted Agenda but are items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the 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 Agency other than to place it on the Agenda for a future meeting if appropriate.

This item was heard at 8:11 P.M.

Rhonda Dixon

Invited the Carson community to attend the Dixon Recovery Institute Open House event to be held on December 20, 2013 at 500 East Carson Plaza Drive from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber entered the meeting at 8:14 P.M.

Dr. Rita Boggs

Petitioned the City Council to allow audience members the opportunity to speak during introductions and public presentations.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson agreed that the audience should have the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers during introductions.

Tiny Cook

Presented a brief report on the Senior Citizen Winter Christmas Party.

Terri Forsythe

Petitioned the City Council to consider conducting workshops to help teachers protect their students.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Jim Dear directed the City Manager to discuss the concept of a public taskforce with Compton Unified School District and Los Angeles Unified School District.

Ron Shimokoji

Stated that in response to the action taken on Item No. 18 he proposed that the City Council ask state legislatures to repeal the portion of the government code that allows the elected mayor to make all appointments.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Jim Dear asked Mr. Shimokoji if he owns a firearm.

Mr. Shimokoji replied affirmatively.

Council Member/Authority Commissioner/Agency Member Davis Holmes requested that Item Nos. 22 & 19 be considered before New Business Consent.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Jim Dear made a request to move up Item Nos. 15 & 3. The Mayor also asked if there were any time sensitive items wherein staff needs to conduct a staff report.

City Manager/David Biggs cited Nos. 11, 12, 14 & 16.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Jim Dear asked Council Member/Authority Commissioner/Agency Member Davis Holmes if they could vote on items not removed from consent with no comments from the public.

Council Member/Authority Commissioner/Agency Member Davis Holmes replied affirmatively.

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Items 1-2)

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.

ITEM NO. (1) CONSIDERATION OF MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT (AGENCY TREASURER)

THIS IS A JOINT AGENDA ITEM WITH CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY ITEM NO. 1 AND CARSON CITY COUNCIL ITEM NO. 2.

RECOMMENDATION for the Successor Agency:

1. RECEIVE and FILE.

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: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Santarina

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ITEM NO. (2) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VANIR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. 1223: CARSON PARK MASTER PLAN (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)

RECOMMENDATION for the Successor Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the Carson Successor Agency and Vanir Construction Management, Inc., for the additional construction management time and construction inspection services needed to complete Project No. 1223: Carson Park Master Plan, for a negotiated fee not-to-exceed \$166,882.00.
2. APPROPRIATE \$166,882.00 from the unreserved, undesignated Carson Successor Agency fund balance, to augment the amount currently budgeted for Project No. 1223: Carson Park Master Plan.
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the Carson Successor Agency and Vanir Construction Management, Inc., after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 2 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Santarina

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

DEMANDS (Item 3)

ITEM NO. (3) RESOLUTION NO. 12-28-CSA RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,000.07, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001219 THROUGH SA-001221

Successor Agency Item No. 3 was heard at 12:10 A.M. 12/19/12 after City Council Item No. 24.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 12-28-CSA was APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Santarina

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (None)

Any person wishing to testify is requested to complete a speaker card, available on the podium in the Council Chambers. **TESTIMONY WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON.** Any subject of controversy will be limited to a total of fifteen minutes of testimony per side; those wishing to address the Agency/Council are requested to select three speakers to represent your opinion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Item 4)

**ITEM NO. (4) CONSIDER THE STATUS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY ABX1 26
IMPLEMENTATION (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)**

This item was heard after Successor Agency Item No. 3.

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs summarized the staff report.

Director of Community Development Graves provided additional information.

RECOMMENDATION for the Successor Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the draft Carson Successor Agency Due Diligence Report.
2. RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation Nos. 1 and 2 on motion by Dear, seconded by Gipson and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Santarina

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS I (STAFF)

At 12:16 A.M., on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, City Clerk/Authority Secretary/Agency Secretary Gause requested that this evening's meetings be adjourned in memory of the following persons:

Yvonne Kennedy, Jenny Rivera, Tanya Alexander, Diane Comeaux, Mila De Lara, Senator Daniel Inonge, Steve Newberg, Melanie Dawn Bawolski, Kay Calas, Bill Perry, James Jordan and Isabella Meni.

City Clerk/Authority Secretary/Agency Secretary Gause

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

City/Authority/Agency Treasurer Avilla

Wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs

Announced that City Hall would be closed at the end of the day Thursday, December 20, 2012; reopened on Wednesday December 26, 2012; and closed on January 1, 2013. The first City Council meeting will not be held until January 15, 2013.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS II (AGENCY)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes

Offered the following oral communications:

- Wished the residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Commended the Sophisticated Dads on a job well done.
- Congratulated Mr. Hicks and his staff for an outstanding Christmas Showcase.

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

Offered the following oral communications:

- Stated that she attended the following events: Senior Winter Holiday Party, swearing in ceremony for three African American women at New Philadelphia African Methodist Episcopal Church, Toy Drive benefiting the children of challenged families, Isabelle Minnie's services.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear

Offered the following oral communications:

- Planning a reception/swearing in ceremony for Congresswoman Janice Hahn, Assemblyman Isadore Hall, Water Replenishment District Albert Robles and Senator Roderick Wright to be held on January 17, 2013.
- Reported that he attended the Colony Cove meeting, Senior Winter Holiday Party, Carson Gardens Annual Christmas Party, family service for Isabelle Minnie, Delta Sigma Theta Fashion Revue and Luncheon, Carson Tree Lighting Ceremony, Carson Women's Club meeting and several other events.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Santarina

Offered the following oral communications:

- Congratulated Ms. Zee for creating the Street Shop in the City of Carson
- Reported attending the Senior Holiday Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

- Reminded City Manager/Executive Director Biggs to assign staff members to coordinate with the chief of staff Dr. Richard Vladovic to discuss strategic plans to collaborate with the schools, PTAs, and school officials.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson

Offered the following oral communications:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.
- Announced that he was looking forward to progress in the New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:37 A.M., on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear and in memory of those requested this evening.