

NOTICE

The Urban Community Development Commission (UCDC) was established by Ordinance No. 1,479, adopted on July 15, 1975. The Commission functions as the governing body for the Local Housing Authority (LHA) and exercises the power, authority, jurisdiction and functions of housing authorities and federal surplus property authorities granted under the Marks Foran Residential Rehabilitation Act to charter cities.

URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

5:30 PM

WORKSHOP(S)

HEARING(S)

OPENING

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 26, 2012
July 3, 2012

CLOSED SESSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

JUNE 26, 2012

The Urban Community Development Commission meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Chairperson Eric Perrodin.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Zurita, Dobson, Jones, Perrodin

Commissioners Absent: Arceneaux

Other Officials Present: C. Cornwell, A. Godwin, B. Batiste

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Benjamin Holifield, Compton resident, stated that a number of elected officials from Cudahy went to jail which is why the people are talking about it. With regard to the Crystal Casino, Mr. Holifield stated that the \$30 million investment into the casino is not profiting the City. He cited that the casino was supposed to be a convention center with 300 rooms employing 1,200 Compton residents. He asked that the City's image be addressed with regard to the grass on Compton and Dwight and the prohibition "sagging." He stated that he believes the City has money and questioned whether it is being appropriated in the right manner.

Ralph Turner, pastor at New Horizon Missionary Baptist Church, invited the Commission to participate in an event held on Stockton and Long Beach Boulevard to address the prostitution and gangs in Compton. The event will be held on August 11, 2012 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Health screenings, counseling, spiritual guidance and housing will also be provided.

Imani Robinson, Compton resident, invited the residents to participate in Compton's Toastmasters meetings held every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Reading Room.

David Irons, Compton resident, petitioned the Commission for public restrooms in public parks.

Joyce Kelly, Compton resident, agreed that public restrooms are needed in the City's parks. She stated that in other cities, public restrooms are open in public parks even after hours. She spoke in opposition to: \$9,000 lawn mower to cut grass at the Compton Par 3 Golf Course; Futura taxi service; and the cost to provide uniforms to city employees. She questioned if the City received the \$8 million for billboards referred to by Chairperson Perrodin earlier this year. She further suggested that the City Attorney make an effort to address the funds lost to contractors to help reduce the deficit.

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Patricia Simpson, Compton resident, questioned if this Body was willing to forfeit their salaries and car allowances to pay the incoming executive secretary's salary. She asserted that the City would be bankrupt if it continues in this manner and through the advice of a civil lawyer; she asserted that the Commission could be sued for their actions. She professed to be disgusted by the Fourth District commissioner and stated that she hates to say she's from Compton. She proposed that the City Attorney investigate some of the issues brought forward at these meetings; and contended that something is wrong if this Commission could approve a budget that's not balanced.

Lorraine Cervantes, Compton resident, asserted that a lot of these issues were mute issues because nothing happens until the incoming executive secretary arrives on July 23, 2012. She acknowledged that some people weren't pleased with the choice of this Body and asked that they learn to live with it. She maintained that she was confident that he would work diligently with the redevelopment director to bring developments into the city and noted his comments regarding giving a big developer a large property for \$1. She indicated that he could be assassinated if he tries that in the City of Compton; and further noted that she doesn't expect any commissioner to send someone to holler at her and call her names.

Lynn Boone, Compton resident, referenced Lorraine Cervantes' comment regarding a meeting between the executive secretary and the redevelopment director. She stated that for the last three weeks she's been questioning why the redevelopment director is still with the city; and went on to assume that it was a result of various campaign donations provided to Chairperson Perrodin and former councilperson Isadore Hall through Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). She also presumed that he was still with the City because of a contract paid to the Third District commissioner's husband for a job that he did not perform. She affirmed that she would continue to believe these assumptions because: there are no developments in Compton; the city loans money to developers to come to the City; the City loaned Fatburger \$250,000; the City supposedly paid to use a parking lot and loaned Danny Bakewell \$2,830,000 to bring the Burlington Coat Factory to Compton. She insisted that something was wrong and until the City gets a City attorney who is ready to do his job, things will not improve in the City of Compton.

Commissioner Zurita asked the executive secretary to address the loan to Fatburger.

Derek Hull, Director of Planning and Economic Development Department, reported that the City issued the Fatburger franchise a \$250,000 loan in April or May 2011. Mr. Hull noted that payment terms required that the recipient begin making payments back, which occurred in the month of November 2011 which have been consistent to date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 12, 2012

On motion by Dobson, seconded by Zurita, the minutes were approved, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners - Zurita, Dobson, Jones, Perrodin

NOES: Commissioners - None

ABSENT:Commissioners - Arceneaux

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no New Business.

