



**MINUTES  
CARSON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

**5:00 P.M.**

**THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETINGS ARE  
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**AGENDA POSTED: SEPTEMBER 16, 2011**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:13 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear in the Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

**ROLL CALL:** Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki called the roll:

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

Council/Agency Members Absent: Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson (Entered at 5:17 P.M.) and Council/Agency Member Elito Santarina

Other Elected Officials Present: None

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

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

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

**RECESS:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 5:14 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear.

**RECONVENE:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 5:16 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present with Gipson who entered the meeting at 5:17 P.M. and with Santarina absent.

**RECESS:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 5:19 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to a Closed Session to discuss the items described on this evening's agenda.

**RECONVENE:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 6:19 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present with Santarina absent.

**ROLL CALL:** Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki noted the following:

City/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 Mike Gipson

City/Agency Member Absent: Council/Agency Member Elito Santarina

Other Elected Officials Present: None

Other Elected Officials Absent: Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk/Agency Secretary,  
and Karen Avilla, City/Agency Treasurer  
(Entered at 6:33 P.M.)

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; Lisa Berglund, Senior Administrative Analyst; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Richard Garland, Traffic Engineer; Cedric Hicks, Recreation Superintendent; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary; and Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary

Eddie Rivero, Interim Captain, Carson Sheriff's Station

**Announcement of Illness concerning City Clerk Helen Kawagoe**

Mayor/Chairman Dear made the following announcement of illness concerning City Clerk Helen Kawagoe:

“Helen Kawagoe is in the hospital. Recently, she suffered a stroke, and she is slowly recovering. Please keep Helen in your prayers and thoughts. Helen’s family has requested no visitations, flowers, or cards at this time. If you would like to send a message to Helen, who is our dear mother of the city of Carson, you may do so either through a message that will be set up through the city of Carson home page on the internet. We will have a message bulletin board available for you through the internet and it should be up and running this Monday. If you still want to send a card or a note, please send it directly to the City Clerk’s Office care of Wanda Higaki.”

City/Agency Attorney Wynder presented the Closed Session items as follows:

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

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 case.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. (2) 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: Ronald N. Wilson vs. the City of Carson and Karen Avilla, City Treasurer, Los Angeles Superior Court BC445722.

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

**ITEM NO. (3) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

ACTION: This item was scheduled for Closed Session.

## REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

City/Agency Attorney Wynder reported that there were no Redevelopment Agency closed session items and provided the Closed Session report as follows:

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

Briefed the Council on facts and circumstances. Recommended a litigation avoidance strategy. Council unanimously authorized pursuit of such strategy. Questions were asked and answered. All members participated in the closed session item except Council/Agency Member Santarina who was absent.

### **Council Closed Session Item No. 2**

Provided a privileged and confidential status report. Reported on the outcome of the litigation. All members participated in the closed session item except Council/Agency Member Santarina who was absent.

### **Council Closed Session Item No. 3**

Briefed the Council on facts and circumstances. Recommended a litigation strategy. Council unanimously authorized pursuit of such strategy. Questions were asked and answered. All members participated in the closed session item except Council/Agency Member Santarina who was absent.

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

**FLAG SALUTE: MAYOR/CHAIRMAN JIM DEAR**

**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: **REV MAJOR JOHNSON, BREAD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER**

**RECESS:** The City Council was Recessed at 6:31 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the Redevelopment Agency for Approval of Minutes.

**RECONVENE:** The City Council was Reconvened at 6:32 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present with Santarina absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011 (ADJOURNED REGULAR)**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011 (SPECIAL)**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011 (REGULAR)**

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 16, 2011 (Adjourned Regular) and Tuesday, March 22, 2011 (Special) were Approved as Submitted 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, and Council Member Gipson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council Member Santarina

Mayor Dear ordered the Minutes of Tuesday, April 5, 2011 (Regular) continued to the next meeting with no objections heard.

