



**MINUTES
CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2013**

5:00 P.M.

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

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AGENDA POSTED: JULY 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 5:54 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 Donesia 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 Elito Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Commissioners Absent:

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Albert Robles

Other Elected Officials Present:

Donesia Gause, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary

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

Also Present:

William Wynder, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; Jacquelyn Acosta, Acting City Manager

Clifford Graves, Director of Community Development; Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk; Raymond Cruz, Director of Community Services; Farrokh Abolfathi, Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Lisa Berglund, Principal Administrative Analyst; Sheri Repp-Loadsman, Planning Officer; Richard Garland, Traffic Engineer

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

RECESS: The City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were Recessed at 5:55 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear to a Closed Session to discuss the items described in Closed Session.

RECONVENE: The City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority were Reconvened at 6:56 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear with all members present.

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 Elito Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Albert Robles

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

Other Elected Officials Present: Donesia Gause, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary; Karen Avilla, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer

Other Elected Officials Absent: (None)

Also Present:

William Wynder, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; Jacquelyn Acosta, Acting City Manager

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REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

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

City Council

1. The City's negotiating team presented a privileged and confidential status report on ongoing negotiations; requested and was unanimously given further negotiating authority.
2. Appointment may take place at a later point during tonight's meeting.

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

FLAG SALUTE: AUSTIN CRUZ, CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

INVOCATION: PASTOR MICHAEL J. FISHER, GREATER ZION CHURCH

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 (REGULAR)

Successor Agency

The Minutes for September 18, 2012 (Regular) were Approved as Submitted on motion of Gipson, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Housing Authority

The Minutes for September 18, 2012 (Regular) were Approved as Submitted 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 Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson
Noes: None
Abstain: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Commissioner Robles
Absent: None

City Council

The Minutes for September 18, 2012 (Regular) were Approved as Submitted on motion of 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 Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson
Noes: None
Abstain: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Commissioner Robles
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/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.** Oral communications not taken up within the time allotted will be taken at the end of the meeting.

Public Comments

Mary Anne O'Neal

Requested the commencement of the 'Meet Your Neighbor Campaign.'

Acting City Manager/Executive Director Acosta stated that flyers are currently being routed in the community and that the City Council adopted 'Good Neighbor Day' to be recognized every year on July 2nd.

Vera DeWitt

Requested the entity or persons responsible for monitoring a two-year pilot co-digest food waste program between the Sanitation District and Waste Management. In addition, she implored the City Council to go out to bid for a third commercial trash hauler.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear cited legislation from state legislators trying to get cities to divert 75% of their waste from the landfill.

Miriam Vazquez

Petitioned the City Council to consider a \$25,000 allocation for the City of Carson's 45th Anniversary Gala.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes asked Acting City Manager/Executive Director Acosta to verify if \$25,000 has already been allocated for the anniversary events.

Acting City Manager/Executive Director Acosta noted that funds have been allocated and will be included in the FY 2013/14 Budget.

Mila Boyer

Thanked the person responsible for fixing the gate in the park. She further urged the City Council to adopt a budget that will improve the efficiency of City services.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes exited the meeting at 8:28 P.M. and returned at 8:29 P.M.

Robert Lesley

Petitioned the City Council to add an urgency item to the agenda opposing a proposed 23% water rate increase from California Water Company.

Motion for Subsequent Need Item

It was moved to bring forth an urgency item to discuss the proposed water rate increase by California Water and to seek authorization and investigate the rate increase, on motion by Davis Holmes, seconded by Santarina.

The following person(s) spoke in support of adding an urgency item to the agenda opposing California Water Company's water rate increase: Linda Vannis, Addison Carter, Faye Walton, Norma Jackson, Ernestine Adder, Mary Patton, Miriam Vasquez, Dianne Thomas, and Marvin Stovall.

Tommie Williams

Petitioned the City Council to address the underlying racism heard in the musical selections played in the local grocery markets and banks.

Friendly Amendment

It was moved to 1) direct staff to request the California Water Company's water rate increase application, 2) conduct a resident water rate survey on the surrounding cities, 3) conduct a survey on Golden State Water Company's water rates and 4) contact the public affairs office, on motion by Dear, seconded by Davis Holmes.

