



**MINUTES  
CARSON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2010**

**5:00 P.M.**

**THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETINGS ARE  
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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 1-4) 5:00 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.**

City/Agency Attorney Wynder presented the Closed Session agenda.

**ITEM NO. (1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION:  
CARSON HARBOR VILLAGE (CITY MANAGER)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(a), to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation to which the city is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: Carson Harbor Village, Ltd. vs. City of Carson; Case Number BS-112239; LASC; and Case Number B-21177; 2<sup>nd</sup> Appellate District Court.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. (2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(CITY MANAGER)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

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

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. (3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(CITY MANAGER)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

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

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. (4) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: ALL GROUPS (EXCEPT  
CITY MANAGER AND UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES) (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.

**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.

**CITY COUNCIL  
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: Father Owen De Souza (DVD).

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010 (SPECIAL)  
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2010 (REGULAR)**

The Minutes, as listed on this evening's agenda, were Approved as Submitted on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**INTRODUCTIONS (Item 5)**

**ITEM NO. (5) INTRODUCTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES**

Sgt. Josh Stahl, Operations, Carson Sheriff's Department, reported that Captain Abram was part of the incident management team in La Canada-Flintridge. He also provided a report and public announcement about the upcoming Gardena-Carson Family YMCA "Get Moving in 2011!" event to be held at the Gardena-Carson Family YMCA on January 6, 2011, from 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

**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.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**This is the appropriate time for members of the general public to address those matters under the jurisdiction of the Council/Agency, and not on the posted Agenda. Any person wishing to address the Council/Agency is requested to complete a Speaker Form, available on the podium in the Council Chambers. TESTIMONY WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. Under the**

**provisions of the Brown Act, no action can be taken on these items, and there can be no discussion of the items, other than to place it on the agenda for a future meeting.**

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 6-15)**

**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.**

This item was heard 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. (6) CONSIDER APPROVING AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER/INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (CITY MANAGER)**

**THIS IS A JOINT AGENDA ITEM WITH AGENCY ITEM NO. 3**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

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. 6 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. (7) 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 AGENCY ITEM NO. 4**

**RECOMMENDATION** for the City Council:

**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 Mayor to execute the Construction Contract following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**ACTION:** Item No. 7 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. (8) 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 AGENCY ITEM NO. 5**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE 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; for a negotiated fee not to exceed \$223,798.00.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 8 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. (9)            CONSIDERATION FOR THE CITY OF CARSON TO CO-HOST THE  
CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION SUPPORT FOUNDATION 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS (CITY MANAGER)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1.    APPROVE co-hosting CSSSF's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Distinguished Service Awards on February 16, 2011, in Hall ABC of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center.
2.    AUTHORIZE staff to assist with the preparation and coordination of the event.

ACTION:    Item No. 9 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. (10)           CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A SEVERANCE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND A LAID-OFF EMPLOYEE  
(ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1.    APPROVE the Severance Agreement and General Release between the city of Carson and Donyea Adams, Housing and Neighborhood Development Manager.
2.    AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute the Severance Agreement and General Release.

ACTION:    Item No. 10 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. (11) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-127, INTENT TO VACATE A 70-FOOT PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY APPROXIMATELY 330 FEET EAST OF ARNOLD CENTER ROAD BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND NORTHERLY TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 10-127, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A 70-FOOT PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY APPROXIMATELY 330 FEET EAST OF ARNOLD CENTER ROAD BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND NORTHERLY TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS, AND SETTING A TIME AND A PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING HEREIN."
2. SET a Public Hearing for January 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION: Item No. 11 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. (12) CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A PORTION OF CARSON STREET AS AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. DIRECT staff to initiate the process of establishing Carson Street as an Underground Utility District, from Alameda Street to Santa Fe Avenue, and explore the possibility of undergrounding overhead utility lines from Santa Fe Avenue easterly to the railroad tracks located approximately 660 feet east of Carson's city boundary.
2. DIRECT staff to report back to City Council within six months with the status of this project.

