

Inglewood, California
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The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City.

Mayor Dorn called the meeting to order at the hour of 6:04 p.m. The City Clerk announced the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Mayor Dorn, Council Members Price and Dunlap;
Absent: Council Members Morales and Franklin.

City officials and personnel present were:

Yvonne Horton	City Clerk
Wanda Brown	City Treasurer
Mark Weinberg	City Administrator
Anita C. Willis	City Attorney
Margaret Baird	Administrative Secretary
Alice McKee	Administrative Assistant

Mayor Dorn called the Redevelopment Agency into joint session with the City Council at the hour of 6:04 p.m.

134 **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY.**
Mayor/Chairman Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council/Redevelopment Agency on any closed session items.

There was no response.

The City Attorney/Agency Counsel commented that item no. CSR-2 has been removed from the agenda.

Mayor/Chairman Dorn recessed the City Council/Redevelopment Agency for closed session item nos. CS-1 through CSR-1 at the hour of 6:05 p.m.

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Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country and invocation by Mayor Dorn he again called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:38 p.m. with all Council Members present except Council Member Franklin.

Council Member Franklin arrived in the Council Chambers at the hour of 7:40 p.m.

180 **PRESENTATION BY THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (YDP) PROGRAM.** Ms. Inghram commented that the Youth Development Partnership provides a safe environment for children between the ages of 5 to 14. She also commented that YDP is a recipient of CDBG funding and they want to make a presentation to the City Council to show that they have employed not only high school seniors, but also children from the community. She introduced Rose Tanner who then introduced two students, Desiree Johnson and Danny Crumble. Mayor and Council Members were presented with gifts.

180 **PRESENTATION BY WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TO THE INGLEWOOD YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE.** Gus Meza, West Basin Municipal District Conservation Coordinator, introduced Jose Fernandez, Director and commented that they are here this evening to present a check to a group that has helped with the conservation program.

Jose Fernandez, Director, commented that it is a pleasure to be here this evening and he has a check that he would like to present but first he would like to inform the City Council and residents in Inglewood about what they have accomplished with the support of water conservation. He commented that over 850 free toilets have been given out in the City and about 20% of Inglewood residents now have low flow toilets meaning that since the

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inception of this program, over two and a half billion gallons of water have been saved. He also commented that this is an important achievement for this region and since the population continues to grow water is not being imported as it was 10 years ago, this means that through conservation and recycling there are no more demands on nature. He further commented that the Inglewood High School football team, Boy Scouts, Young Golfers America Association, North Inglewood Little League and Inglewood Sister City Port Antonio, have all helped and they deserve recognition. Finally, he commented that he wants to honor the Inglewood Soccer League with a check for \$12,405.00 for helping with the distribution of almost 850 toilets. A check for \$12,405.00 was presented to the youth. He thanked Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and Inglewood residents for supporting conservation and establishing a good environmental policy. Mayor Dorn thanked the West Basin Water District for working with the youth soccer league and he also thanked the coaches and the youth for their efforts.

134 **PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS.** Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any item on the agenda.

Paul Russell, District 2, spoke concerning agenda item nos. CA-1, adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance of pension obligation bonds, and other related actions and CA-2, report pertaining to the fiscal year 2005-2006 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Raynald Davis, District 2, spoke concerning agenda item no. 3, resolution offering a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Mr. Lamontay Long.

Diane Sambrano, spoke concerning agenda item no. CA-1, adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance of pension obligation bonds, and other related actions.

Council Member Dunlap left the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:00 p.m.

142.9 **PAYMENTS OF WARRANTS AND BILLS.** It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the demands presented to the City Council dated August 3, 2005 in the amount of \$1,998,069.11 are hereby approved and the City Clerk hereby authorized to certify upon said registers that said demands are so approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None;
Absent: Council Member Dunlap.

MINUTES. It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2005 be approved as recorded. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None;
Absent: Council Member Dunlap.

166 **RESOLUTION NO. 05-92 ADOPTED – REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION, APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION FOR THE HOMICIDE OF MR. LAMONTAY LONG.** Staff report dated August 9, 2005 was presented recommending adoption of a resolution offering a reward up to \$25,000 to any individual or persons for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Mr. Lamontay Long.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that Resolution No. 05-92, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD,
CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING A REWARD FOR INFORMATION

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LEADING THE TO THE IDENTIFICATION, APPREHENSION AND
CONVICTION OF THE PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOMICIDE
OF LAMONTAY LONG

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Dunlap.