Vote to Approve the Subsequent Need Item

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

Motion as Amended

- 1) Direct the City either through staff or legal counsel to request status as a party to the rate case, 2) Prepare a reasoned exposition on behalf of the city in opposition to the presently recommended rate increase 3) Obtain a copy in its entirety the water company's rate application to determine the basis upon which the application is being made and provide that to the City Council and community 4) Survey what surrounding public agencies with their own water companies are paying for water 5) Survey what the other water provider in Carson (Golden State) is charging for its rates and 6) Contact the Department of Rate Advocacy for the basis of their opinion and where appropriate to incorporate that in the City's opposition.

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson, Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Commissioner Robles

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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.

DEMANDS (Item 1)

ITEM NO. (1) RESOLUTION NO. 13-16-CSA RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,744.69, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001290 THROUGH SA-001293

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 13-16-CSA was APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, 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 Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson, Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Commissioner Robles

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 are requested to select three speakers to represent your opinion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Item 2)

**ITEM NO. (2) PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2013/14 CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY
BUDGET (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

RECOMMENDATION for the Successor Agency:

1. REVIEW and CONSIDER the FY 2013/14 Carson Successor Agency budget.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear ordered this item continued to July 29, 2013 with no further objection.

CONCLUDING ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) (None)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (STAFF)

City Clerk/Authority Secretary/Agency Secretary Gause

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

Shawn Campbell Sr.
Isabello Manoyin
Dianne L.
Jane Lyndon J.
Stella Vickers
"Duck" Owner of Bodacious BBQ
Former United States Congressman William Gray
Linda Gingowan

City Clerk/Authority Secretary/Agency Secretary Gause

Offered the following oral communications/announcements:

- Announced that the City Clerk's Office will be a passport acceptance facility effective August 2013.

City/Agency/Authority Treasurer Avilla

Offered the following oral communications/announcements:

- Reported that she had the opportunity to speak with league staff and lobbyists on Senate Bill 510 during the League of California Cities board meeting last week.

Acting City Manager/Executive Director Acosta

Offered the following oral communications/announcements:

- A Welcome Ceremony will be held for the Delegation of Students from Soka City, Japan on Monday, July 22, 2013 in the Executive Conference Room at 8:00 A.M.

City/Authority/Agency Attorney Wynder

Offered the following oral communications/announcements:

- Urged the City Council to contact Assemblymember Bradford to urge a "Yes" vote on SB510.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (AGENCY)

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

Offered the following oral communications/announcements:

- Congratulated Henry Tillman on the opening of the Championship Boxing Club located on the corner of Avalon and Carson Street.
- Attended the Southbay Council of Governments meeting wherein Congresswoman Janice Hahn's field representative Eric Boyd updated them on the upcoming projects and committees.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson

Offered the following oral communications/announcements:

- Vipers Cigar Lounge will be hosting a discussion on gun control August 9, 2013.
- Attended the Swearing-In Ceremony for newly elected Los Angeles City Council members Gilbert Cedillo and Curren Price.
- Wished his wife a Happy 18th Wedding Anniversary.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles

Offered the following oral communications/announcements:

- Echoed Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina comments with respect to Henry Tillman and congratulated Gipson on his wedding anniversary.
- Thanked his colleagues and City staff for welcoming him on the council and being patient with him.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear

Offered the following oral communications/announcements:

- Attended the Carson Toastmasters Installation of Officers Meeting; Various 4th of July block parties and the City's 4th Annual 4th of July Celebration at the Stub Hub Center; Yogurt Land Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; Los Angeles County Sanitation District Board meeting; a meeting of the sculpture garden group; Henry Tillman's Championship Boxing Club Ribbon Cutting ceremony; James Anderson family reunion: the first African American to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor; and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's Inaugural Event.

UNFINISHED/CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:26 A.M., on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear and in memory of those requested this evening.

Agency Chairman Jim Dear

ATTEST:

Agency Secretary Donesia L. Gause