



**MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 2011**

5:00 P.M.

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AGENDA POSTED: JULY 1, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:11 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear in the Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

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

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

Council/Agency Members Absent: Council/Agency Member Lula Davis-Holmes (Entered at 5:14 P.M.)

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

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

Also Present:

Clifford Graves, Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director, William Wynder, City/Agency Attorney; Lindsay Tabaian, Deputy City/Deputy Agency Attorney; and staff:

Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary

CLOSED SESSION

City/Agency Attorney Wynder presented the Closed Session items.

Mayor/Chairman Dear referred to Agency Closed Session Item No. 1 and reported that the street address is also known as "Recreation Road."

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

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

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. V. City of Carson, Second Appellate District Case No. B211777.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

RECESS: The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 5:14 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to a Closed Session to discuss the items described on this evening's agenda.

(Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes entered the meeting at 5:14 P.M.)

RECONVENE: The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 6:23 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, including Davis-Holmes.

(Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes exited and reentered the meeting at 6:39 P.M.)

ROLL CALL: City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe noted the following:

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

Council/Agency Members Absent: None

Other Elected Officials Present: Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk/Agency Secretary, and Karen Avilla, City/Agency Treasurer

Other Elected Officials Absent: None

Also Present: Clifford Graves, Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager; William Wynder, City/Agency Attorney; and staff:

Jackie Acosta, Administrative Services General Manager (Entered at 6:35 P.M.); Ray Cruz, Public Services General Manager (Entered at 6:34 P.M.); and Vic Rollinger, Development Services General Manager;

Keith Bennett, Housing Analyst; Lisa Berglund, Senior Administrative Analyst; Zarah Cruz, Public Information Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Cedric Hicks, Recreation Superintendent; Ken McKay, Public Safety Manager; Sheri Repp-Loadsman, Planning Officer; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary

Lt. Roland Choi, Carson Sheriff's Station

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

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

Council Closed Session Item No. 1

This item was not necessary to discuss in Closed Session.

Agency Closed Session Item No. 1

A privileged and confidential briefing was provided. Questions were asked and answered. The Redevelopment Agency authorized the initiation of such negotiations. All five members participated in the Closed Session.

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
6:00 P.M.**

FLAG SALUTE: CITY/AGENCY TREASURER KAREN AVILLA

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: **PASTOR RUDY ABROT, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

RECESS: After Invocation, the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 6:28 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for Approval of Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2010	(SPECIAL)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010	(REGULAR)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010	(SPECIAL)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010	(REGULAR)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010	(ADJOURNED REGULAR)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010	(REGULAR)
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2010	(SPECIAL)

It was moved to Approve the Minutes as Submitted and as listed on this evening’s agenda on motion of Dear and seconded by Gipson.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber stated that she would abstain on the Minutes of November 16, 2010 (Regular) since she was absent from the meeting due to an out-of-town commitment.

The motion was carried by the following vote with Ruiz-Raber abstaining on November 16, 2010 (Regular) only:

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

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

A. INTRODUCTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

Lt. Roland Choi gave a self-introduction and reported that he was representing Acting Captain Ed Rivero who was on vacation.

RECONVENE: After Council Item No. A, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 6:31 P.M., for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present, for Oral Communications – Member 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 6:31 P.M.

Jason Seward, 5757 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90036, representing the Millennium Momentum Foundation

Invited the City Council to attend the Summer Reception for the Millennium Momentum Foundation to be held on at 12:00 P.M., Saturday, July 30, 2011, Screen Actors Guild, Los Angeles, California.

Brenda Ramirez, 1246 E. 222nd Street, Carson, California 90745

Offered the following comments: 1) discussed issues associated with vehicular traffic at Wilmington and 223rd Street; 2) felt that Clifford Graves should be hired as City Manager; 3) provided personal observations about the Mayor and Council Members; and 4) discussed tardy fees.

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Offered the following comments: 1) provided personal observations about Mayor Dear and 2) discussed the situation regarding Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Amelia Cayton, 19426 Tajauta Avenue, Carson, California 90746

Offered the following comments: 1) provided personal observations about Mayor Dear and 2) referred to Carson rehab development and cited a personal experience regarding the mishandling of contractors for the work performed at her home and that calls and letters to staff have been ignored. Whereupon, Mayor/Chairman Dear requested that Ms. Cayton provide a copy of her document to City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe and copy to Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves, which Ms. Cayton declined to do because she had written on her document.

