



**MINUTES
CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY / CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2010**

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA POSTED: JULY 29, 2010

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:55 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear in the Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe called the roll:

Council/Agency Members Present: Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Elito Santarina, Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson, and Council/Agency Member Julie Ruiz-Raber

Council/Agency Members Absent: Council/Agency Member Lula Davis-Holmes

Other Elected Officials Present: Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

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

Also Present: Jerome Groomes, City Manager/
Executive Director, and staff:

Raymond Cruz, Public Services General Manager;

Farrokh Abolfathi, Principal Civil Engineer; Cedric Hicks, Recreation Superintendent; Gilbert Marquez, Senior Civil Engineer; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Wanda Higaki,

Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency
Secretary

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe announced that Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes may be late to the meeting, if at all.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA:

Mayor/Chairman requests the audience to fill out Speaker Forms to indicate those items on which they want to speak, and give them to the City Clerk/Agency Secretary at the beginning of the meeting, in order to be recognized by the Mayor/Chairman. Agenda arranged so that speakers may be heard early. Council/Agency to indicate items to be pulled.

This item was not addressed.

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.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Item 1)

ITEM NO. (1) CONSIDER THE FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CARSON PARK MASTER PLAN (PUBLIC SERVICES)

City Manager Groomes summarized the staff report and recommendation.

Representatives from Westberg and White, Inc., Architectural Consultant, presented a computerized presentation and renderings.

(Mayor/Chairman Dear exited and reentered the meeting at 7:02 P.M.)

(Mayor/Chairman Dear exited and reentered the meeting at 7:06 P.M.)

The following items were discussed:

Phasing Alternative No. 1 – Component 1
Estimated cost: \$9,252,700

Phasing Alternative 1 – Component 2
Estimated cost: \$1,353,300

Phasing Alternative I – Component 3
Estimated cost: \$1,575,200

Phasing Alternative II – Component 1
Estimated cost: \$10,606,100

(Council/Agency Member Gipson exited and reentered the meeting at 7:18 P.M.)

Upon inquiry, Public Services General Manager Cruz reported that the suggestions from the City Council were incorporated into the design.

City Manager/Executive Director Groomes discussed three alternatives for funding considerations:]

- To reprioritize projects already budgeted and reallocate funding.
- To stay on track to merge all project areas around January, 2011 (staff would report back to the Council/Agency to discuss how financing might work)
- To borrow money against tax increment and pay over time (if desired, staff would research current requirements)

Upon inquiry, City Manager/Executive Director Groomes recommended that Project No. 1306 remain by itself and to hold Project No. 844 in abeyance the bids come in.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council/Redevelopment Agency:

1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction regarding how to proceed and to fund the Carson Park Master Plan project.

ACTION: It was moved to merge Project Nos. 1223 and 1012 to be to start the bids as a complete project on motion of Ruiz-Raber and seconded by Gipson.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Santarina expressed his support for the motion and discussed the possibility of looking at the loan of \$5M to hold on to the original intention of the Council/Agency to address the need to build the city teen center someplace else.

Public Comments

Four (4) members of the public offered comments in support of the renovation of Carson Park.

During further discussion of the motion, Council/Agency Member Ruiz-Raber indicated that she did not want to jeopardize the Teen Center Project.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Council/Agency Member Gipson referred to the absence of Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes and reported that she was a strong supporter of Carson Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:04 P.M., by Mayor/Chairman Dear with Davis-Holmes absent.

Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Helen Kawagoe