



**MINUTES  
CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2010**

**5:00 P.M.**

**THE CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS  
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**AGENDA POSTED: DECEMBER 17, 2010**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:19 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 noted the following:

Council/Agency Members Present: Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear and Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Elito Santarina

Council/Agency Members Absent: Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson (Entered at 5:27 P.M., Council/Agency Member Lula Davis-Holmes (Entered at 5:19 P.M.), and Council/Agency Member Julie Ruiz-Raber (Entered at 5:30 P.M.)

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 (Entered at 5:24 P.M.); William Wynder, City/Agency Attorney; and staff:

Clifford Graves, Economic Development General Manager;

Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Sheri Repp-Loadsman, Planning Officer; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary

**Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas**

Mayor/Chairman Dear acknowledged the attendance of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas addressed the Council/Agency regarding the following items:

- Thanked the Mayor and City Council for their past support;
- Acknowledged and thanked Mayor Dear for his testimony in support of the MLK Hospital;
- Provided brief updates regarding the MLK Hospital and the Harbor UCLA Hospital; and
- Extended his personal invitation to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Empowerment Summit on January 15, 2011, at the University of Southern California.

(Council/Agency Member Lula Davis-Holmes entered the meeting at 5:19 P.M.).

(Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson entered the meeting 5:27 P.M.

(Council/Agency Member Julie Ruiz-Raber entered the meeting 5:30 P.M.

**CLOSED SESSION (Items 1-2) 5:00 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.**

City/Agency Attorney Wynder presented the Closed Session agenda.

**ITEM NO. (1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Number 54956.9(b)(1) & (3) (A), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. (2) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.8, to enable the Agency Board to consider negotiations with Victoria Carson Homes, LLC, with whom Agency is negotiating, and to give direction to its negotiators Jerome G. Groomes and Clifford W. Graves regarding that certain real property 415 East Carson Street.. The Agency's real property negotiators will seek direction from the Agency Board regarding the price and terms of payment for the property.

**ACTION:** This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

**RECESS:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 5:36 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to Closed Session to discuss the items listed on this evening's agenda.

**RECONVENE:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 6:30 P.M. for a joint session by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, including Davis-Holmes, Gipson, and Ruiz-Raber, for the Closed Session Report.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

City/Agency Attorney Wynder provided the Closed Session report as follows (DVD):

**Agency Closed Session Item No. 1**

The Redevelopment Agency was briefed on facts and circumstances; questions were asked and answered; there was no reportable action; and all members participated in the Closed Session.

**Agency Closed Session Item No. 2**

The Redevelopment Agency was provided a privileged and confidential status report; briefed on facts and circumstances; questions were asked and answered; and all members participated in the Closed Session.

**Council Closed Session Item No. 1**

The City Council was provide a privileged and confidential status report; a litigation strategy was recommended; questions were asked and answered; and the City Council unanimously approved the recommended litigation strategy.

**Council Closed Session Item No. 2**

The City Council was brief on facts and circumstances; a litigation avoidance strategy was recommended; questions were asked and answered; all members participated in the Closed Session; and the City Council unanimously approved the litigation avoidance strategy.

**Council Closed Session Item No. 3**

This Closed Session was not held.

**Council Closed Session Item No. 4**

This Closed Session would be held, if at all, later this evening.

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
6:00 P.M.**

**FLAG SALUTE:** HON. HELEN KAWAGOE, CITY CLERK

**INVOCATION:** On May 16, 2006, the City Council unanimously approved the offering of a brief invocation at the commencement of all meetings of the City Council or Redevelopment Agency. In doing so, the City Council is cognizant of its legal obligation to assure that such invocations are “legislative prayers,” and that they do not purport to advance any particular religion or religious denomination.

Consistent with the so-called “Burbank” prayer decision, the City Council hereby admonishes those who offer invocations to do so consistent with the current state of the law – meaning that an invocation must not be used to identify, advance, or urge a particular religious denomination, or identify a specific religion’s deity. This evening we are pleased that our invocation will be offered by:

**Request to Advance City Council New Business Consent Calendar and Item Nos. 19 and 22**

City/Agency Attorney Wynder acknowledged the attendance of participants for the New Business Consent Calendar and Item Nos. 19 and 22 and requested that the City Council advance and consider the items.

**RECESS:** The Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 6:38 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for Approval of Minutes.

**RECONVENE:** The Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 6:40 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, for Introductions and Oral Communications – Members of the Public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2010 (REGULAR)**

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.**

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

This is the appropriate time for members of the general public to address the **Council/Agency on items not on the posted Agenda but are items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council/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 Council/Agency other than to place it on the Agenda for a future meeting if appropriate.**

This item was heard at 6:44 P.M.