Vivian Hatcher, 19202 Annalee Avenue, Carson, California 90746

Reported and discussed the coyote problem in Carson and submitted documents to City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe with copies for Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves. Whereupon, Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes requested the Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves post the information on the Internet, send flyers, and air via cable television and place this item on the agenda for July 19, 2011.

Ms. Osato, representing the American Income Life Insurance Company, Long Beach, California

Discussed "Child Safe Kits," which were available at no charge and requested permission to place a kit at each city park. By consensus, the Council/Agency concurred to a meeting between Ms. Osato and Public Services General Manager Cruz.

Mila Echallas Boyer, 228 W. Carson Street, Apt. 42, Carson, California 90745

Provided insight regarding Don Dominguez Apartments and Watson Land Company based upon history of China.

Audrie Echnoz, 100 Artesia Boulevard, Gardena, California 90248, Executive Director, Gardena-Carson YMCA

Offered the following comments: 1) suggested a partnership with the City of Carson; 2) provided information about the YMCA; and 3) thanked the City Council for its support. Whereupon, Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes requested that Ms. Echnoz provide a camping trip package.

Bill Smalley, 17700 Avalon Boulevard, No. 111, Carson, California 90746

Offered the following comments: 1) discussed Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves who has performed his job in a professional manner and 2) supported the hiring of Mr. Graves as full-time City Manager and not someone from the outside.

RECESS: After Oral Communications – Members of the Public, the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 7:03 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear for Approval of Minutes.

RECONVENE: The City Council was Reconvened at 7:04 P.M. by for a joint session with the Redevelopment Agency by Mayor/Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present, for the Council/Agency New Business Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Items 2-10)

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 in joint session at 7:04 P.M.

Public Comments

The following persons offered comments:

Agency Item No. 3

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

Reported that she had attended the meeting and that the audience was divided.

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Expressed her support for the church and its hard-working congregation.

Council Item No. 9

Dr. Richard Kravchek, 18001 Valerio, Reseda, California 91335, Director, CSUDH Wind Ensemble

Discussed the request of the band.

It was moved to approve the City Council/Redevelopment Agency New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear and seconded by Gipson.

During discussion of the motion, the following items were removed for discussion:

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Council Item No. 9: CONSIDERATION OF THE CARSON/DOMINGUEZ HILLS COMMUNITY WIND ENSEMBLE BE APPOINTED THE OFFICIAL BAND OF THE CITY OF CARSON (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Agency Item No. 3: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-30 APPROVING DESIGN OVERLAY REVIEW NO. 1359-10 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 2,535-SQUARE-FOOT ADDITION TO AN EXISTING 1,975-SQUARE-FOOT CHURCH BUILDING LOCATED AT 2581 E. CARSON STREET (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Council Item No. 10: CONSIDER APPROVING THE RECOMMENDED NAME FOR THE NEW CITY OF CARSON MINI-PARK (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Mayor Dear accepted the requests by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber and Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes as a friendly amendment, which Gipson concurring.

The motion to approve Council New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and Agency New Business Consent Calendar Item No. 2 was 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 the Approval of the Council/Agency New Business Consent Calendar, the City Council was Recessed at 7:20 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the Redevelopment Agency for Agency Item No. 3.

ITEM NO. (2) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR PROJECT NO. 1281: CITYWIDE ANNUAL OVERLAY PROGRAM, PLUS CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOTS; AND PROJECT NO. 1286: CITYWIDE ANNUAL CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

THIS IS A JOINT AGENDA ITEM WITH AGENCY ITEM NO. 2

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the plans, specifications, estimates, Location Maps and Location List, and order the work for Project No. 1281: Citywide Annual Overlay Program, plus civic center parking lots; and Project No. 1286: Citywide Annual Concrete Replacement Program.
2. AUTHORIZE staff to advertise the work and call for construction bids for Project No. 1281: Citywide Annual Overlay Program, plus civic center parking lots; and Project No. 1286: Citywide Annual Concrete Replacement Program.