ACTION: Item No. 12 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. (13) CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF REVENUES AND THE APPROPRIATION OF THE FUNDS FROM THE TRANSITIONAL SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. ACCEPT the projected Transitional Subsidized Employment revenues of \$60,000.00.
2. INCREASE the FY 2010/11 projected general fund revenues in account number 01-00-999-881-4545 by \$60,000.00 to account for this additional revenue.
3. APPROPRIATE \$50,000.00 to account number 01-70-730-881-6005 and \$10,000.00 to account number 01-70-730-881-6009 to cover the cost to operate the Transitional Subsidized Employment program.
4. APPROVE entering into an agreement with Michael Seale for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 13 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. (14) CONSIDER APPROVING MARGIE MAYHAMS AS THE CITY OF CARSON'S NOMINEE TO BE HONORED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION (PUBLIC SERVICES)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. APPROVE Margie Mayhams as Carson's recommended nominee to be honored at the Department of Community and Senior Services of Los Angeles County's African American History Month Celebration.

ACTION: Item No. 14 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.

**ITEM NO. (15) THIS ITEM INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK**

**DEMANDS (Item 16)**

**ITEM NO. (16) RESOLUTION NO. 10-129 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,365,045.74, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 096146 THROUGH 096423**

This item was heard at 9:30 P.M.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 10-129 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: Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**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.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (Item 17)**

**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. (17) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 10-128, APPROVING THE CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S 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 AGENCY ITEM NO. 7**

**Joint Public Hearing**

Mayor/Chairman Dear declared the Joint Public Hearing open **TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 10-128, APPROVING THE CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S FINANCING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION LOCATED AT 21356 SOUTH AVALON BOULEVARD (CARSON CONSOLIDATED PROJECT AREA).**

**City Clerk/Agency Secretary's Report**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe reported that notice of the Joint Public Hearing had been given pursuant to applicable law, including but not limited to the timely publication, postings as required by law; and other mailings as requested by individuals and organizations. The affidavits attesting to mailing and publishing such notice were on file in the City Clerk's Office. No written communications were received.

Mayor/Chairman Dear directed that all affidavits of notice be made part of the record.

**Staff Report**

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

**Administration of Oath**

Mayor/Chairman Dear requested that all persons wishing to testify to stand and take the Oath, which was administered by City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe.

**Public Testimony**

The following persons, being previously sworn, testified before the City Council/Redevelopment Agency:

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

Concurred with the staff recommendation.

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

Inquired into the necessity of the rehabilitation project.

There being no further persons wishing to testify, Mayor/Chairman Dear declared the Joint Public Hearing closed.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 10-128, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND APPROVING THE CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S FINANCING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION, PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 33445 AND 33679."

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation Nos. 1 and 2 on motion of Dear and seconded by Ruiz-Raber.

**Amended Motion**

Mayor/Chairman Dear amended his motion to include the direction to staff to prepare a letter for signature by the Mayor on behalf of the City Council to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors encouraging the Board to approve the Carson Sheriff's Station rehabilitation project at its meeting when the item will be considered, which accepted by Ruiz-Raber.

During discussion of the amended motion, Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes noted that the amended motion did not include encouraging the Board of Supervisors to approve a PLA agreement for the project. Whereupon, Mayor/Chairman Dear clarified that the issue would be included in the letter and thanked Council Member Davis-Holmes for bringing the item forward.

The amended 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. 17, the City Council was Recessed at 9:54 P.M. by Mayor Dear to the Redevelopment Agency for Agency Item No. 7, as requested by staff.

**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.

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Items 18-20)**

#### **ITEM NO. (18) COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR DEAR (CITY CLERK)**

Item No. 18 was heard at 10:07 P.M.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. Mayor Dear to CONSIDER, APPOINT, or REAPPOINT members to the Commissions, Committees, and Boards in accordance with Ordinance No. 04-1330, with the approval of a majority of the entire City Council present, including the Mayor, as listed on Exhibit No. 1:
  - Planning Commission (9)
  - Parks and Recreation Commission (7)
  - Environmental Commission (7)
  - Cultural Arts Commission (7)
  - Human Relations Commission (7)
  - -Human Relations Commission-Youth (2)
  - Citywide Advisory Commission (7)
  - Economic Development Commission (11)
  - Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board (15)

- At-Large Member (3) – **1 vacancy – Triangle Page 10**
- At-Large Member (Alternate) (4)
- Park Owner Member (2)
- Park Owner Member (Alternate) (2)
- Resident Homeowner Member (2)
- Resident Homeowner Member (Alternate) (2)
- Public Relations Commission (7)
  - Community Representative (3)
  - Public Relations Specialist (4)
- Public Works Commission (5)
- Public Safety Commission (7)
- Relocation Appeals Board (5) – **1 vacancy – Triangle Page 12**
- Women’s Issues Commission (7)
- Senior Citizens Advisory Commission (11)
- Youth Commission (11)
- Veterans Affairs Commission (11)
- Beautification Committee (11)
- Utility Users’ Tax Citizens Oversight Committee (24)
- Carson Historical Committee (9)

ACTION: Mayor Dear took the following actions:

**Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board (At-Large Member)**

Mayor Dear appointed Richard Vaughn.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor’s appointment on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina 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

Mayor Dear requested that City Clerk Kawagoe bring back this item at the next meeting, with no objections heard.

