



**MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 27, 2011**

5:00 P.M.

AGENDA POSTED: JUNE 23, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:24 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 Julie Ruiz-Raber, Council Member Lula Davis-Holmes, and Council Member Elito Santarina

Council Members Absent: Council Member Mike Gipson (Entered at 6:53 P.M.)

Other Elected Officials Present: Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk

Other Elected Officials Absent: Karen Avilla, City Treasurer

Also Present: Clifford Graves, Interim City Manager; and staff:

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

Lisa Berglund, Principal Administrative Analyst; Zarah Cruz, Public Information Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Dan Cisneros, Human Services General Manager; Edward Escamilla, Landscape and Building Maintenance Superintendent; Brent Gesch, Administrative Analyst; Cedric Hicks, Recreation Superintendent; Patricia Elkins, Storm Water Quality Program Manager; Ken McKay, Public Safety Manager; Mike Page, Community Center Manager; Gina Marie Trinidad, Administrative Analyst; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk

Lt. Eddie Rivero, Carson Sheriff's Station

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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CLOSED SESSION (Items 1-2)

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves presented the Closed Session.

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

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

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

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

ITEM NO. (2) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code §54957 to consider filling the position of City Manager.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

RECESS: The City Council was Recessed at 5:27 P.M. by Mayor Dear to a Closed Session to discuss the items described on this evening's agenda.

RECONVENE: The City Council was Reconvened at 6:51 P.M. by Mayor Dear with all members previously noted present, except Davis-Holmes and Gipson.

(Council Member Davis-Holmes reentered the meeting at 6:51 P.M.)

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Dear provided the Closed Session report as follows:

Council Closed Session Item No. 1

The City Council conducted a discussion with labor negotiators and no action was taken.

Council Closed Session Item No. 2

The City Council discussed the recruitment process and no action was taken.

FLAG SALUTE: MAYOR JIM DEAR

RECESS: The City Council was Recessed at 6:52 P.M. by Mayor Dear.

RECONVENE: The special meeting of the City Council was Reconvened at 6:53 P.M., for a joint session with the special meeting of the Redevelopment Agency by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, including Gipson who entered the meeting at 6:53 P.M., for Council Item No. 3/Agency Item No. 1.

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Item 3)

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

ITEM NO. (3) CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-087 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES GENERAL MANAGER TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS PENDING ADOPTION OF THE FY 2011/12 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

THIS IS A COMPANION AGENDA ITEM WITH AGENCY ITEM NO. 1

Council Item No. 3 was heard in joint session with Agency Item No. 1 at 6:53 P.M.

Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves summarized the staff report and recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-087, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, GIVING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES GENERAL MANAGER LIMITED AND TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS OF THE CITY, SUBJECT TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE DEMAND REGISTER, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, PENDING ADOPTION OF THEFY 2011/12 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS."

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READINGS WAIVED, it was moved to PASS, APPROVE and ADOPT Resolution Nos. 11-087 and 11-31, as read by titles only, on motion of Santarina, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

RECESS: After companion Council Item No. 3/Agency Item No. 1, the special meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 6:55 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the special meeting of the City Council for Council Item No. 5.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Item 4)

ITEM NO. (4) COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR DEAR (CITY CLERK)

Item No. 4 was heard after Item No. 5 at 7:51 P.M.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

RECOMMENDATION for the Mayor:

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.

ACTION: Mayor Dear took the following actions:

Parks and Recreation Commission

Mayor Dear reappointed Alene Harris.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and carried by the following vote:

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

Public Safety Commission

Mayor Dear reappointed Adrianus Hoogendam.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Beautification Committee

Mayor Dear removed Harold Williams from the Utility Users' Tax Citizens Oversight Committee and appointed Harold Williams to the Beautification Committee.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and carried by the following vote:

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

Utility Users' Tax Citizens Oversight Committee

Mayor Dear appointed Miguel Guzman.