ACTION: Item No. 2 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson 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

ITEM NO. (3) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-090 VACATING RESOLUTION NO. 07-106 AND DENYING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 27014 PROVIDING FOR CONVERSION TO RESIDENT OWNERSHIP OF THE CARSON HARBOR VILLAGE MOBILEHOME PARK LOCATED AT 17701 AVALON BOULEVARD (APN NO. 7339-001-005) (CITY MANAGER)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-090, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, VACATING RESOLUTION NO. 07-106 AND DENYING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 27014 PROVIDING FOR CONVERSION TO RESIDENT OWNERSHIP OF THE CARSON HARBOR VILLAGE MOBILEHOME PARK LOCATED AT 17701 AVALON BOULEVARD (APN NO. 7339-001-005)."

ACTION: Item No. 3 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson 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

ITEM NO. (4) STATUS REPORT ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 4 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson 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

ITEM NO. (5) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-078, FREEWAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF CARSON FOR THE MODIFICATION TO THE I-405 FREEWAY INTERCHANGES WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CARSON (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-078, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FREEWAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF CARSON FOR THE MODIFICATION TO THE I-405 FREEWAY INTERCHANGES WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CARSON."

ACTION: Item No. 5 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson 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

ITEM NO. (6) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE CLEAN ENERGY CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FUELING SERVICES FOR THE CARSON CIRCUIT CONTRACT (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROPRIATE \$27,000.00 from the unreserved, undesignated Proposition A fund balance, and \$18,000.00 from the unreserved, undesignated Proposition C fund balance to account nos. 18-80-999-180-7310 and 19-80-999-180-7310, respectively, to augment the amount currently budgeted for the CNG fuel for the Carson Circuit Bus System for the remainder of FY 2010/11.
2. APPROVE an amendment to the Clean Energy contract to increase the amount of the contract as follows: \$217,000.00 for CY 2009, \$230,000.00 for CY 2010, and \$265,000.00 for CYs 2011-2013.

ACTION: Item No. 6 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson 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

ITEM NO. (7) CONSIDER OPPOSITION TO SB 776 RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUNDS (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. OPPOSE SB 776.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to send a letter expressing the city's opposition.

ACTION: Item No. 7 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson 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

ITEM NO. (8) CONSIDER ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF CARSON EMPLOYEES' HEALTH, VITALITY AND WELLNESS PROGRAM (PUBLIC SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. REFER the creation of the city of Carson Employees' Health, Vitality and Wellness Program to the City Council Policy sub-committee.

ACTION: Item No. 8 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson 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

RECONVENE: After Agency Item No. 4, the City Council was Reconvened at 7:53 P.M. by Mayor Dear with all members previously noted present for Item No. 9.

ITEM NO. (9) CONSIDERATION OF THE CARSON/DOMINGUEZ HILLS COMMUNITY WIND ENSEMBLE BE APPOINTED THE OFFICIAL BAND OF THE CITY OF CARSON (PUBLIC SERVICES)

This item was heard after Agency Item No. 4 at 7:53 P.M.

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

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. REFER this matter to the Cultural Arts Commission for discussion and to either support or oppose the proposal.

ACTION: It was moved to approve the staff recommendation on motion of Ruiz-Raber and seconded by Gipson.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member Davis-Holmes requested that staff notify Dr. Richard Kravchek to apply for Fine Arts funding so that the City can assist in the same manner when the City becomes solvent.

The motion was 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

ITEM NO. (10) CONSIDER APPROVING THE RECOMMENDED NAME FOR THE NEW CITY OF CARSON MINI-PARK (PUBLIC SERVICES)

Item No. 10 was heard after Item No. 9.

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves summarized the staff report and recommendation, read the ten names which were considered, and reported that the three final options were: Serenity Park, Reflection Park, and Tranquility Park.

The following issues were discussed:

Mayor Dear

Inquired whether the park would be illuminated at night and suggested to have a trellis covered with vegetation.

City Clerk Kawagoe

Reported that she had moved into Carson in 1956 and the area was known as Keystone.

Council Member Davis-Holmes

Recommended not to name the park as Keystone Park due to gang affiliations.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. APPROVE the recommended name of Reflection Mini-Park for the new mini-park on Shearer Avenue in the city of Carson.

ACTION: It was moved to approve the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission to name the park Reflection Mini-Park on motion of Dear, seconded by Davis-Holmes.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber reported that although she supports the naming of a park after Cesar Chavez, she reserved the name of Chavez Park for a regular park, not a mini-park.

