



**MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 15, 2010**

5:00 P.M.

AGENDA POSTED: JULY 14, 2010

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CALL TO ORDER:The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M. by Mayor Dear in the Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Kawagoe noted the following:

Council Members Present: Mayor Jim Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Elito Santarina, and Council Member Julie Ruiz-Raber

Council Members Absent: Council Member Mike Gipson (Entered at 6:41 P.M.) and Council Member Lula Davis-Holmes (Entered during Closed Session)

Other Elected Officials Present: Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk

Other Elected Officials Absent: Karen Avilla, City Treasurer (Entered at 6:41 P.M.)

Also Present: Jerome Groomes, City Manager (Entered at 5:19 P.M.); Adrienne Konigar-Macklin; and staff:

Jackie Acosta, Administrative Services General Manager; Ray Cruz, Public Services General Manager; Vic Rollinger, Development Services General Manager;

Lisa Berglund, Senior Administrative Analyst; Trini Catbagan, Finance Officer; Dan Cisneros, Human Services Manager; Zarah Cruz, Public Information Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Edward Escamilla, Landscape and Building Maintenance Superintendent; Cedric Hicks, Recreation Superintendent; Duane Munson, Human Resources Officer; Mike Page, Community Center Manager; Ky Truong, Public Safety and Community Services Manager; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE: At 9:20 P.M., City Treasurer Karen Avilla led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session Agenda

Deputy City Attorney Konigar-Macklin presented Closed Session Item No. 1.

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

ITEM NO. (1) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: ALL GROUPS (EXCEPT CITY MANAGER) (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6, with the City Manager and Administrative Services General Manager, regarding labor negotiations with AME, Supervisors Association, Professional Association, AFSCME Local 809, ACE, and Unrepresented employees.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session and heard at 6:42 P.M.

RECESS: Mayor Dear noted the attendance of former Council Member and UUT Chair Williams and recessed the City Council at 5:19 P.M. to await the arrival of Council Member Davis-Holmes and Council Member Gipson.

RECONVENE: The City Council was Reconvened at 5:33 P.M. by Mayor Dear with all members previously noted present, except Council Member Davis-Holmes and Council Member Gipson absent, for Item No. 2.

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 at the beginning of the meeting.

WORKSHOP (Item 2)

ITEM NO. (2) CONSIDERATION OF COST SAVING MEASURES AND/OR REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS FOR FY 2009/10 AND FY 2010/11 (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

This item was heard before Item No. 1 at 5:33 P.M.

Administrative Services General Manager Acosta summarized the staff report and recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. REVIEW and DISCUSS the staff recommendations on Exhibit No. 1 under the section header "Items recommended for approval on July 15, 2010."
2. APPROVE all items on Exhibit No. 1 under the section header "Items recommended for approval on July 15, 2010."

ACTION: The following items were clarified by staff:

Items Approved on 6-29-10

Item No. 89, Successfully Renegotiated the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement (\$2,000,000)

Item No. 68R, Transfer Unclaimed Deposits to General Fund (\$1,599,675)

The following items were discussed:

Item No. N3, Reconsider the Elimination of the Contingency Fund (\$25,000)

It was moved to reconsider the elimination of the Contingency Fund on motion of Ruiz-Raber, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Council Member Davis-Holmes and Council Member Gipson

Item No. 33, Reconsider a Reduction in the Sheriff's Contract (\$975,000)

Public Comments

Bill Smalley, 17700 Avalon Boulevard, No. 111, Carson, California 90746, supported the staff recommendation.

It was moved to approve Item No. 33, as proposed by staff, in the amount of \$975,000, for the revised plan on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Council Member Davis-Holmes and Council Member Gipson

Item No. 88, Approve Reductions to the Leave Redemption Program for Unclassified Management (\$136,748)

It was moved to approve Item No. 88, as presented by staff on motion of Santarina, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Council Member Davis-Holmes and Council Member Gipson

RECESS: The City Council was Recessed at 6:03 P.M. by Mayor Dear for Ceremonial Presentations.

RECONVENE: The City Council was Reconvened at 6:41 P.M. by Mayor Dear with all members previously noted present, including Gipson, who entered the meeting during Ceremonial Presentations, and Davis-Holmes absent.

