



CITY OF CARSON

701 East Carson Street

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Report to Mayor and City Council

Monday, May 18, 2015

New Business Consent

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER EXTENDING A FEE WAIVER FOR THE USE OF THE CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER AT CARSON FOR APOLLO WEST CARSON PLAYERS, ASOCIACION CULTURAL DE SOUTH BAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES MARIACHI ACADEMY AND SOPHISTICATED DANCE

I. SUMMARY

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilwoman Lula Davis-Holmes.

On July 2, 2013 the City Council voted to waive fees for the use of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson (Community Center) for three community groups that previously received funding by the City Council through the City's Cultural Arts commission (Exhibit No.1). The fee waiver was provided in order to assist these groups with holding rehearsals and meetings, and their fundraising efforts. The term of the fee waiver was for Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, a 2-year fee waiver. Tonight, the City Council is asked to provide direction to staff regarding whether to continue waiving the fees for the use of the Community Center for the three groups, Apollo West Carson Players (Carson Players), Asociacion Cultural de South Bay of Greater Los Angeles Mariachi Academy (Mariachi Academy of Carson) and Sophisticated Dance.

II. RECOMMENDATION

1. APPROVE a fee waiver extension for additional 2-years for Apollo West Carson Players (Carson Players), Asociacion Cultural de South Bay of Greater Los Angeles Mariachi Academy (Mariachi Academy of Carson) and Sophisticated Dance.

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III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The City of Carson has provided funding for fine arts programming through the Cultural Arts Commission since the 1980s. With the City's budget challenges, this program was suspended until a time when it would be financially feasible for the City to restart the program. In the interim, the City Council voted to waive fees for use of the Community Center for the Carson Players and Mariachi Academy of Carson, City of Carson Cultural Arts Commission Contractors. While Sophisticated Dance was not previously a contractor with the City of Carson through the Cultural Arts Commission, they were included in the waiver because they submitted an application to be considered for a contract during the period of the City's budget challenges. Action was taken in order to assist them with their fundraising activities as well as to hold meetings and rehearsals. Subsequently, Sophisticated Dance did receive Cultural Arts Commission contract funding.

Tonight, the City Council is asked to provide direction to staff regarding whether to extend the fee waiver.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

Should the fee waiver be extended, the estimated total revenue loss is **\$46,850.00** per year. If rates increase in the future, the estimated loss would also increase.

Day of the Week	Time	Room (s)	Daily Rate (Res. Rate)	Total Fees
Saturdays (46 weeks)	2pm-6pm	Dance Room/209	\$125	\$5,750.00
Thursdays (48 weeks)	6pm-9pm	132	\$150.00	\$7,200.00
Black History Month (1 day)	12pm-7pm	Community Hall ABC	\$1,485.00	\$1,485.00
Winter Recital (1 day)	12pm-5:30pm	Community Hall ABC	\$1,335.00	\$1,335.00
Carson Players		TOTAL		\$15,770.00

Day of the Week	Time	Room (s)	Daily Rate (Res. Rate)	Total Fees
Mondays (29 weeks)	4:30pm-7:30pm	107 A	\$100.00	\$2,900.00
Wednesdays (35 weeks)	4:30pm-7:30pm	122 ABC	\$150.00	\$5,250.00
Saturdays (25 weeks)	10am-12pm	107 A	\$100.00	\$2,500.00
Annual Fundraiser (1 day)	10am-4pm	East Parking Lot	\$1,620.00	\$2,000.00
Mariachi Academy of Carson		TOTAL		\$12,650.00

Day of the Week	Time	Room (s)	Daily Rate (Res. Rate)	Total Fees
Saturdays (42 weeks)	8am-4pm	Dance Room	\$150.00	\$6,300.00
Tuesdays (42 weeks)	6pm-9pm	Dance Room	\$175.00	\$7,350.00
Summer Intensive (3 Days)	8am-4pm	107 111	\$150.00 x 3 \$110.00 x 3	\$450.00 \$330.00
Black History Month (1 day)	3pm-8pm	Community Hall ABC	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Winter Recital (1 day)	3pm-8pm	Community Hall ABC	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Sophisticated Dance		TOTAL		\$18,430.00

VI. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. 1 - Minutes July 2, 2013 (Pages 4-5)

Prepared by: Regina Ramirez, Supervisor-Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson

Raymond Cruz, Director of Community Services, proposed that this year's Block Captain Barbecue be used as a catalyst to engage an unlimited number of new residents. He also mentioned that the event would be moved to the second Saturday in September 2013.

City/Agency/Authority Treasurer Avilla proposed smaller block captain community events at each of the City's parks.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear proposed a collaborative effort with the Rancho Dominguez Adobe Museum.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

ACTION: It was moved to establish July 2nd "Good Neighbor Day" every year through the summer months in the City of Carson, whereas residents are encouraged to attend the Block Captain Barbecue and engage with each other; residents can email City Council members the names of everyone they meet; and encourage block captains to host small regional events in their neighborhood parks to continue to foster the meeting your neighbor initiative on motion by Gipson, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Commissioner Robles

ITEM NO. (23) CONSIDER EXTENDING THE FEE WAIVER FOR THE USE OF THE CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER AT CARSON FOR ASOCIACION CULTURAL DE SOUTH BAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES MARIACHI ACADEMY, APOLLO WEST PLAYERS, AND SOPHISTICATED DANCE (COMMUNITY SERVICES)

This item was heard at 9:38 P.M.

Acting City Manager/Executive Director Acosta summarized the staff report.

It was moved to approve the fee waiver for use of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson for Asociacion Cultural De South Bay of Greater Los Angeles Mariachi Academy, Apollo West Players and Sophisticated Dance.

Acting City Manager/Executive Director Acosta asked that the City Council clarify the periods of time for which the fee waiver will be extended.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina confirmed that the fees will be waived for a period of two years.

EXHIBIT NO -1



RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations No. 1 and waive the fees for a period of two years on motion by Santarina, seconded by Davis-Holmes and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Commissioner Robles

ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (Items 24-26)

All three items were heard at 10:50 P.M.

ITEM NO. (24) ORDINANCE NO. 13-1521: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 170-13 TO CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 20795 S. MAIN STREET (APN 7336003029) FROM ML-ORL-D TO CG-ORL-D (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Ordinance No. 13-1521 was APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion by Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Commissioner Robles

ITEM NO. (25) ORDINANCE NO. 13-1522: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTIONS 4211 THROUGH 4211.9 TO ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 2, OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION BY MINORS (COMMUNITY SERVICES)

ACTION: WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, Ordinance No. 13-1522 was APPROVED, and ADOPTED, as read by title only, on motion by Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