**RECONVENE:** After Approval of the Council Minutes, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 6:33 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, except Santarina absent, for Oral Communications – Members of the Public.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**Public testimony may be given on any agenda item as it is called and will be LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER. Please fill out a Speaker Form in order to be identified correctly in the minutes. The forms are provided on the podium in the Council Chambers. All Speaker Forms must be given to the City Clerk/Agency Secretary at the beginning of the meeting.**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

This is the appropriate time for members of the general public to address the Council/Agency on items not on the posted Agenda but are items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council/Agency. Any person wishing to speak at this time is requested to complete a Speaker Form, available on the podium or by the Public Agenda Binder in the Council Chamber. ORAL COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER SPEAKER. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, no action can be taken on these items, and there can be no dialogue or discussion of the items with the Council/Agency other than to place it on the Agenda for a future meeting if appropriate.

**Patricia Smith, 859 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, California 90731**

Founder of the Georgie Porgie Foundation; invited everyone to the Benefit Softball Tournament to be held Sunday, September 25, 2011, at Del Amo Park to raise funds for Jordan Davis who was given six to twelve months to live; provided flyers to the Mayor and City Council regarding the foundation and tournament.

**Larry Grant, 720 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745**

Offered comments regarding City Clerk Kawagoe; requested a fee waiver to cover cost of equipment for the Veterans Day Celebration to be held November 11, 2011 at Veterans Park from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Latrice Carter**

Offered her prayers for City Clerk Kawagoe; provided flyers to the Mayor and City Council and invited everyone to the Jazz Festival to be held October 1, 2011 at Anderson Park from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Requested that the carpet tread below the podium be repaired; read portion of a letter dated September 1, 2011 from Senator Ted Lieu to Governor Edmund "Jerry" Brown Jr. regarding the elimination of Medi-Cal funding for Adult Day Health Centers (ADHC) which is proposed to be cut on January 1, 2012 wherein Senator Lieu strongly supports delaying any cuts to the ADHC program until the Department of Health Care Services develops a comprehensive transition plan; provided a copy of the letter to Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki.

Mayor/Chairman Dear requested that Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves check the carpeting near the podium.

**Brenda Ramirez**

Inquired why the subcommittee meeting regarding the Jazz Festival was cancelled; why the big fuss to hold the Jazz Festival when equipment would be provided by the taxpayers and that donations would be given.

**Paul Randall, 17701 S. Avalon Boulevard, #318, Carson, California 90746, President of Carson Harbor Village Homeowners Association**

Reported on the unjustifiable rehabilitation expenses incurred by a resident; requested assistance from the City Council for a fair rent control to the residents.

**Betty Lam, Serenity Spa, Carson, California 90745**

Requested extension of the banner issuance of more than 60 days for the year.

**Paz Velasquez, 23802 Ronan Avenue, Carson, California 90745, representing Youth, Family, School and Community Partnership in Action**

Reported her organization's partnership with the SouthBay Pavilion to promote activities in the community; provided flyers regarding Red Ribbon Week in October; thanked the Mayor and City Council for approving the resolution two years ago for the month of October as Philippine American History Month and provided handouts regarding activities to be held at the SouthBay Pavilion in October for Pilipino American History Month.

**RECESS:** After Oral Communications – Members of the Public, the Redevelopment Agency was Recessed at 6:57 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the City Council for Introductions.

## INTRODUCTIONS

### A. INTRODUCTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

Interim City Manager/Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves stated that Lieutenant Rivero had no report to make.

### B. INTRODUCTION OF ANGIE JOHNSON, NATIONAL URBAN FELLOW

City Manager Biggs introduced Angie Johnson who thanked the City Council for participating in the program and stated that she looked forward to a strong nine months working with the City.

**RECONVENE:** The Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 7:01 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present with Santarina absent, for the City Council and Redevelopment Agency New Business Consent Calendar.