**ITEM NO. (19) CONSIDERATION FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Item No. 19 was heard at 7:07 P.M.

City Manager Groomes summarized the staff report and recommendation. He reported that should the City Council wish to extend the contract for a longer period of time, staff requests a competitive process.

## **Public Comments**

### **Richard Vaughn, 415 E. Centerview Drive, Carson, California 90746**

Reported that he was proud of the clean streets of Carson and extended his holiday greetings.

### **Ani Samuelian, 11914 Front Street, Norwalk, California 90650, Vice President, Nationwide Environmental Services (NES)**

Requested that the City Council consider the longer-term contract; make the best decision; and extended her holiday greetings.

Upon inquiry, the NES Operations Manager discussed the advantages of the longer-term contract to the City of Carson and to NES.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE a contract extension for street sweeping services with Nationwide Environmental Services for three years (FY 2011/12 to FY 2013/14) in an amount not to exceed \$731,420.00, with an optional one-year extension.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract extension, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to approve a contract extension for street sweeping services with NES for seven years (FY 2011/12 to FY 2017/18) in an amount not-to-exceed \$731,420.00, with an optional three-year extension on motion of Santarina and seconded by Davis-Holmes.

During discussion of the motion, the following issues were addressed: 1) whether CPI and tipping fees would remain unchanged for seven years and 2) cost savings to the City. Whereupon, City Manager Groomes reported the staff could be directed to bring back a proposed agreement with new language, including the tipping fees, with City Attorney Wynder concurring.

### **Amended Motion**

Council Member Davis-Holmes offered a friendly amendment to the motion to direct staff to bring back a contract extension with a three-year option for consideration by the City Council and to include specific language about the kinds of triggers and levels of approval that would be required by the City Council on a year-to-year basis to deal with any considerations for CPI and/or tipping fee adjustments, as recommended by City Manager Groomes, and accepted by Santarina.

During discussion of the amended motion, Mayor Dear hoped that staff would bring back a proposed contract that would be more attractive to the City of Carson. Whereupon, Council Member Davis-Holmes clarified that the intent of her amendment was to add the instruction to staff to negotiate a contract that has the City's interests in mind and thanked Mayor Dear for expressing his position.

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

**RECESS:** The City Council was Recessed at 7:59 P.M. by Mayor Dear at the request of staff.

**RECONVENE:** The City Council was Reconvened at 8:25 P.M. by Mayor Dear, with all members previously noted present, for Item No. 22.

**NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Items 20-23)**

**ITEM NO. (20) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-125, SUPPORTING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS FOR EXISTING AND POTENTIAL BUSINESSES (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

**THIS IS A COMPANION AGENDA ITEM WITH AGENCY ITEM NO. 8**

Item No. 20 was 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 City Council:

TAKE the following action:

1. RECEIVE and FILE the report on activities.
2. APPROVE the proposed business development initiatives.
3. APPROVE the outreach program with California Manufacturing Technology Consulting.
4. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 10-125, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF "BUSINESS FRIENDLY PRINCIPLES" AS PART OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS' DEVELOPMENT OF A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGY."

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation Nos. 1, 2, 3. And 4 for Council Item No. 20 / Agency Item No. 8 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.

**ITEM NO. (21) CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES (CITY CLERK)**

Item No. 21 was heard after Item No. 18 at 10:09 P.M.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

Mayor Dear to TAKE the following actions:

1. REAFFIRM, RE-DESIGNATE and/or DESIGNATE member assignments to the City Council Sub-committees.
2. CONSIDER the status of any City Council Sub-committee.
3. CONSIDER and CREATE any new City Council Sub-committee or RE-ACTIVATE any previous City Council Sub-committee as listed on Exhibit No. 2.

ACTION: Mayor Dear took the following actions:

**Lobbying Firm**

Mayor Dear removed Council Member Davis-Holmes and appointed Mayor Pro Tem Santarina as sub-committee member.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment on motion of Dear and seconded by Ruiz-Raber.