### **Mary Anne O’Neal, 16211 Visalia Avenue, Carson, California 90746**

Extended her holiday greetings to the City Council and thanked City Manager Groomes for the outstanding job that he has done.

### **Garry |C. Jacobs, 615 Loyola Avenue, Carson, California 90746**

Expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to address the City Council and discussed an issue regarding homes of neighbors that were vandalized and burglarized after fumigation. Whereupon, Council Member Davis-Holmes requested that the issue be brought forward during discussion of future agenda items.

### **Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745**

Extended her holiday greetings and presented the City Council, City Clerk, and City Manager with Lotto tickets and reported that Los Posadas would be observed at St. Philomena Church.

### **Paul Randall, 17701 S. Avalon Boulevard, No. 318, Carson, California 90746, President, Carson Harbor Village Homeowners Association**

Provided handouts to the City Council and reported that persons posing as representatives of the City of Carson were canvassing the park representatives regarding the conversion and expressed his appreciation to Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves for his assistance. Whereupon, City/Agency Attorney Wynder provided a brief follow-up report relative to the issue raised by Mr. Randall.

### **Louis Cogut, 17701 S. Avalon Boulevard, No. 50, Carson, California 90746**

Discussed the letter previously distributed by Mr. Randall and requested that the City Council remove Susy Forbath from the Mobile Home Park Rental Review Board.

### **Jennifer Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745**

Extended her holiday greetings to the City Council.

**Tiny Cook, 17701 S. Avalon Boulevard, No. 197, Carson, California 90746**

Expressed her appreciation to City Manager Groomes for everything that he has done for the seniors and extended her holiday greetings to the City Council.

**30-Year Service Award to Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk**

Mayor/Chairman Dear invited City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe and Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki to join him at the podium and presented Ms. Higaki with her Service Award for 30 years of service with the City of Carson, which was accepted with words of gratitude.

**RECESS:** The Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 7:07 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council, with all members being present, for Item No. 19.

**NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Items 3-5)**

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

This item was hard after Council Item No. 22.

**RECONVENE:** The Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 9:26 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, for the Council/Agency New Business Consent Calendar.

This item was hard after Council Item No. 22.

**RECONVENE:** The Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 9:26 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, for the Council/Agency New Business Consent Calendar.

**City Council New Business Consent Calendar**

**Public Comments**

The following persons offered comments regarding the following items on the City Council New Business Consent Calendar:

Council Item No. 7

**Tommy Fa'ave, 605 E. 221<sup>st</sup> Street, Carson, California 90745**

Concurred with the staff recommendation.

It was moved to approve the City Council / Redevelopment Agency New Business Consent Calendar motion of Dear and seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. (3) CONSIDER APPROVING AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER/INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (CITY MANAGER)**

**THIS IS A JOINT AGENDA ITEM WITH COUNCIL ITEM NO. 6**

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

1. APPROVE the attached "INTERIM CITY MANAGER/INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT" and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same following approval as to form by the City Attorney/Agency Counsel.

ACTION: Item No. 3 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. (4) CONSIDER AN AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO EBERHARD, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. 1317: CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF AND HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING REPLACEMENT PHASES II AND III, AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS, AND A PORTION OF PROJECT NO. 1318: CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER REFURBISHMENT AND UPGRADE (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

**THIS IS A JOINT AGENDA ITEM WITH COUNCIL ITEM NO. 7**

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

1. AWARD a Construction Contract for Project No. 1317: Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center Roof and Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Replacement Phases II and III, and Installation of Solar Panels, and a portion of Project No. 1318: Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center Refurbishment and Upgrade, in the amount of \$4,329,060.00, to the most qualified and responsive proposer, Eberhard, Inc.
2. AUTHORIZE construction contingencies in the amount of \$649,400.00 (15%) for future change orders, if any, for any unforeseen construction work that may be required to successfully complete this project.
3. APPROPRIATE \$618,000.00 from the unreserved, undesignated Carson Consolidated Project Area fund balance to augment the amount currently budgeted for this project.
4. AUTHORIZE the Agency Chairman to execute the Construction Contract following approval as to form by the Agency Counsel.

ACTION: Item No. 4 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. (5) CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ANDERSON PENNA PARTNERS, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR PROJECT NO. 1317: CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF AND HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING REPLACEMENT PHASES II AND III, AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS, AND A PORTION OF PROJECT NO. 1318: CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER REFURBISHMENT AND UPGRADE (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

**THIS IS A JOINT AGENDA ITEM WITH COUNCIL ITEM NO. 8**

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

1. Management Services for Project No. 1317: Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center Roof and Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Replacement Phases II and III, and Installation of Solar Panels, and a portion of Project No. 1318: Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center Refurbishment and Upgrade; for a negotiated fee not to exceed \$223,798.00.
2. AUTHORIZE the Agency Chairman to execute the Professional Services Agreement following approval as to form by the Agency Counsel.