### NEW BUSINESS CONSENT (Items 4-9)

**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.**

### Public Comments

The following persons offered comments regarding items on this evening's New Business Consent Calendar agenda:

### City Council Item No. 9

The following persons offered comments in opposition to the proposed street name change:

### Dr. Rita Boggs

### Bill Smalley, 17700 Avalon Boulevard #111, Carson, California 90746

Requested that the proposed name change be placed on the ballot in the next city general election for the residents to decide.

### Tommie Williams, 1886 Kamm Street, Carson, California 90746

### Ronald Shimokaji, 1502 E. Carson Street #135, Carson, California 90745

### Vera Robles DeWitt, 21316 S. Avalon, Carson, California 90745

### Latrice Carter

### Brenda Ramirez

### Dianne Thomas, 20219 Nestor Avenue, Carson, California 90746

**City Council Item No. 9**

The following persons offered general comments regarding the proposed street name change:

**Mila Boyer, 228 W. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745**

Requested that the City Council follow the name change criteria provided by the Planning Commission.

**Lavonne Moore**

Stated that she supported everyone on the dais but was embarrassed and displeased with their actions this evening.

**City Council Item No. 9**

The following person offered comments in support of the proposed street name change:

**Terri Forsythe, 17700 Avalon Boulevard #282, Carson, California 90746**

It was moved to approve the Council New Business Consent Calendar and the Agency New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear and seconded by Ruiz-Raber.

During discussion of the motion, Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes removed the following item for discussion:

**Council Item No. 9**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF LENARDO DRIVE TO JIM DEAR BOULEVARD (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

The motion to approve Council New Business Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and Agency New Business Consent Calendar Item No. 1 was unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**ITEM NO. (4) CONSIDERATION OF THE FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CITY MANAGER)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

3. DIRECT staff to send a copy of the agreement to Jackie Bacharach, South Bay Cities Council of Governments, 5033 Rockvalley Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, 90275.

ACTION: Item No. 4 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar 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, and Council/Agency Member Gipson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council/Agency Member Santarina

**ITEM NO. (5) CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE MARKETING FOR THE DRUG FREE CITY HOTLINE TO INCLUDE REPORTING ISSUES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN CARSON (CITY MANAGER)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. DIRECT staff to update the city website and include language declaring that the City of Carson is a Human Trafficking Free City and that concerns of this nature can be reported to 2-1-1.

ACTION: Item No. 5 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar 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, and Council/Agency Member Gipson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council/Agency Member Santarina

**ITEM NO. (6) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-116 SUPPORTING THE 112TH CONGRESS H. RES. 348 ADDRESSING THE GROWING JOB CRISIS IN AMERICA (CITY MANAGER)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-116, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE 112TH CONGRESS H. RES. 348 ADDRESSING THE GROWING JOB CRISIS IN AMERICA."
2. DIRECT staff to transmit an executed copy of the resolution to Congressmembers Emanuel Cleaver, Laura Richardson, Maxine Waters, Karen Bass, and Stephanie Young, Communications Director with the Congressional Black Caucus.

ACTION: Item No. 6 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar 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, and Council/Agency Member Gipson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council/Agency Member Santarina

**ITEM NO. (7) SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE UNIFORM COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF FEES (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. SET the matter for public hearing on October 4, 2011.

ACTION: Item No. 7 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar 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, and Council/Agency Member Gipson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council/Agency Member Santarina

**ITEM NO. (8) CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE VARIOUS DONATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. ACCEPT the donations received in June 2011 in the amount of \$10,225.00.
2. APPROVE an increase in the FY 2010/11 General Fund revenue budget by \$10,225.00.
3. APPROPRIATE the \$10,225.00 to the FY 2010/11 expenditure budget in the account numbers listed in Exhibit No. 1.
4. ACCEPT the donations received in July 2011 in the amount of \$1,150.00.
5. APPROVE an increase in the FY 2011/12 General Fund revenue budget by \$1,150.00.
6. APPROPRIATE the \$1,150.00 to the FY 2011/12 expenditure budget in the account numbers listed in Exhibit No. 2.