183.50 **BIDS REJECTED FOR CONTRACT SERVICE FOR CRENSHAW LIBRARY HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING.** Staff report dated August 9, 2005 was presented requesting rejection of all bids for contract service for Crenshaw Library, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) retrofitting per bid B-0856.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby 1) Reject all bids and 2) Instruct staff to re-bid. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Dunlap.

160 **AGREEMENT NO. 05-86 APPROVED – BRODART COMPANY.** Staff report dated August 9, 2005 was presented recommending approval of an annual agreement to lease books for the Inglewood Libraries with the Brodart Company.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that Agreement No. 05-86 in the amount of \$21,655 be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Dunlap.

183 **PURCHASE OF 10 POLICE EMERGENCY LIGHT BARS – APPROVED.** Staff
178 report dated August 9, 2005 was presented recommending approval to purchase 10 Police emergency light bars.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby approve purchase in the amount of \$25,818. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Dunlap.

178 **ACCEPTANCE OF REAL ESTATE FRAUD PROSECUTION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS – APPROVED.** Staff report dated August 9, 2005 was presented pertaining to the acceptance of Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program grant funds.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby 1) Accept Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program grant funds in the amount of \$441,149 and 2) Approve grant agreement with Los Angeles County for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Dunlap.

178 **ACCEPTANCE OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES TECHNOLOGY GRANT FUNDS – APPROVED.** Staff report pertaining to the acceptance of United States

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Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Grant Funds.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby 1) Accept COPS Technology grant funds in the amount of \$98,664 from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); and 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute the required documents. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None;
Absent: Council Member Dunlap.

183 **COMMUNITY TOOL BOX PROGRAM – APPROVED.** Staff report dated August 9, 2005 was presented recommending adoption of a Community Toolbox Program, at a first year cost of \$60,000.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby approve the Community Tool Box Program. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None;
Absent: Council Member Dunlap.

142 **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.** Staff report dated August 9, 2005 was presented, submitting the Monthly Financial Report for the month ending June 30, 2005.

It was moved by Council Member Morales, seconded by Council Member Franklin and carried that the above listed report be received and filed.

Mayor Dorn declared the meeting recessed at the hour of 8:01 p.m.

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Mayor Dorn again called the meeting to order at the hour of 8:57 p.m.

Council Member Morales left the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:57 p.m.

214.1 **ORDINANCE NO. 05-05 ADOPTED – AMENDING ARTICLES 10 AND 25 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE IMC TO INCREASE THE PERIOD OF OPERATION FOR CARNIVALS AND SIMILAR TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES.** It was moved by Council Member Franklin seconded by Council Member Price that Ordinance No. 05-05, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLES 10 AND 25 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE INGLEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM OF FOURTEEN DAYS PER FUNCTION FOR CARNIVALS AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES WITHOUT REQUIRING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPROVAL

which was introduced at the meeting held July 26, 2005 be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None;
Absent: Council Member Morales.

214.1 **ORDINANCE NO. 05-06 ADOPTED – AMENDING ARTICLES 1, 6, 7 AND 19 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE IMC TO REVISE GROUP COUNSELING/TUTORING REQUIREMENTS.** It was moved by Council Member Price and seconded by Mayor Dorn that Ordinance No. 05-06, entitled:

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLES 1, 6, 7 AND 19 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE INGLEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW SMALL GROUP COUNSELING/TUTORING USES (FEWER THAN TEN CLIENTS/PARTICIPANTS) IN THE C-1, C-2, C-3, C-S, M-1 AND M-2 ZONES, TO REQUIRE SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPROVAL TO ALLOW LARGE GROUP COUNSELING/TUTORING USES (ELEVEN OR MORE CLIENTS/PARTICIPANTS) IN THE C-1, C-2, C-S, M-1 AND M-2 ZONES AND TO AMEND THE PARKING STANDARDS FOR SMALL GROUP AND LARGE GROUP COUNSELING/TUTORING FACILITIES

which was introduced at the meeting held July 26, 2005 be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Morales.

142 **RESOLUTION NO. 05-93 ADOPTED – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF**
102.4 **PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS – TRUST AGREEMENT - APPROVED.** Staff report dated August 9, 2005 was presented recommending adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance of pension obligation bonds, and other related actions.

Council Member Morales returned to the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:59 p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Price that 1) Resolution No. 05-93, entitled;

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS, APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TRUST AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING A VALIDATION ACTION AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

be adopted; 2) Authorize the execution and delivery of a trust agreement, a purchase contract and a continuing disclosure agreement and; 3) Direct and authorize the distribution of a preliminary official statement and other matters directly related to the issuance of the Series A, B and C Bonds. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

131 **FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE.** Staff report dated August 9, 2005 was presented pertaining to the fiscal year 2005-2006 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to consider for adoption at the August 16, 2005 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Dorn ordered the report received and filed.