ACTION: Item No. 5 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**RECESS:** After the New Business Consent Calendar, the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 9:30 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for Item No. 16.

**RECONVENE:** The Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 9:32 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, for companion Council Item No. 17 / Agency Item No. 7. Whereupon, Economic Development General Manager Graves requested that the City Council hear Council Item No. 17 before Agency Item No. 7.

**RECESS:** The Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 9:34 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for Council Item No. 17, as requested by staff.

**RECONVENE:** After Council Item No. 17, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 9:54 P.M. by Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present, for Agency Item No. 7, as requested by staff.

**RECESS:** After companion Agency Item No. 8 / Council Item No. 20, the Redevelopment Agency was recessed to the City Council at 10:07 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present for Council Item No. 19.

#### **DEMANDS (Item 6)**

**ITEM NO. (6) RESOLUTION NO. 10-46 ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AGAINST PROJECT 1 FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,790.77 NUMBERS 1-005333 THROUGH 1-005349; PROJECT 2 FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,355.28 DEMAND NUMBERS 2-004644 THROUGH 2-004660; AND PROJECT 4 FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$173,208.44, DEMAND NUMBERS 4-000582 THROUGH 4-000591**

Item No. 6 was heard after Item No. 7 at 9:57 P.M.

**ACTION:** WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 10-46 was PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Chairman Dear, Vice Chairman Santarina, Agency Member Davis-Holmes, Agency Member Gipson, and Agency Member Ruiz-Raber  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** None

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (Item 7)**

**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.**

**ITEM NO. (7) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVING A FUNDING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FINANCING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION LOCATED AT 21356 SOUTH AVALON BOULEVARD (CARSON CONSOLIDATED PROJECT AREA) (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

**THIS IS A COMPANION AGENDA ITEM WITH COUNCIL ITEM NO. 17**

Item No. 7 was heard at 9:34 P.M.

**RECOMMENDATION** for the Redevelopment Agency:

**TAKE** the following actions:

1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.
2. AUTHORIZE the Agency Chairman to execute the funding agreement following approval as to form by the Agency Counsel.

**ACTION:** It was moved to approve the staff recommendation on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**RECONVENE:** After Agency Item No. 6, which was heard after Agency Item No. 7, the City Council was Reconvened at 9:57 P.M. for a joint session with the Redevelopment Agency by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present for companion Council Item No. 20 / Agency Item No. 8.

**NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Item 8)**

**ITEM NO. (8) CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS FOR EXISTING AND POTENTIAL BUSINESSES (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

**THIS IS A COMPANION AGENDA ITEM WITH COUNCIL ITEM NO. 20**

Council Item No. 20 / Agency Item No. 8 were heard at 9:57 P.M.

Economic Development General Manager Graves summarized the staff report and recommendation.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson exited the meeting at 10:00 P.M.)

RECOMMENDATION for the Redevelopment Agency:

TAKE the following actions:

1. RECEIVE and FILE the report on activities.
2. APPROVE the proposed business development initiatives.
3. APPROVE entering into agreements with Patrick Martinez and Alejandra Gutierrez for an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00 each and AUTHORIZE the Chairman to execute the agreements following approval as to form by the Agency Counsel.
4. APPROVE the outreach program with California Manufacturing Technology Consulting.

ACTION: It was moved to receive and file the report and approve staff recommendation Nos. 2, 3, and 4 on motion of Dear and seconded by Santarina.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson reentered the meeting at 10:01 P.M.)

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**RECESS:** After Council Item No. 20 / Agency Item No. 8, the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 10:07 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for Item No. 18.

**RECONVENE:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 10:47 P.M. for a joint session by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present for remaining Oral Communications.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS I (STAFF)**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe requested that this evening's meetings be adjourned in memory of the following persons:

**Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes**

Kamisha Richardson

**Council/Agency Member Gipson**

Pastor Lonnie Dawson, former pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church

**City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe**

James Odum

**Public Services General Manager Cruz**

Christopher Mayorga

**City/Agency Treasurer Avilla**

Extended her holiday greetings; bid farewell to City Manager/Executive Director Groomes and expressed her appreciation for his support; and that she supported him in every way.

**City Manager/Executive Director Groomes**

Expressed his thanks on behalf of his family for the memorial adjournment; shared his feelings; thanked council members for their support, including the current council; reflected on his years with Carson and living in Carson; acknowledged his respect for staff relationships; and credited staff for making him look good. He stated that he had not expected any rewards more than he has received in Carson and thanked everybody for everything. He extended his wishes for happy holidays.