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 Ruiz-Raber, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Santarina
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Carson Historical Committee

Mayor Dear reappointed Dr. Kathleen Fawver.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment on motion of Dear, seconded by Ruiz-Raber and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Dear continued Item No. 4 to July 5, 2011.

WORKSHOP (Item 5)

ITEM NO. (5) BUDGET WORKSHOP #3

Item No. 5 was heard at 6:57 P.M.

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves provided budget highlights and referred to and discussed the following budget charts:

- IV: REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
- VII: SOURCE OF REVENUES
- XI: WHERE MONEY IS GOING
- XII: PROGRAM AREAS
- XIII: SALARY COSTS (COMPONENTS)
- XIV. GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
- XVI: OPERATING EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY AND DEPARTMENT

(Council Member Davis-Holmes exited and entered the meeting at 6:58 P.M.)

Public Comments

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

Suggested that budget information be posted on the City's web page.

(Council Member Davis-Holmes exited and entered the meeting at 7:09 P.M.)

The City Council discussed the following items:

Leave Redemption

Council Member Davis-Holmes

\$136,000 was paid out last year for eight employees and requested a report regarding the eight employees; last year, the former city manager cashed out \$37,000.

(Council Member Gipson exited and reentered the meeting at 7:12 P.M.)

Mayor Dear

Requested that staff provide accurate information whether the number of positions was eight or seven.

Overtime

Council Member Davis-Holmes

Some departments have budgeted for overtime; some did not. The budgeting of overtime should be administered uniformly.

**Part-time Bus Drivers
PET and COPS Teams**

Council Member Davis-Holmes

Requested clarification from staff regarding the following issues: 1) that the proposed budget did not reflect the policy relative to options to keep the drivers working and 2) that the Park Enforcement Team (PET) appeared to be merged with the COPS Team.

Mayor Dear

Mayor Dear requested that Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves to provide copies of staff's responses to issues which were raised this evening to all members of the City Council. Whereupon, Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that staff would be providing their responses to the City Council and that staff would be meeting with the Council Members. He referred to the special meeting call for June 30, 2011, and informed the City Council that there would be no need to hold the meeting, with no objections heard.

General Fund Operating Expenditures Summary and Comparison (FY 2007/08 Through FY 2011/12) (Staff Report Triangle Page 8)

Council Member Gipson

Requested Administrative Services General Manager Acosta to clarify the FY 2011/12 Proposed Budget of \$712,590.

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Referred to and inquired into the transfer of Agency funds to the General Fund.

Stroke Center

Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber

Stated that the Stroke Center was a necessary program whose attendance was growing; inquired into the funding source for the Stroke Center; and requested that staff look into including funds in the budget for a full-time person.

(Mayor Dear exited and reentered the meeting at 7:42 P.M.)

Council Member Santarina

Echoed the comments expressed by Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber.

Council Member Gipson

Echoed the comments expressed by Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber and expressed his delight that the proposed budget did not contain furlough days. He encouraged public comments; wanted the public to have a copy of the budget; and encouraged staff to provide input. Whereupon, Mayor Dear proposed that staff provide a copy of the budget summary available on the Internet and suggested that Council Member Gipson provide copies of the budget binder as required.

Administrative Services General Manager Acosta reported that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) had new terminology to be approved prior to June 30, 2011. Whereupon, Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that a Presentations Session was scheduled for Wednesday, June 29, 2011, and requested that Mayor Dear call a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at 5:45 P.M., in the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson.

Mayor Dear ordered a special joint meeting of the Carson City Council/Redevelopment Agency to be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at 5:45 P.M., in the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson, located at 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745, as requested by staff.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. HOLD the workshop.

ACTION: The City Council held the budget workshop.

RECONVENE: After Council Item No. 4, the special meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 8:02 P.M. for a joint session with the special meeting of the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor/Chairman Dear extended his best wishes to those in attendance for a happy Fourth of July holiday and Adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Helen Kawagoe