ACTION: Item No. 8 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar 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, and Council/Agency Member Gipson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council/Agency Member Santarina

**ITEM NO. (9) CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF LENARDO DRIVE TO JIM DEAR BOULEVARD (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

At 11:32 P.M., this item was heard after Council Item No. 14.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. DIRECT staff to solicit input from appropriate city divisions, interested parties, and affected agencies regarding the Public Works Commission's recommendation to change the name of Lenardo Drive to Jim Dear Boulevard.
2. REFER the issue to the Planning Commission and report the findings back to the City Council within two months

ACTION: Mayor Dear continued this item due to the contentiousness and late hour.

Council Member Davis-Holmes objected to continue this item and recommended that if this item were to be agendaized that Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber facilitate the item.

**Main Motion**

It was moved to 1) Direct staff to solicit input from appropriate city divisions, interested parties, and affected agencies regarding the Public Works Commission's recommendation to change the name of Lenardo Drive to Jim Dear Boulevard and 2) Refer the issue to the Planning Commission and report the findings back to the City Council within two months on motion of Ruiz-Raber and seconded by Dear.

**Substitute Motion**

Council Member Davis-Holmes offered a substitute motion to table this item indefinitely and seconded by Gipson.

Council Member Gipson requested information on the process of the naming of the Calas Bridge.

Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves stated that he would provide a memorandum to the Mayor and City Council on the process that was followed in naming the Calas Bridge.

**Vote on the Substitute Motion**

The substitute motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member Davis-Holmes and Council Member Gipson

Noes: Mayor Dear and Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz-Raber  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council Member Santarina

The substitute motion failed to carry.

**Vote on the Main Motion**

The main motion was carried by the following vote:

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

The main motion failed to carry.

Mayor Dear ordered this item continued to the next council meeting and directed Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves to include Council Member Gipson's request for information on the vote and process of the naming of the Calas Bridge in the staff report.

**Request to Add Urgent Item**

City Attorney Wynder requested that an urgency item be added to this evening's agenda regarding the waiver of fees of the Jazz Festival.

It was moved to add this item as an emergency item regarding waiver of fees on motion of Davis-Holmes and seconded by Gipson.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member Davis-Holmes requested that Chief Deputy City Clerk Higaki review the DVD wherein the mayor stated at the last council meeting that he would schedule this item on the City Council Policy Subcommittee and bring back the item at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Dear requested that Chief Deputy City Clerk Higaki restate Council Member Davis-Holmes' request; whereupon Chief Deputy City Clerk Higaki stated that Council Member Davis-Holmes requested that the City Clerk's Office review the meeting DVD and mark the portion of the meeting where the statement was made by Mayor Dear and that she would provide copies of the DVD to the Mayor and City Council with the time segment where Mayor Dear's statement appeared.

The motion to add the emergency item was carried by the following vote:

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

The motion failed to carry.

**RECESS:** After the Council/Agency New Business Consent Calendar, the City Council was Recessed at 7:38 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear to the Redevelopment Agency for Agency Item No. 2.

**RECONVENE:** After the break, the City Council was Reconvened at 10:45 P.M. by Mayor Dear with all members previously noted present with Santarina absent.

**DEMANDS (Item 10)**

**ITEM NO. (10) RESOLUTION NO. 11-115 ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,018,660.50 DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 100621 THROUGH 100800**

**ACTION:** WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Resolution No. 11-115 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, and Council Member Gipson  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Council Member Santarina

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (None)**

**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.**

(Council Member Gipson exited the meeting at 10:48 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 10:49 P.M.)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Items 11-12)**

**ITEM NO. (11) COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR DEAR (CITY CLERK)**

**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:

**Utility Users' Tax Citizens Budget Oversight Committee**

Mayor Dear appointed Deidra Vandiegriff to the Utility Users' Tax Citizens Budget Oversight Committee.