RECESS: The City Council was Recessed at 6:42 P.M. by Mayor Dear for a Closed Session to discuss the item described on this evening's agenda.

RECONVENE: The City Council was Reconvened at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Dear with all members previously noted present, including Davis-Holmes, who entered the meeting during the Closed Session.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Deputy City Attorney Konigar-Macklin provided the Closed Session report as follows:

Council Item No. 1

A privileged and confidential status report was provided on ongoing negotiations and the City Council gave instructions to the negotiators.

Workshop Item No. 2 (Continued)

Item No. 88A, Consider Reductions to the Leave Redemption Program for All Employees (\$463,252)

Mayor Dear announced that Item No. would not be discussed this evening, with no objections heard.

Item No. 41B, Elimination of the North/South Shuttle (No amount listed)

Administrative Services General Manager Acosta provided and discussed the following information, as requested by the City Council, 1) map of the shuttle routes, including the North/South Shuttle and 2) data collected and the low ridership for the North/South Shuttle.

Public Comments

Ronald Shimokaji, 1512 E. Carson Street, Sp. 135, Carson, California 90745.
Bill Everett, Senior Bus Driver.

(Council Member Gipson exited the meeting at 7:52 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 7:54 P.M.)

Isabella Meni, Transportation Coordinator II.

Motion

It was moved to eliminate the North/South Shuttle and to instruct staff to bring back figures to reroute the Carson Circuit and issues for consideration on motion of Ruiz-Raber and seconded by Dear for discussion.

During discussion of the motion, City Manager Groomes reported that continued budget discussion would take place on July 19, 2010, and that this issue could be discussed at that time.

Amended Motion

Council Member Davis-Holmes stated that she wanted to meet with staff and that she would coordinate a meeting and offered a friendly amendment for staff to provide an analysis on July 19, 2010, which was accepted without no objections by the maker and the second and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Upon inquiry, Administrative Services General Manager Acosta reported that the drivers would remain employed should the North/South Shuttle be eliminated.

Item No. 42, Dial-a-Ride Program (No amount listed)

Public Comments

Dr. Rita Boggs, 21328 Island Avenue, Carson, California 90745.

Motion

It was moved to not eliminate Saturday/Sunday service and to modify the number of tickets from 30 to 24 on motion of Ruiz-Raber and seconded by Santarina.

Public Comments

Liz Foisia, 530 E. 220th Street, Carson, California 90745.

Dr. Rita Boggs, 21328 Island Avenue, Carson, California 90745.

Ronald Shimokaji, 1512 E. Carson Street, Sp. 135, Carson, California 90745.

Amended Motion

Council Member Davis-Holmes concurred with the suggestion by City Manager Groomes to consider situations on a case-by-case basis and offered a friendly amendment to instruct staff to provide the cost savings to reduce the number of tickets from 30 to 25 and to factor in additional funds, if needed for situations to be considered on a case-by-case basis, which was accepted by the maker and the second with no objections heard.

(Council Member Gipson exited the meeting at 8:59 P.M.)

Public Comments

Brian Raber, 1843 E. Abbottson, Carson, California 90746.

(Council Member Gipson reentered the meeting at 9:00 P.M.)

The motion, as amended, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

City Manager Groomes reported that continued discussion regarding the North/South Shuttle would be brought back on July 19, 2010, with no objections heard.

(Council Member Davis-Holmes exited the meeting at 9:03 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 9:04 P.M.)

City Manager Groomes and Administrative Services General Manager Acosta summarized the list of items for discussion on July 19, 2010.

Council Member Gipson felt that contractors should be willing to renegotiate contracts and requested a list of all contracts and for contracts with reopeners, to go to the contractors and renegotiate the dollar amount.

Council Member Davis-Holmes added that she would like to discuss the concept to levy a fine on banks for not maintaining bank-owned properties.

Mayor Dear felt that staff could look into the bank-owned property issues; however, negotiated contracts may need to be considered at a later time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 9:21 P.M., by Mayor Dear to an Adjourned Special Meeting to be held at 5:00 P.M., on July 19, 2010, Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk Helen Kawagoe