The motion was 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

DEMANDS (Item 11)

ITEM NO. (11) RESOLUTION NO. 11-088 ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,087,598.93, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 099238 THROUGH 099519

Item No. 11 was heard after Item No. 10.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 11-088 was PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion of Dear, seconded by Gipson 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

RECESS: After Item No. 11, the City Council was Recessed at 8:16 P.M. by Mayor Dear at the request of staff.

RECONVENE: The City Council was Reconvened at 8:33 P.M. by Mayor Dear with all members previously noted present for Item No. 12.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (Items 12-13)

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. (12) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FY 2011/12 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Item No. 12 was heard after Item No. 11.

Public Hearing

Mayor Dear declared the Public Hearing open **TO CONSIDER THE FY 2011/12 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.**

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Kawagoe reported that notice of the Public Hearing had been given pursuant to applicable law, including but not limited to the timely publication, and such copy of proof received by the City Clerk; 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 Dear directed that all affidavits of notice be made part of the record.

Staff Report

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves summarized the staff report and recommendation. He reported that a balanced budget was presented with cushion to be able to provide services and benefit the infrastructure.

Administrative Services General Manager Acosta provided highlights of the proposed budget.

Administration of Oath

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

Public Testimony

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

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Offered the following comments: 1) to not hire too many consultants and reduce money for the hiring of consultants; 2) that the City Council should hire Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves as City Manager; and 3) to consider sharing some money with the public and hold some events for the community, e.g., Cinco de Mayo, Philippine Independence Day, Veterans Park, Juneteenth -- one for each culture in Carson.

Brenda Ramirez, 1246 E. 222nd Street, Carson, California 90745

Offered the following comments: 1) concurred with the opinion that Mr. Graves should be hired as City Manager, not fill his job, and save money; 2) discussed fees paid to Carson and inquired what it is being used for; and 3) inquired what was wrong with the big screen in the Council Chambers.

(Council Member Davis-Holmes exited the meeting at 8:42 P.M.)

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

Reported that she was startled at the price of the contract with the Sheriff's Department. And expressed concern about the 3% at 60 retirement arrangement.

(Council Member Davis-Holmes entered the meeting at 8:45 P.M.)

Isabel Meni, President, AFSCME Local 809

Offered the following comments: 1) expressed concern regarding the redemption benefit for the executive group and supported everyone being treated the same; 2) referred to the funding for 12.5 positions which are currently vacant and requested that the City Council consider the removal of and reevaluation of Account Clerk (Landscape and Building Maintenance) and Recreation Program Manager (Funded for 6 months); and 3) expressed support for the budget process and thanked the City Council for no employee furloughs.

Jennifer Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Urged the City Council to be more conscious and responsible in spending General Fund money.

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

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.

ACTION: Mayor Dear declared the Public Hearing open, took public testimony, and closed the Public Hearing.

ITEM NO. (13) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 11-079, TO VACATE GARDNER STREET, A 25-FOOT PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY EAST OF SHEARER AVENUE (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Item No. 13 was heard after Item No. 12.

Public Hearing

Mayor Dear declared the Public Hearing open **TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 11-079, TO VACATE GARDNER STREET, A 25-FOOT PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY EAST OF SHEARER AVENUE.**

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Kawagoe reported that notice of the Public Hearing had been given pursuant to applicable law, including but not limited to the timely publication, and such copy of proof received by the City Clerk; 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 Dear directed that all affidavits of notice be made part of the record.

Staff Report

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

Administration of Oath

Mayor Dear requested that all persons wishing to testify to stand and take the Oath. There being no persons wishing to testify, Mayor Dear declared the 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. 11-079, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, TO VACATE GARDNER STREET, A 25-FOOT PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY EAST OF SHEARER AVENUE, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN."

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 11-079 was PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion of Santarina, 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

ITEM NO. (14) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE REVISED ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/12, AND REVISED 2011/2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Item No. 14 was heard after Item No. 13.

Public Hearing

Mayor Dear declared the Public Hearing open **TO CONSIDER THE REVISED ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/12, AND REVISED 2011/2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.**

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Kawagoe reported that notice of the Public Hearing had been given pursuant to applicable law, including but not limited to the timely publication, and such copy of proof received by the City Clerk; 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 Dear directed that all affidavits of notice be made part of the record.

Staff Report

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

Administration of Oath

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

Public Testimony

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

Miriam Vazquez, 21413 Martin Street, Carson, California 90745

Felt that the organizations should manage the money they receive and should be grateful and that everyone should have a share of the money, not just certain groups.