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, and Council Member Gipson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council Member Santarina

**Community Civic Engagement Board**

Mayor Dear appointed James Calhoun to the Community Civic Engagement Board.

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

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

Mayor Dear continued this item to the next meeting with no objections heard.

**Request to Add Urgency Council Item**

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manager Graves requested on behalf of Council Member Davis-Holmes the addition of an urgent item to this evening's agenda regarding the waiver of fees for the Jazz Festival which will be held on October 1, 2011. Council action was required before the next regular meeting and that the City Council Policy Subcommittee was not available to consider the request to waive the park rental fees.

Mayor Dear stated that this urgent item would be taken up for consideration later in the meeting.

**ITEM NO. (12)      CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 11-1475 AMENDING THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE CALCULATION FOR TOTAL ALLOWABLE SIGN AREA AND EXTENDING THE DISPLAY PERIOD FOR BANNERS AND OTHER SIMILAR DISPLAYS (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. WAIVE further reading and INTRODUCE Ordinance No. 11-1475, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE

ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SIGNS, INCLUDING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9136.7 (SIGNS) OF DIVISION 6 (SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS) OF PART 3 (COMMERCIAL ZONES) AND SECTION 9146.7 (SIGNS) OF DIVISION 6 (SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS) OF PART 4 (INDUSTRIAL ZONE)."

ACTION: At the request of staff, Mayor Dear ordered this item continued with no objections heard.

### **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION (Item 13)**

#### **ITEM NO. (13) CONSIDER REVISED GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM SUBMITTALS (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

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

A discussion ensued regarding the rating system and consideration of longevity in the proposed guidelines.

It was moved to approve the staff recommendation on motion of Davis-Holmes and seconded by Gipson.

#### **Public Comment**

Ronald Shimokaji, 1502 E. Carson Street #135, Carson, California 90745, expressed his concern whether or not the Citywide Advisory Commission had done its due diligence in seeking input from the nonprofit organizations who had applied for CDBG public service funding last fiscal year. He requested that Council take into consideration for staff to inform the nonprofit organizations and allow them to provide input regarding changes to the guidelines prior to approval.

(Council Member Gipson exited the meeting at 11:23 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 11:24 P.M.)

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Dear suggested as an option for staff to review the rationale of the proposed guidelines with the City Council Policy Subcommittee.

Interim City Manager/Economic Development General Manger Graves stated that he would bring back this item and provide certain number of points for longevity in the guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. ADOPT the recommended policy guidelines for Community Development Block Grant public service funding requests (Exhibit No. 2).
2. DIRECT staff and the Citywide Advisory Commission to apply these guidelines to the review, evaluation, and recommendation of applications for funding.

ACTION: Mayor Dear ordered this item continued with no objections heard.

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (Item 14)**

**ITEM NO. (14) ORDINANCE 11-1466: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 164-11 AFFECTING CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE NORTHWEST AREA OF THE CITY BY CHANGING THEIR EXISTING ZONING DESIGNATION OF ML (MANUFACTURING, LIGHT) TO ML-D (MANUFACTURING, LIGHT - DESIGN OVERLAY) (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Ordinance No. 11-1466, was PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion of Ruiz-Raber, seconded by Gipson and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**RECONVENE:** After the Urgency Council Item, the Redevelopment Agency was Reconvened at 11:59 P.M. for a joint session with the City Council by Mayor/Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present, for remaining Oral Communications, and with Santarina absent.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS I (STAFF)**

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

**Mayor/Chairman Dear/Public Services General Manager**

Henri Blitz

**Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes**

Leonard Williams  
Yolanda C. Echols  
Tom Mishima  
Michael "Mikey" Wogan  
Flora Stewart

**Council/Agency Member Gipson**

Ralph Vega Lara  
Maria Mabilangan Haley  
Floyd Worsham

**City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe**

Dan Park

**Finance Officer Catbagan**

Felicidad Geronimo Catbagan

**Dr. Rita Boggs**

Arne Andersen

**Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary Higaki**

Offered words of appreciation and thanked everyone for their well wishes on behalf of the City Clerk's staff concerning City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe.

