



**MINUTES  
CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2014**

**5:00 P.M.**

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

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**AGENDA POSTED: MAY 30, 2014**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meetings of the City Council, Successor Agency, and Housing Authority were called to order at 5:20 P.M., by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear in the Helen Kawagoe 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 Elito Santarina, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Mike Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles

**Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Commissioners Absent:**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Lula Davis-Holmes

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

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

**Also Present:**

Nelson Hernandez, City Manager/Agency Executive Director/Authority Executive Director; William Wynder, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; and staff: Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; and Yolanda Chavez, Senior Clerk

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

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

The Mayor and Council Members congratulated Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson on his election victory for Assembly Member District No. 64. He thanked the Mayor and Council Members for their well wishes.

**RECESS:**

The City Council, Successor Agency, and Housing Authority were recessed at 5:27 P.M., by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear to a Council Closed Session to discuss the items described on this evening's agenda.

**RECONVENE:**

The City Council, Successor Agency, and Housing Authority were reconvened at 6:27 P.M., by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present and Davis-Holmes absent.

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 Mike Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Albert Robles

**Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Commissioners Absent:**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Lula Davis-Holmes (Entered at 8:00 P.M.)

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

**Other Elected Officials Absent:** None

**Also Present:**

Nelson Hernandez, City Manager/Agency Executive Director/Authority Executive Director; William Wynder, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; and staff:

Jeff Westbrook, Acting Director of Community Development; Jacquelyn Acosta, Director of Administrative Services; Cedric Hicks, Director of Community Services; Massoud Ghiam, Acting Director of Public Works; Bruce Barrette, Interim Assistant City Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; and Yolanda Chavez, Senior Clerk

Eddie Rivero, Captain, Carson Sheriff's Station

## **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

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

### Council Closed Session Item No. 1

Provided the Council with a privileged and confidential briefing report; requested authorization to participate with the plaintiff's group in settlement negotiations and the Assistant City Attorney and City Manager were delegated by the Council unanimously who were both authorized to be the City's representatives in those negotiations for the time being.

### Council Closed Session Item No. 2

Requested authorization to increase the litigation budget to cover actual fees and costs incurred by an additional \$5,000; that increase budget was unanimously approved by the Council; also requested authorization to join with five other agencies in filing an actual state mandate claim; the deadline to do that is the end of June. The Council unanimously agreed to pay one sixth of that cost provided that all five other sister public agencies join with them in filing claim.

### Council Closed Session Item No. 3

There was a privileged and confidential briefing but the Council was not prepared to make a decision yet and the item was ordered continued to the second meeting in June.

### Council Closed Session Item No. 4

Provided a privileged and confidential briefing on that case; requested settlement negotiating authority from the Council and the Council unanimously gave them the authority.

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

**FLAG SALUTE:     RAELYNN BIS, CARSON STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**INVOCATION:     REVEREND GAZELLA KIRK, CHRISTIAN UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH,  
INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA**

**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 City Clerk/Agency Secretary at the beginning of the meeting.**

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (LIMITED TO ONE HOUR)**

**The public may at this time address the members of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency on any matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency and/or on any items on the agenda of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency,**

**prior to any action taken on the agenda. No action may be taken on non-agendized items except as authorized by law. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than three minutes each, speaking once. If you would like to address the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency, please complete the SPEAKER'S CARD. The card is available at the speaker's podium or from the City Clerk. Please identify on the card your name, address, and the item on which you would like to speak, and return to the City Clerk. The SPEAKER'S CARD, though not required in order to speak, assists the Mayor in ensuring that all persons wishing to address the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency are recognized, time permitting. Oral communications will be limited to one hour unless extended by order of the Mayor/Chair with the approval of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency.**

This portion of the meeting was heard after Council Introductions.

**Marvin Clayton, 426 W. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745**

Offered the following comments: 1) Congratulated Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson on his election victory for Assembly Member; and 2) Provided flyers to the Mayor, Council Members, and staff inviting them to the Apollo West Carson Players Juneteenth Celebration, on Saturday, June 14, 2014, 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., at the South Bay Pavilion, Food Court Stage, located at 20700 Avalon Boulevard, Carson, California 90746.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear announced the City's Juneteenth Celebration, on Saturday, June 14, 2014, 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., at Mills Park, 1340 E. Dimondale Drive, Carson, California 90746.

**Gazella Kirk, 17333 Crocker Avenue, Carson, California 90745, representing HELPS (Higher Education & Life Planning Services)**

Offered comments in support of HELPS.