Council Member Gipson inquired into the removal of Council Member Davis-Holmes from all City Council Sub-committees. Whereupon, Council Member Davis-Holmes clarified that she had made the statement that she did not wish to serve on sub-committees because of the unfairness of Council Member Gipson not being appointed to any subcommittees.

Upon inquiry, City Attorney Wynder defined ad-hoc and standing committees and stated that he would report back regarding ad-hoc subcommittees where an elected official attends as a resident in memo form to the City Council. He further clarified that there were special provisions in the Brown Act which allow an elected official to attend an ad-hoc sub-committee meeting quietly with no participation.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Dear inquired whether Council Member Gipson would be interested in serving on four sub-committees. Whereupon, Council Member Gipson responded that he would not be interested in serving if it would cause Council Member Davis-Holmes to be removed.

**ITEM NO. (22) CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STAFF AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN EXCLUSIVE CATERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MASTROIANNI FAMILY ENTERPRISES, LTD., D/B/A JAY'S CATERING (CITY MANAGER)**

Item No. 22 was heard at 8:25 P.M.

City Manager Groomes summarized the staff report. He felt that in all fairness that staff should be allowed to engage in further negotiations with Choura Events Catering as well as Mastroianni Family Enterprises dba Jay's Catering.

**Public Comments**

**Ryan Choura, 4101 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, California 90815, representing Choura Events Catering**

Discussed the revenue forecast in their proposal and wanted to be a part of the formal negotiations.

**Jim Choura, 4101 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, California 90815, representing Choura Events Catering**

Discussed their belief in community for hiring and for service.

**Don Temple, 4338 Heather Road, Long Beach, California**

As the property owner of The Grand, Long Beach, and landlord for Choura Events Catering, he reported that for the past ten years Choura Events Catering has been a good tenant and would be good for the city.

**Kathie Okamoto, 21111 Dolores Street, Sp. 137, Carson, California 90745**

As a business owner in Carson who has held shows at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson, she felt that due to the size of her shows, she received a lower level of service from Jay's Catering and policies and attitudes should be adjusted to keep business in Carson.

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

Discussed the changes in the demographics for the City of Carson; felt that the variety of food was lacking by Jay's Catering; and encouraged the City Council to keep money in Carson.

**Ronald Shimokaji, 1502 E. Carson Street, Sp. 135, Carson, California 90745**

Discussed concerns, such as the exclusivity clause and the importance of maintaining the competitiveness of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson in the industry.

**Raul Murga, 21111 Dolores Street, Carson, California 90745**

Reported that he was opposed to excluding the community due to the exclusivity of the catering contract.

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

Requested that City Council ask that the caterer serve hot bread with their meals.

**Linda Loeza, representing Jay's Catering**

Felt that Jay's Catering has tried to be flexible and sensitive to the diverse community and discussed their commitment to negotiating in good faith with the City.

City Manager Groomes reiterated that staff's modified recommendation was to allow staff to negotiate with both parties simultaneously.

**RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:**

1. AUTHORIZE staff and the office of the City Attorney to enter into formal negotiations with representatives of Mastroianni Family Enterprises, Ltd., doing business as Jay's Catering, for a possible exclusive catering services agreement at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson, for a five (5)-year term commencing on February 1, 2011 and concluding on February 3, 2016.

**ACTION:** Council Member Ruiz-Raber moved to continue this item to allow further negotiations by staff. Whereupon, City Attorney Wynder discussed his support for the modified staff recommendation and offered language for a suggested motion to direct staff to go back to the vendors and seek from each of them a last-best-and-final offer, recognizing that both vendors have got to offer the City of Carson more than what was currently being offered by either vendor under the current proposals on the table, based on what is being paid and rates being paid to date, which was accepted by Ruiz-Raber and seconded by Davis-Holmes.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Dear posed questions to representatives from Choura Events Catering and Jay's Catering.

City Attorney Wynder felt that further analysis was required; such as, rates, plans, projections and expanding the point of sales tax in Carson.

Council Member Gipson requested that staff include information regarding "promotional fees," when this item comes back for consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Santarina stated that he was interested in information regarding programming

City Manager Groomes reported that staff's first effort would be to bring this item back on January 18, 2011, with City Attorney Wynder concurring.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. (23) THIS ITEM INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK**

**RECESS:** After Item No. 22, the City Council was Recessed at 10:29 P.M. by Mayor Dear at the request of staff.

**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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Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Helen Kawagoe