**City/Agency Treasurer Avilla**

Reported that she had attended the FAIR Steering Committee in New Orleans.

**Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves**

Reported that the Los Angeles Economic Development Commission ranked Carson as a finalist for the most business friendly city competition again this year and to look forward to the outcome on November 3, 2011; reported that new City Manager Biggs would represent Carson at the International City Management Association Conference.

**RECESS:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Recessed at 12:05 A.M., on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, by Mayor/Chairman Dear.

**RECONVENE:** The City Council and Redevelopment Agency were Reconvened at 12:07 A.M., on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, by Mayor Chairman Dear with all members previously noted present with Santarina absent.

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

**Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes**

Reported that John Wogan's nephew was killed from the plane crash in Reno and that his brother was in critical condition; reported that the state passed a new law pertaining to the street sweeping and allowing vehicles to park on the street once the street sweeper had cleaned the streets; cited code CVC 40245.A8B and that staff and parking enforcement should be informed of the new code and should not issue tickets to residents after the street sweeper has left; discussed the new law with Public Safety Manager McKay; invited everyone to the Jazz Festival at Anderson Park and thanked the sponsors and committee members for their diligent work; requested staff to place the coyote incidents item on the next council agenda.

**Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber**

Reported on her attendance at community events; thanked everyone who attended the successful Mexican Independence Day Celebration; thanked Joan Reiner and staff; thanked the city for their partnership; thanked Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development Services General Manager Graves and staff with the launching of the Discount Prescription Drug Card effective September 21, 2011.

**Council/Agency Member Gipson**

Reported on his attendance at the Latino Network Luncheon as a guest of former U.S. Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros who was honored by former speaker Willie Brown; recognized the fine work of Mayor Pro

Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber and her committee did during the well attended Latino Independence Day Celebration at the SouthBay Pavilion this past weekend; participated in a White House Conference Call regarding the President's jobs bill and his initiative with his senior advisors; participated in the NCIU Back to School Health Fair sponsored by United Long Term Care at Ted Watkins Park; participated in the City of Long Beach Latino American Parade along with Mayor Bob Foster and Council Members, and attendance at community events; announced upcoming events of community interest.

**Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber**

Additionally, thanked the SouthBay Pavilion and Imelda for their diligent work with the Mexican Independence Day Celebration.

**Mayor/Chairman Dear**

Thanked Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber for her leadership on the Senior Prescription Drug Program; reported on his attendance at community events; announced upcoming events of community interest.

(Council/Agency Member Gipson exited and reentered the meeting at 12:26 A.M. on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.)

Thanked Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves and staff for the successful 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Appreciation Reception that was held at the American Express Stadium Club of the Home Depot Center; announced that it was the last meeting for Economic Development General Manager Graves as the Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director who had done a great job.

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

**A. MAYOR *PRO TEM* RUIZ-RABER REQUESTS CARSON BE RECOGNIZED AS A VIOLENCE FREE CITY**

ACTION: It was moved to place Item No. A on the agenda for October 4, 2011 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, and Council/Agency Member Gipson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council/Agency Member Santarina

**ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

**Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes**

Requested that the following items be placed on the agenda for October 4, 2011:

- 1) FEE WAIVER FOR THE VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2011**

## 2) COYOTE ISSUE

Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director/Economic Development General Manager Graves stated that he would place the coyote issue to authorize solicitation of bids on the agenda for October 4, 2011.

### UNFINISHED/CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (None)

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:46 A.M., on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, to an adjourned regular meeting to be held on September 26, 2011, 10:15 A.M., Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson, by Mayor/Chairman Dear and in memory of the individuals requested this evening.

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Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Helen Kawagoe