**Vanessa Younger, representing HELPS (Higher Education & Life Planning Services)**

Offered the following comments: 1) Introduced Gazella Kirk and Callie Boon who were also representing HELPS; 2) Announced the Vendor's Fair hosted by HELPS, on Saturday, June 7, 2014, 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the Carson Community Center; and 3) Requested Council's support to inform the public of their event and provided information and event flyers to the Mayor and City Council.

**Dr. Rita Boggs**

She referred to a folder InvestCarson.com that she received and referred to a website called InvestCarson.com which stated that it was not a City or government website and that it was a separately owned entity to assist potential investors in funding projects in Carson and that the Carson's logo was used; Requested clarification on the use of the City seal on correspondence not sponsored by the City.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear stated that the folder Dr. Boggs referred to did not have the City seal on it and that the City seal was restricted and one must obtain permission from the City Council to utilize it. The marketing logo was not restricted and encouraged people to use the marketing logo in a positive way.

**Mila Boyer**

Offered the following comments: 1) Congratulated Mike Gipson on his election for Assembly Member; and 2) Reported that the City's bus schedule was blighted with graffiti and requested City's action for removal.

**Ray Winbush**

Offered the following comments: 1) Felt that the City violated the ADA for his privilege to speak on the microphone; and 2) Referred to the Council agenda item regarding the buses which were of poor quality and that new ones were needed.

Upon inquiry, City Manager/Agency Executive Director/Authority Executive Director Hernandez referred to Council Item No. 12 which was to enter into a contract to purchase natural gas for busses to operate.

**NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Item 1)**

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

It was moved to approve the Council, Successor Agency, and Housing Authority New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Robles and seconded by Santarina.

During discussion of the motion, the following items were removed for discussion:

**Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson**

Council Item No. 5: **CONSIDER A REPORT ON DESIGNATION OF CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AS A PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (CITY CLERK)**

**Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles**

Council Item No. 6: **CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-050 AMENDING THE CITY OF CARSON CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, TO ADOPT NEW SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE SUPERVISORS UNIT OF THE CARSON PROFESSIONALS AND SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION (CITY MANAGER)**

Council Item No. 7: **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE CLUBS REQUESTING TO OPERATE FIREWORKS STANDS DURING THE 2014 FIREWORKS SEASON (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

The motion, as amended, to approve Council New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Housing Authority New Business Consent Calendar Item No. 1, and Successor Agency New Business Consent Calendar Item No. 1 was 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 Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes

**ITEM NO. (1)        CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE USE OF VARIOUS CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FOR FY 2014/15 AND FY 2015/16 (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1.     AUTHORIZE the Agency Chairman to sign the professional services agreements after approval as to form by the Agency Counsel.
2.     AUTHORIZE the Executive Director to execute the necessary documentation to implement the work orders as required.

ACTION:     Item No. 1 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Robles, 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 Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles  
Noes:           None  
Abstain:        None  
Absent:         Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes

**DEMANDS (Item 2)**

**ITEM NO. (2)        RESOLUTION NO. 14-10-CSA RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,426.35, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001381 THROUGH SA-001384**

Item No. 2 was heard after Council Item No. 18.

ACTION:     WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 14-10-CSA, was PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, as read by title only, 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 Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles  
Noes:           None  
Abstain:        None  
Absent:         Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes

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

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**SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS (None)**

**CONCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS (STAFF)**

This portion of the meeting was heard after Council Item No. 16.

**Memorial Adjournments**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause requested that this evening's meetings be adjourned in memory of the following individuals and offered condolences and prayers to the families who lost their loved ones:

**Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear**

Ida Lynch  
Marian Rosser  
Maya Angelou  
Sophia Coronado  
Yazmine Coronado  
Xenia Coronado

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

George Thomson

**Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes**

Eula Butler  
Mary Ann Brisco  
Alfred Guine

**Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson**

Robert Dunbar, Jr.  
Velma Lee Carr Moore

She announced that she represented the City at the following events:

- Young Elected Officials Conference, in May at Marina del Rey, at no expense to the City which she received a scholarship to attend.
- 2014 California Women's Conference, was part of a panel, Leading Women in Business, at no expense to the City.
- Government Delegation to Soka City, Japan, accompanied by Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, and Council Member Davis-Holmes.

