



**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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APRIL 16, 2013

5:00 P.M.

AGENDA POSTED: APRIL 12, 2013

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CALL TO ORDER:

The meetings of the City Council, Successor Agency, and Housing Authority were called to order at 5:06 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, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Lula Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Albert Robles

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Commissioners Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Elito Santarina (Excused Absence), Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson (Entered at 6:02 P.M.)

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; Trini Catbagan, Finance Officer; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Sheri Repp-Loadsman, Planning Officer; Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk; and Glen Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician

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

RECESS: The City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were Recessed at 5:08 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 6:19 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear with all members present, except Santarina.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/ Authority Secretary Gause noted the following:

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Commissioners Present:

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Jim Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Albert Robles

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Commissioners Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Elito Santarina (Excused Absence), Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Lula Davis-Holmes (Entered at 6:21 P.M.)

Other Elected Officials Present: Donesia Gause, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, 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; Raymond Cruz, Director of Community Services, Farrokh Abolfathi, Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Glen Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk

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 7:22 P.M.

Public Comments

Barbara Post

Commended the Mayor and City Council for asking pertinent questions and working with Carousel Tract residents.

Stephanie Piazza

Articulated the concerns of Carousel residents with regard to the perceived failure of the Regional Water Board to respond to their concerns of pollution in their neighborhood.

Dr. Rita Boggs

Petitioned the City Council to add Dr. Lauren Pinter Brown, a physician at UCLA, to the expert witness panel to address the problems of benzene. She indicated that residents were told that this group did not have the authority to move the residents out from that site that had to come from the EPA. She stated that the people that would be most affected by this is the children.

Bob Bocoeh

Asserted that the Regional Water Control Board in the administrative law branch of the government has hindered the process and has actually become the problem. What makes the Carousel Tract so unique in the state of California is that people are living on a cleanup and abatement order site. He stated that very early on in the process, all property owners were issued 'no contact' letters with just the surface soils and every single home sub slab sample has indicated elevated levels of benzene and methane. He cited a broken system that needs to be fixed and that he is looking forward to May 7, 2013.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear directed staff to coordinate with the Water Quality Control Board, Barbara Post, and Bob Bocoeh to conduct a special City Council meeting one or two weeks from today to address these issues.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes asked that Mr. Bocoeh address the usefulness of the nuisance lawsuit. Mr. Bocoeh affirmed that the lawsuit demonstrated community unity to the courts and was very appropriate.

Paul Randall

Argued against the hiring of another city manager due to budget constraints and the loss of redevelopment funds.

Harry Dube

Petitioned park management officials to stop harassing senior citizens to remove their sheds.

Modesto Pulido

Invited the City Council to attend the Women's Club Special Concert to be held Sunday, April 28, 2013 in the Carson Community Center from 3p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Johan Schilling

Petitioned the City Council to address the dilapidated fence in his backyard at 1808 Helmick Street, Carson.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear referred Mr. Schilling to the City Manager.

Larry Shimokoji, Chairman of the Beautification Committee

Invited the City Council to participate in a cleanup event scheduled for April 27, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dominguez Channel near the Good Year blimp station. He also invited the City Council to attend the Eco-Fair scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013.

Olivia Verett

Disputed any rumors that would suggest the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is a discriminatory organization.

Mary Anne O'Neal

Requested that the Mayor and City Council and staff buy a total of two tables to support the 7th Annual Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles announced that he would buy two tables at the event.

Haus Hogendaus

Cordially invited the City Council to attend Queens Day scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2013.

Dorothy Dominguez

Requested speed bumps or stop signs on Martin Street and Water Street to slow down traffic. She also invited the City Council to attend the Stroke Center Reunion to be held Friday, May 3, 2013 at 12 noon in the Carson Community Center Hall. Tickets are \$15.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes requested the procedure for installing speed bumps.

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs notified Councilperson Davis Holmes that the budget for speed bumps was suspended through the budgetary process; however staff can evaluate the use of stop signs because those are less expensive.

Mila Boyer

Invited City Council to attend the book sale event at the library on April 18-20, 2013.

Robert Lesley

Declared that the NAACP is not a racist organization. He further commented on the Water Quality Control Board's presentation, citing it inexcusable that the Board would provide a unilateral report from Shell Oil Company to this City Council.

Marvin Clayton, Executive Director for the Apollo West Carson Players

Asked the City Council to verify whether or not Fair Housing was previously funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the category of public service activities.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear asked the City Manager to verify whether or not Fair Housing was funded under public service activities in previous years' budgets.

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs explained that CDBG fund allocations are dropping and that a public hearing would be held May 7, 2013 to address this issue in detail.

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 CITY COUNCIL ITEM NO. 3
AND CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY ITEM NO. 1**

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 Robles and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Commissioner Robles

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina

ITEM NO. (2) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CWS SYSTEMS, INC., FOR PROJECT NO. 1223: CARSON PARK MASTER PLAN (PUBLIC WORKS)

This item was heard after Item No. 22 under the City Council agenda.

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs summarized the staff report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles asked why these changes are being requested so late in the season.

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs stated that the loss of redevelopment allowed staff to add these elements to make use of monies that they would otherwise not be able to make use of on projects of local benefit.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles requested a tour of the park.

RECOMMENDATION for the Successor Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the First Amendment to the Construction Contract between the Carson Successor Agency and CWS Systems, Inc., for the additional scope of work to include the improvements requested by the Recreation and Human Services Division which are necessary to complete Project No. 1223: Carson Park Master Plan, for a negotiated fee not-to-exceed \$822,000.00.
2. AUTHORIZE the Agency Chairman to execute the First Amendment to the Construction Contract between the Carson Successor Agency and CWS Systems, Inc., after approval as to form by the Agency Counsel.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff's recommendation Item No. 1 and 2 on motion by Dear, seconded by Robles and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Commissioner Robles
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina

DEMANDS (Item 3)

ITEM NO. (3) RESOLUTION NO. 13-08-CSA RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$770,837.46, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001257 THROUGH SA-001260

This item was heard after Item No. 2 at 11:23 P.M.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 13-08-CSA was APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion by Dear, seconded by Robles and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Commissioner Robles
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina

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 (NONE)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS I (STAFF)

City Clerk/Authority Secretary/Agency Secretary Gause

Requested that this evening's meetings be adjourned in memory of the following persons:

John Manley
Deborah R. Lord
Jennifer Adams-Brooks
Lena Mae Hart
Janet I. Roberts
Cecilia L. Moore
Mr. Thorton
Victims of the Boston bombing

City Manager/Executive Director Biggs

Offered the following oral communications/announcements:

- Announced the official re-opening of Carson Park as part of Carson's 45th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS II (AGENCY) (NONE)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:26 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear and in memory of those requested this evening.