**City/Agency Attorney Wynder**

Reported that after reviewing the Brown Act, Section 54952.2 (c)(6) permits attendance of a majority of the members of a legislative body at an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of that body,

provided that the members of the legislative body who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers and that he would be providing the information to the City Council.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS II (COUNCIL/AGENCY)**

### **Mayor/Chairman Dear**

- Addressed City Manager/Executive Director Groomes that it had been an honor and pleasure to work with him and to have shared a friendship; that he was impressed with his ability and intelligence, and willingness to put his heart into his job; that the City of Carson would benefit from the work he has done; and that he was a great city manager.
- Reported on his attendance at community events, extended his holiday greetings; and urged his colleagues to work together year round.
- Upon inquiry, City Manager/Executive Director Groomes confirmed that that staff report on Public Works and Agency-funded projects would be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Subsequently discussed “add on” votes and the sound system.
- Subsequently requested that City/Agency Attorney Wynder provide the section of the Carson Municipal Code that provides for the chair of the meeting to report the vote and a copy of state law that outlines the definition and purpose regarding the sphere of influence.

### **Council/Agency Member Ruiz-Raber**

- Thanked City Manager/Executive Director Groomes for his professional service; for always being available; and for his willingness to help.
- Welcomed Mr. Graves as the Interim City Manager.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson exited the meeting at 11:07 P.M.)

- Reported that the brother of Harold Williams was in the hospital.
- Requested a resolution in support of the Dream Act, which failed in the Senate yesterday, on the next agenda.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson entered the meeting at 11:08 P.M.)

- Thanked City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe for her clever Christmas surprises and on other holidays; thanked her staff, Administrative Services General Manager Acosta, Public Services General Manager Cruz, and City Attorney Wynder; and expressed her holiday greetings and wishes for a Happy New Year.
- Announced that a bus was going to the Rose Parade. Although the bus was full, if more responses are received, they will get a bigger bus; the cost for the excursion is \$80.

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

- Addressed City Manager/Executive Director Groomes and his family and acknowledged Mr. Groomes as being a knowledgeable man, fair, creative, wise, and professional; thanked wife Raquel and their children for sharing him with the City of Carson; that staff will never forget the relationships built; and extended his best wishes for good luck, good health and for God’s blessings.
- Thanked staff and each general manager.

- Extended holiday greetings and best wishes for a prosperous New Year to the people of Carson and his council colleagues.

**Council/Agency Member Gipson**

- Commended Council/Agency Member Ruiz-Raber for taking the lead and requesting a resolution for the Dream Act.
- Clarified that there was no such thing as an “add-on” vote and, if so, wanted to hear from City Attorney Wynder.
- Addressed City Manager/Executive Director Groomes and that he was proud to know him; that he had stood up in a large way; was a beacon of light for the City of Carson; that his name was synonymous with other cities; commended the involvement of wife Raquel; acknowledged him as being not only the city manager, but also a friend and brother that leads; that he would be missed; that he would look forward to the good reports to come about him; and appreciated his friendship.

**Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes**

- Echoed the comments of Council/Agency Member Gipson that votes cast were not “add on” votes; read an article published in the Daily Breeze regarding sphere of influence; and thanked City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe for her holiday hat.
- Requested City/Agency Attorney Wynder to provide a response in writing regarding attendance at ad-hoc committee meetings.
- Reported on her attendance at community events and expressed her Christmas greetings to the seniors and residents.
- Expressed her appreciation to City Manager/Executive Director Groomes on his vested interest in the City of Carson; his commitment to the City; thanked wife Raquel Beltran for allowing Mr. Groomes to work around the clock; and thanked him for bringing his talents to the City.
- Thanked staff for doing a wonderful job.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS**

**A. COUNCILMEMBER RUIZ-RABER REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF UPDATE ON BP PROPERTY ON WILMINGTON**

This item was heard at 11:32 P.M.

Council/Agency Member Ruiz-Raber requested that City/Agency Attorney Wynder provide an update, with no objections heard.

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes referred to the fumigation issue which was raised by a resident and requested to add an item on a future agenda for discussion. Whereupon, Mayor/Chairman Dear requested that City/Agency Attorney Wynder place an item on the agenda.

**UNFINISHED/CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS      None.**

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION      None.**

## ADJOURNMENT

Council/Agency Member Gipson led those present in giving City Manager/Executive Director Groomes a round of applause for his dedication to the City of Carson.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe led those present in singing the Jolly Good Fellow song to City Manager/Executive Director Groomes.

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:35 P.M., by Mayor/Chairman Dear in memory of those requested, and he conveyed best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of the City Council.

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Chairman Jim Dear

ATTEST:

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Agency Secretary Helen Kawagoe