132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – DEANNA HERNANDEZ PROPOSED WORKER’S COMPENSATION.** Closed session - Confidential - Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Deanna Hernandez - Proposed Workers' Compensation.

It was moved by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Morales that the City Council does hereby approve, confirm and ratify settlement in the amount of \$23,948.74, which includes ongoing medical services, \$10,000 would be in return for resignation and waiver of rehab. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

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Noes: None.

132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – JOHN E. CRAWFORD DBA THE IVY HOUSE VS. CITY OF INGLEWOOD, ET AL.** Closed session - Confidential - Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a) John E. Crawford dba The Ivy House v. City of Inglewood, et al., LASC No.: BC 307703.

Direction was provided to staff.

132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – BIJAN DARVISH VS. CITY OF INGLEWOOD, ET AL.** Closed session - Confidential - Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a); Bijan Darvish v. City of Inglewood, et al; LASC Case No.: YS 013081.

An update was provided to Council; there was no action taken.

132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – BIJAN DARVISH VS. CITY OF INGLEWOOD, ET AL.** Closed session - Confidential - Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a); Bijan Darvish v. City of Inglewood, et al; LASC Case No.: YC 044362.

An update was provided to Council; there was no action taken.

132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – LA CIENEGA SHOPPING CENTER ET AL VS. CITY OF INGLEWOOD, ET AL.** Closed session - Confidential - Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a); La Cienega Shopping Center, et al., v. City of Inglewood, et al., LASC Case No.: BS 092414.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the amendment to the previously approved settlement agreement be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Morales.

Mayor Dorn recessed the meeting at the hour of 9:15 p.m.

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Mayor Dorn reconvened the meeting at the hour of 9:16 p.m.

219 **MONTHLY TREASURER’S REPORT.** Staff report dated August 9, 2005 was presented, submitting the Monthly Treasurer’s Report for the month ending June 30, 2005.

Mayor Dorn ordered the report received and filed.

219 **VERBAL REPORTS - CITY TREASURER.** The City Treasurer commented that last Friday, she purchased a Freddie Mac bond for \$1M and if this is not called for 6 months the City will get the full rate of 5%. She commented that this bond is rated triple (A) and will settle on September 1st. She also gave an overview of the Monthly Treasurer’s Reports for all entities. Finally, she gave a brief report about the National Treasurer’s Conference she attended in Chicago.

Mayor Dorn recessed the meeting at the hour of 9:35 p.m.

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Mayor Dorn again called the meeting to order at the hour of 9:40 p.m.

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214.5 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD – TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S DENIAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 991 – RESOLUTION NO. 05-94 ADOPTED.** The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter is a public hearing to consider an appeal to the Planning Commission's denial of Special Use Permit No. 991 for a 1,380 square-foot payday advance check cashing use in a 12,000 square-foot multiple-tenant commercial building within an approved 36,612 square-foot retail shopping center on M-1L (Limited Manufacturing) zones property at 3530 West Century Boulevard, that notice of this hearing has been given in the time, form, and manner as required by law, the affidavit is on file, the complete file of the Planning Commission is present and no communication has been received.

The City Administrator presented staff report dated August 9, 2005 submitting background information on the matter.

Mayor Dorn ordered the staff report dated August 9, 2005 received and filed.

Wanda Williams, Senior Planner commented that this item is for the appeal of the Planning Commission’s denial of SUP 991, which was a request to allow for a 1,380 square-foot check cashing payday advance facility as part of an approved shopping center, which the Planning Commission approved in March 2004. She also commented that the Planning Commission denied the check cashing use in July 2005 due to the over concentration of pay advance check cashing and similar financial uses in the City and granting of the SUP would have a negative effect on the general welfare of the surrounding communities. She further commented that the proposed check cashing payday advance use would be incompatible with the retail restaurant use envisioned for the shopping center and surrounding community. In March 2004 when the Planning Commission approved SUP 957 allowing the creation of a 36,000 square-foot shopping center, she commented that the Commission members were attempting to seek to provide a strong identity along a key corridor on Century Boulevard adjacent to the Costco warehouse and made it very clear at that time that they were seeking to encourage nationally recognized retail and restaurant use to benefit the committee and reinvigorate neighborhood oriented retail uses.

Mayor Dorn left the Council Chambers at the hour of 9:42 p.m.

Mayor pro tem Price inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on this matter.

Mayor Dorn returned to the Council Chambers at the hour of 9:45 p.m.