COMMISSION COMMENTS - There were no Commission Comments.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dobson, seconded by Zurita, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m., by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners - Zurita, Dobson, Jones, Perrodin

NOES: Commissioners - None

ABSENT:Commissioners - Arceneaux

Clerk of the Urban Community Development Commission

Chairman of the Urban Community Development Commission

JULY 3, 2012

The Urban Community Development Commission meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Chairperson Eric Perrodin. The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence ceremonies were also led by Chairperson Eric Perrodin.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Zurita, Dobson, Arceneaux, Jones, Perrodin

Commissioners Absent: None

Other Officials Present: C. Cornwell, A. Godwin, B. Batiste

PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION

Sandra Lightner, President of Agape Academy, presented the City Council with a snippet from their 2012 Million Youth Peace March International performance. The members of the Agape Academy are: Ambassador Christian Bennett (saxophone player), Precious M. Polk, Jasmine Jones, Raeshawn Johnson, (praise team), Ambassador Joshanna, and Shalawn March.

The Agape Academy thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to display their talents during the City Council meeting and requested donations towards their travel to Washington D.C.

Member of Faith Inspirational Missionary Church announced that tonight's donations would not be presented to the church.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

David Irons, Compton resident, petitioned the Commission for public restrooms at public parks. He cited the origin of Memorial Day and suggested that most holidays be publicly supported by the City. He also noted that he would fund next year's celebrations if the City can't afford it.

Lorraine Cervantes, Compton resident, apologized if it seemed as if she was trying to advise the Commission on how to run the meeting last week. She asked the Commission to actively seek retribution from the debts owed to the City. She also asked that they ensure that organizations that have worked for the City are paid. She questioned why the Compton Chamber of Commerce was left out of the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget with no explanation. She petitioned the Commission to address this matter, in addition to setting goals and priorities for the new economic development staff.

Joyce Kelly, Compton resident, referenced a newspaper article with regard to the city of Long Beach combining their elections with state elections to save approximately \$471,000. She also mentioned a statement from the campaign treasurer of the California Federation of Labor indicating that they were against anything that limits the ability of the people to participate in elections. She held that she could not get it out of her head that this Body would give the incoming executive secretary a \$61,000 increase in his salary. She told how she had the opportunity to exercise her rights in the court of law last week and won and further encouraged every citizen in the City of Compton that wants to fight City Hall to do so, as long as they tell the truth.

Lynn Boone, Compton resident, requested information regarding the winding down of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) budget and Successor Agency Oversight Board meetings. She contended that the Willow Walk development would phase out, because there hasn't been any information brought forward regarding an amendment to the low to moderate income housing program. She asked if the monies received for the Compton Creek could be used to address other areas of the City; and congratulated Ms. Kelly and her attorney for winning. She stated that she attended the court hearing and maintained that it was a total waste of the City's money.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - There were no minutes to be approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no New Business.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Zurita maintained that her office has been working with Mr. Irons to resolve the park restroom issue. Ms. Zurita announced that park restrooms are available Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Fridays.

Commissioner Zurita encouraged Mr. Irons to call (310) 605-6330 to verify the hours.

Commissioner Zurita congratulated the City Attorney on the cases he's been very successful in.

Commissioner Arceneaux instructed the executive secretary to call upon Mr. Sefa'boayke to address a preceding comment regarding her husband being paid for contract services not completed.

Bryan Batiste, City Manager, maintained that he heard a lot of information last week and chooses to believe the information provided by Mr. Arceneaux.

Commissioner Arceneaux stated that she appreciates his confidence in her husband, but it was a former employee, Ms. Lynn Boone, who actually said it. Therefore, Ms. Arceneaux insisted that the comment be clarified.

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{An inaudible disturbance in the audience}

{Councilperson Arceneaux and if she continues, I'd like for her to be removed out of the audience.}

Chairperson Perrodin stated that he wants to ensure that this Body doesn't lose the purpose of the meeting. Chairperson Perrodin clarified that his name is Dr. Kofi; and cited that if this Commission will allow him to handle the meeting as dictated in the City Charter he will do so; or if the three members of the majority of the Commission want to run the meeting they can.

Commissioner Arceneaux stated that whatever Chairperson Perrodin chooses to do, it doesn't matter to her; and reiterated her request for Dr. Sefa'boayke.

Chairperson Perrodin out at : p.m.

Kofi Sefa'boayke, Director of the Successor Agency, confirmed that the statements regarding Herbert Arceneaux were false.

Commissioner Arceneaux maintained that she does not need the City's money, and to tell a flat lie like that, is something that needs to be addressed.

{An inaudible disturbance in the audience}

Chairperson Pro-Tem Dobson gave Ms. Boone a warning.

Commissioner Arceneaux affirmed that she believed the information had to be clarified, because when information like that goes out into the community people believe it.

Commissioner Zurita maintained her support for Commissioner Arceneaux regarding this issue and affirmed that some people care about their reputations in the community. Ms. Zurita asserted that this was a prime example of slander and stated that when slander is committed, it needs to be confronted.

Chairperson Perrodin in at : p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dobson, seconded by Zurita, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m., by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners - Zurita, Dobson, Arceneaux, Jones, Perrodin

NOES: Commissioners - None

ABSENT: Commissioners - None

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