Wilma Wilson, 19306 Harlan Avenue, Carson, California 90746

Reported that the organizations have lost funding; the organizations do a wonderful job; thanked the City Council for its efforts and to Mr. Graves.

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

Deliberation

Council Member Davis-Holmes

Reported that about two years ago, the City Council recommended to not fund any organization under \$7500. Whereupon, Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves clarified that since organizations would not be able to operate based upon the paperwork involved, he would make a recommendation regarding that policy for the next round. He also responded to the suggestion to fund the CSUDH Wind Ensemble next year.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.
2. ALLOCATE the revised figure of \$160,978.00 in CDBG public services funding for FY 2011-2012 (PY 2011) proportionally among the providers.
3. REALLOCATE El Nido's \$11,919.00 share proportionally among the other providers.
4. APPROVE the revised FY 2011/12 (PY 2011) CDBG budget.
5. APPROVE the submission of the revised 2011/12 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Item 15)

ITEM NO. (15) COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR DEAR (CITY CLERK)

Item No. 15 was heard after Item No. 14.

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 John Graber.

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

Environmental Commission

Mayor Dear referred to the listing of Lillian Hopson and corrected her term expiration date from “3/31/2011” to “3/31/2013.”

Mayor Dear reappointed Eleanor Mack.

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

Human Relations Commission

Mayor Dear appointed Urbana (Bonnie) Lu.

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

Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board

Mayor Dear reappointed Susy Forbath.

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

Public Relations Commission

Mayor Dear requested that staff prepare an ordinance amendment to add two Community Representative members and increase the size of the commission from seven (7) to nine (9) members for consideration on July 19, 2011, with no objections heard.

Youth Commission

Mayor Dear reported that Jessica McLemore would be attending college and could not continue to serve.

Mayor Dear reappointed the following individuals: Ariana Atienza, Angelica Carambas, Lelahni Johnson, Austin Mendoza, Heather Mendoza, Kourtney Noa, Isaias Pulido, Alexandra Rodriguez, Gerardo Rodriguez, Jr., and Virginia Velasquez.

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

Veterans Affairs Commission

Mayor Dear reappointed John Marcelin and appointed Ed Paramo as an ex-officio member.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointments 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

Utility Users' Tax Citizens Oversight Committee

Mayor Dear reappointed Noemi Urgiles.

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

Mayor Dear requested that City Clerk Kawagoe bring this item back on July 19, 2011, with no objections heard.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Items 16-17)

ITEM NO. (16) CONSIDERATION OF CITY-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (CITY CLERK)

Item No. 16 was heard after Item No. 15.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. REAFFIRM, RE-DESIGNATE and/or DESIGNATE delegates and alternates to the City-Affiliated Organizations listed on Exhibit No. 1, respectively.

ACTION: Mayor Dear took the following action:

CSUDH-College of Extended Education, Agricultural Department

Mayor Dear appointed Ofelia Querido as Second Alternate Member.

ITEM NO. (17) CONSIDERATION TO REINTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 11-1472 MODIFYING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 03-10 BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND BULLETIN DISPLAYS, LLC, AND AMENDING LANGUAGE CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF TWO STATIC ADVERTISING DISPLAY FACES TO DIGITAL ELECTRONIC DISPLAY FACES ON AN EXISTING THREE-SIDED OUTDOOR ADVERTISING DISPLAY LOCATED AT 19401 SOUTH MAIN STREET (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Item No. 17 was heard after Item No. 16.

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

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. WAIVE further reading and REINTRODUCE Ordinance No. 11-1472, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 03-10 BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND BULLETIN DISPLAYS, LLC, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 09-1440 CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF TWO STATIC ADVERTISING DISPLAY FACES TO DIGITAL ELECTRONIC DISPLAY FACES ON AN EXISTING THREE-SIDED OUTDOOR ADVERTISING DISPLAY LOCATED AT 19401 SOUTH MAIN STREET."

