



**MINUTES**  
**CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY / CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**  
**JULY 28, 2011**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA POSTED: JULY 27, 2011**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:18 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear in the Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745. He reported that Council/Agency Member Gipson was en route to the meeting.

**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 Lula Davis-Holmes, and Council/Agency Member Elito Santarina

Council/Agency Members Absent: Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson (Entered at 6:50 P.M.)

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

Other Elected Officials Absent: Karen Avilla, City/Agency Treasurer (Entered at 6:39 P.M.)

Also Present: Clifford Graves, Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director, Sunny Soltani, Deputy City/Deputy Agency Attorney; and staff:

Jackie Acosta, Administrative Services General Manager; Ray Cruz, Public Services General

Manager (Entered at 6:30 P.M.); Vic Rollinger,  
Development Services General Manager;

Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief  
Deputy Agency Secretary

Acting Captain Eddie Rivero, Carson Sheriff's  
Station

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor/Chairman Dear advanced Closed Session Item No. 2 to be heard before Item No. 1, with no objections heard.

Deputy City/Deputy Agency Attorney Soltani presented the Closed Session item for the City Council only.

**RECESS:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 6:20 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to a Closed Session to discuss the item described on this evening's City Council agenda only.

**RECONVENE:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 6:34 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, except Davis-Holmes and Gipson absent.

(Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes entered the meeting at 6:35 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 Julie Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency Member Lula Davis-Holmes (Entered at 6:35 P.M.), and Council/Agency Member Elito Santarina

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## **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

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

### **Council Closed Session Item No. 1**

A privileged and confidential status report was provided on ongoing negotiations. Council Member Gipson was not in the Closed Session and there was no reportable action.

## **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 at the beginning of the meeting.**

## **WORKSHOP (Item 1)**

### **ITEM NO. (1) BUDGET WORKSHOP #5**

Item No. 1 was heard at 6:36 P.M.

Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves discussed the purpose of the workshop and that the budget would be presented for adoption on August 2, 2011.

Administrative Services General Manager Acosta provided the highlights of the Special Revenue Funds Budgets. She reported that the City will be receiving more money and distributed replacement Triangle Page No. 14, State COPS/SLESF Grant Fund, Fund 09, Schedule of Fund Activity, and Triangle Page No. 15, Department of Justice/Office of Justice Programs Grant Fund, Fund 08, Schedule of Fund Activity.

(City/Agency Treasurer Avilla entered the meeting at 6:39 P.M.)

Administrative Services General Manager Acosta reviewed the following:

### **Exhibit No. 6: State Gas Tax Fund, Fund 12, Schedule of Fund Activity**

**Exhibit No. 9, Proposition A Fund, Fund 18, Schedule of Fund Activity**

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Discussed the possibility of ordering replacement bus vehicles.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson entered the meeting at 6:50 P.M.)

**Exhibit No. 10, Proposition C Fund, Fund 19, Schedule of Fund Activity**

**Exhibit No. 11, Federal Highway Planning Grant Fund, Fund 20, Schedule of Fund Activity**

**Exhibit No. 16, Self-Supporting Fund, Fund 29, Schedule of Fund Activity**

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Referred to the Kids Club Program, permits and waivers and inquired whether the City was reaching the goal of being 75% self-supporting in accordance with Council policy. Whereupon, Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves recommended that a cumulative report be provided.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Expressed concern about sports fees and discussed the importance to consider that not all families were able to participate in the Parks and Recreation programs.

Suggested that volunteers to perform at the Tree Lighting Ceremony and that staff research funding options for the Santa Sleigh and Tree Lighting Ceremony, with no objections heard.

**Exhibit No. 17, Capital Asset Replacement Fund, Fund 38, Schedule of Fund Activity**

Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes

Expressed concern that the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center was deteriorating each year and inquired whether there was a plan to refurbish the facility. Whereupon, Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that it was the intent of staff to come back to the City Council in December with a five-year program for the facility and a cost.

Council/Agency Member Gipson

Suggested that perhaps Jay's Catering would invest some money into the Center as another vendor had offered.

Council/Agency Member Santarina

Referred to and inquired into the status of the recommendation of priority items from Management Partners. Whereupon, Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that the recommendations were being reviewed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber

Referred to Item No. JL 01318, Community Center Refurbishment, and inquired whether the \$45,000 was earmarked for a specific purpose. Whereupon, Administrative Services General Manager Acosta reported that she would provide a specific list to the City Council.

**RECESS:** The City Council was Recessed at 7:27 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear at the request of staff.

**RECONVENE:** The City Council was Reconvened at 7:28 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present.

**Item No. 1, Budget Workshop No. 5 (Continued)**

**Exhibit No. 19, Measure R Fund, Fund 54, Schedule of Fund Activity**

(Council/Agency Member Santarina exited the meeting at 7:29 P.M.)

**Exhibit No. 20, Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Fund, Fund 57, Schedule of Fund Activity**

(Council/Agency Member Santarina entered the meeting at 7:30 P.M.)

Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that the total funds available was approximately \$60 million dollars; that the Carson program has been successful; and due to a rocky relationship, there have been discussions about leaving the consortium with the Cities of Inglewood and Lynwood and finding an alternative source of funds.

**Exhibit No. 25, Proposition 1B Fund, Fund 66, Schedule of Fund Activity**

**Public Comments**

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

Referred to the Mariachi Festival and, according to her calculations, the \$30/person cost plays for the festival and recommended a closer review and inquired into why the programs were not self-supporting.

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

Referred to Measure C, Utility Tax, for activities and inquired into where the money was going. Whereupon, Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves reported that the \$6 million dollars raised by the Utility Users' Tax goes into the General Fund and allocated by the City Council.

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

Concurred with 75% return for programs and that non-profit organization were not all poor organizations and requested that no more money be wasted on the wooden flowers on Carson Street.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council/Redevelopment Agency:

1. HOLD a workshop to review and discuss the Special Revenue Funds Budgets.
2. HOLD a workshop to review and discuss the Redevelopment Agency Funds Budgets.

ACTION: The City Council/Redevelopment Agency held Budget Workshop No. 5.

**CLOSED SESSION (Item 2)**

**ITEM NO. (2) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR: (CITY MANAGER)**

Item No. 2 was heard before Item No. 1 at 6:20 P.M.

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 Carson Professionals and Supervisors Association (CPSA), ACE, AME, and AFSCME Local 809.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was Adjourned at 7:44 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear.

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Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Agency Secretary Helen Kawagoe