## **CONCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS (AGENCY MEMBERS)**

### **Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear**

Reported on his attendance at the following events:

- AB 1234 Report on the California Contract Cities 2014 Annual Municipal Seminar, on Friday, May 16, 2014 and Saturday, May 17, 2014, at the Renaissance Esmeralda, Indian Wells, California.
- ICSC Annual Commercial Real Estate Convention, Sunday, May 18, 2014, at the Las Vegas Nevada Convention Center.
- Delegation of 11 people to sister City Soka, Japan, on May 21 to May 25, 2014, joined with the City Clerk and Mayor Pro Tem; celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Soka City and City of Carson relationship.

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

Offered the following oral communications and reported on his attendance at the following events:

- Delegation to sister City Soka, Japan.
- Thanked the Soka officials for the unique reception to the 11-member Carson delegation which consisted of Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, City Clerk Gause, President of Carson Women's Club Alene Harris, Harry Holmes, City Commissioner Perlita Rasing, Youth Commissioner Kalyn Gause, City Commissioner Marcelino Ines, and City Commissioner Henry Ward.
- Looked forward to receiving the Soka officials in the future.
- Thanked City staff for working hard and taking care of City business.

### **City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause**

Asked the public to excuse the appearance of the City Clerk's Office undergoing construction that involved making the office ADA compliant and ergonomically correct workspaces for staff. The office has not been modified to comply with code for over 30 years and hopefully the new work space would accommodate both the public and staff needs.

### **Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles**

Stated that he was doing the will of the people to serve the residents of Carson and was appreciative and grateful to all the City residents and felt that the residents deserve more and better and that he always voted based on what he thought was best for all the residents.

### **Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear**

Offered comments to Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles to carry on and do what he felt was right.

### **Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson**

Informed the City Manager that the streets going north and south on Del Amo Boulevard towards the StubHub Center and streets going southbound to Victoria Park were in need of repair.

Acting Director of Public Works Ghiam stated that the street improvements was a CIP project and when approved would be completed this year.



City Manager/Acting Agency Executive Director/Acting Authority Executive Director Hernandez stated that the street improvements were part of the CIP budget to be proposed and would be presented to the City Council in June.

Upon inquiry, Director of Administrative Services Acosta stated that she would coordinate with Executive Assistant Buesing on budget meeting dates.

Acting Director of Public Works Ghiam noted on the project Avalon Boulevard from the 405 Freeway south to 223<sup>rd</sup> Street which was 100% federally funded, was already advertised and the bid opening was scheduled in the end of June and could work on street improvements immediately after.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson directed staff to bring the street improvements separate before the City Council for immediate action.

Acting Director of Public Works Ghiam suggested that an addendum could be added to the Avalon Boulevard Project bid notice for the section on the street improvements to be agency funded as suggested by Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson which he agreed.

Upon inquiry, Acting Director of Public Works Ghiam confirmed that the upcoming projects were advertised on the City's website and local newspaper for local contractors to view. Whereupon, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson requested copies of all City project bid notices. Whereupon, Acting Director of Public Works Ghiam noted that the bid notices could be viewed on the City's website.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes entered the meeting at 8:00 P.M.)

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

Offered the following oral communications:

- Offered comments to Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles that the number of positive comments and praises in reference to his performance far outweigh the number of negative criticisms; looked forward to working with him further.
- Invited the public to the Philippine Independence Day Celebration, on Saturday, June 7, 2014, from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., at Veterans Park.
- Thanked City staff and Director of Community Services Hicks for their assistance with the Philippine Independence Day Celebration event.

**Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear**

Reminded everyone to attend the following events:

- Juneteenth Celebration, on Saturday, June 14, 2014, 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., at Mills Park.
- Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 14, 2014, 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., at the South Bay Pavilion, hosted by the Apollo West Carson Players.

At 8:00 P.M., Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear noted the presence of Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes.

**Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes**

Offered the following oral communications:

- Asked to be excused for missing a portion of the meeting because she attended her niece's high school graduation.
- Thanked the Mayor for announcing the Juneteenth Celebration, on Saturday, June 14, 2014.
- Thanked the Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation for their assistance with the Juneteenth event, 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at Mills Park.
- Thanked the Mayor and Council Members for ending the meeting early.
- Congratulated Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson on his election victory and to all contenders on a job well done.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson exited the meeting at 8:09 P.M.)

**Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear**

Offered the following oral communications and reported on his attendance at the following event:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Distinguished Service Awards, hosted by the Carson Sheriff's Station Support Foundation, on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.
- Announced and congratulated Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina who received the first Humanitarian Award, at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Distinguished Service Awards.
- God bless everyone and Carson.
- Thanked staff for their work.

**UNFINISHED/CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:13 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear and in memory of those requested this evening.

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Agency Chairman Jim Dear

ATTEST:

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Agency Secretary Donesia L. Gause