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Ordinance No. 11-1472, was REINTRODUCED, 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 Ruiz-Raber, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Santarina
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (Items 18-19)

ITEM NO. (18) ORDINANCE NO. 11-1473 AMENDING THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FOR VEHICLE REPAIR AS A PRIMARY USE FOR PROPERTIES FRONTING AVALON BOULEVARD AND LOCATED WITHIN THE CA (COMMERCIAL, AUTOMOTIVE) ZONE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Item No. 18 was heard after Item No. 17.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Ordinance No. 11-1473 was PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, as read by title only, 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

ITEM NO. (19) ORDINANCE NO. 11-1474 ELIMINATING STIPENDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONERS (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Item No. 19 was heard after Item No. 18.

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Ordinance No. 11-1473 was PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion of Dear and seconded by Ruiz-Raber.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber clarified that the ordinance was initiated at the request of the Economic Development Commission.

The motion was 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

RECONVENE: After Council Item No. 18, 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 remaining Oral Communications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS I (STAFF)

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

Mayor/Chairman Dear

Walter Wise
John K. Anderson
Zella Otis

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Ezra Sanders

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Arthur "Art" Garndee
Gladys Wesson-Strickland, mother of Councilman Herb Wesson
Thelma McCowan Anderson, mother of Carmen Lewis and Kesha McCowan Warran

Council/Agency Member Santarina

Abundio T. Gimeno
Mr. Nemie Chu
Beatriz M. Beedle

(Council/Agency Member Gipson exited the meeting at 9:34 P.M.)

City/Agency Treasurer Avilla

Reported that she had attended the 28th Annual NALEO Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson entered the meeting at 9:35 P.M.)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS II (COUNCIL/AGENCY)

Council/Agency Member Santarina

Reported on his attendance at community events, acknowledged those who were in attendance, commended the participants and volunteers; and thanked staff for working this evening.

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Referred to Council Item No. 18 and announced that the ordinance was for the old Don Kott site; commended City/Agency Attorney Wynder on his victory in the La Mirada Case; reported on her attendance at community events; acknowledged members of the Juneteenth Planning Committee and thanked those who were unable to attend the presentation meeting; and announced upcoming events of community interest.

Informed City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves
Reported that she had a service request for the Public Works Department, and she would share it with him.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Reported that she took husband Brian to Paradise Point on his birthday and was unable to attend the Juneteenth events; congratulated City/Agency Attorney Wynder on his victory in the La Mirada case; reported on her attendance at community events and commended the participants and volunteers; reported that granddaughter Lauren turned 13 years of age; and reported that she had attended the 28th Annual NALEO Conference in San Antonio, Texas. She subsequently reported that she and husband Brian had attended the Stroke Survivor's BBQ event and had requested extra funding for the Stroke Center, the only such center in this area.

(Mayor/Chairman Dear exited the meeting at 9:47 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 9:48 P.M.)

Council/Agency Member Gipson

Reported that a presentation plaque from Nigeria to Carson was received from the Director General from Nigeria; represented the City of Carson at community events; attended an African wedding; attended a White House Briefing and invited President Obama to come to Carson; and reported on his attendance at community events.

Council/Agency Member Santarina

Reported on his attendance at community events, acknowledged those who were in attendance, and commended participants and volunteers, and staff; and congratulated his grandson who holds a 4th Degree Black Belt in Tai Kwan Do.

Mayor/Chairman Dear

Reported on his attendance at community events, acknowledged those who were in attendance, and thanked participants, volunteers, sponsors, and City staff; and announced upcoming events of community interest.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

- A. COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS-HOLMES REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO SMP NO. 3.19 FLOWERS - AUTHORIZATION AND ORDERING**
- B. COUNCILMEMBER GIPSON REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SB 104 (STEINBERG) THE FAIR TREATMENT FOR FARM WORKERS ACT, TO HELP ENFORCE WORKPLACE LAWS AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR CALIFORNIA'S FARM WORKERS TO CHOOSE A UNION**
- C. COUNCILMEMBER SANTARINA REQUESTS A RESOLUTION DECLARING CARSON A "HUMAN TRAFFICKING FREE CITY"**
- D. COUNCILMEMBER SANTARINA REQUESTS A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE IN LOS ANGELES PROVIDE ON-SITE PASSPORT SERVICES IN THE CITY OF CARSON**

ACTION: It was moved to approve Item Nos. A, B, and C for the meeting on July 19, 2011 on motion of Dear, 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

UNFINISHED/CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None)

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (None)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:06 P.M., by Mayor/Chairman Dear and in memory of the individuals requested this evening.

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk Helen Kawagoe