Greg McCorksy, commented that he would like to make some clarifications to the Resolution that was adopted by the Planning Commission. He also commented that the size of the space is 1,201 square-feet and not 1,380 which is about 15% reduction in size, that Advance America is not a check cashing establishment, and he would like stricken from the record any notion or reference to check cashing. He further commented that there are about 17 of these establishments in the City and Advance America is the only one that does not cash checks. He also commented that one of the items that were discussed at the Planning Commission meeting was that the use might be incompatible which he strongly disagrees. Finally, he commented that Advance America is the largest and most stable financial institution with about 2,500 stores, 130 in Southern California, and they run a very clean operation.

T.J. Rogers, Division Director of Operations, commented that he would like to answer any questions.

Council Member Dunlap commented that the previous speaker stated that they do not cash checks and inquired if he can summarize what they do.

T.J. Rodgers commented that a personal check is held as collateral and a check is issued and when the customer returns and pays for the loan, the personal check is returned.

Council Member Dunlap inquired what the fee was.

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T.J. Rodgers commented that the fee varies, around 17% and they are state regulated.

No other persons wishing to address the City Council on this matter, Mayor Dorn declared the public comment section closed at the hour of 9:48 p.m.

Council Member Price commented that he would like to support the position taken by the Planning Commission since they have had the opportunity to review the record and hear testimony, about the concerns that many raised in the City about payday advance check services. He also commented that he doesn't think this is the kind of business the City Council wants to encourage, as there are too many of them already. Finally, he commented that the City is trying to bring upscale shopping establishments along the Century corridor and he doesn't think this type of business reflects that and he is prepared to accept the position taken by the Planning Commission and deny this request.

Council Member Dunlap commented that she doesn't know what legal right the City has in reference to ordinances that are already on the books by which certain businesses have a right to be in certain zones and perhaps, some of the codes need to be re-written. She also commented that she appreciates that Washington Mutual is opening branches in the community and there is also a Bank of America, but many banks have closed down. She further commented that additional banks are needed were people can have checking and savings accounts so that they can take their children to learn something about family finances. She commented that there are many in the neighboring communities who do not know what check cashing or check advance is like because they are not in their community as there are few persons with money who are willing to pay 17 to 20% for a short term loan. Finally, she commented that she thinks it is criminal that persons in the highest level of need pay the highest amount of fees for short-term money.

Council Member Morales commented that he is also ready to uphold the Planning Commission's decision, as payday advance is certainly not in the direction the City is headed toward. He also commented that he was hopeful that the City could get rid of the ones that do exist, that this doesn't fit, and he is not supporting it.

Council Member Franklin commented that he echoes the same sentiments of his colleagues as well as with the Planning Commission. He also commented that the City is blessed to have the Washington Mutual bank in that location and the last thing that is needed is to have Washington Mutual and The Gas Company struggling with the other restaurants for parking. He further commented that the interest rates and fees being imposed is clearly a way to keep those that are poor level in poverty. Finally, he commented that this is not the answer the City is looking for and the City does need to take a stand.

Mayor Dorn commented that he doesn't support any payday advance program and in his opinion, this is a form of rip-off. He also commented that this penalizes the most needy people and he is most pleased to support the position of the City Council.

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by and seconded by Council Member Franklin that Resolution No. 05-94, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 991 (SP-991) FOR A 1,380 SQUARE-FOOT PAYDAY ADVANCE CHECK CASHING USE IN A 12,000 SQUARE-FOOT MULTIPLE-TENANT COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 3530 WEST CENTURY BOULEVARD

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

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Noes: None.

- 114.4 **CIVIL SERVICE BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT.** Upon the recommendation of Council Member Morales, Mayor Dorn appointed Roberto Munoz to the Civil Service Board of Review, representing District 3 for term ending June 2007.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby approve, ratify and confirm the appointment. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

- 114.4 **CIVIL SERVICE BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT.** Mayor Dorn appointed Renee Dorn to the Civil Service Board of Review, representing the City at Large, for term ending June 2006.

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby approve, ratify and confirm the appointment. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

- 134 **PUBLIC REMARKS.** Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any matter connected with City business not elsewhere considered on the agenda.

Minister Tony Mohammad spoke concerning the lack of African Americans being employed by The Haagen Group and commented that this is unfair. He also spoke concerning the use of words “minority” and “disenfranchise” and commented that he is referring to African Americans who are not working. He further commented that he and others went to the site and walked through the other stores with cameras showing that black people are not employed and it is unfair. He also commented that they have taken up the slogan that “If we do not work, no one works”. Finally, he commented about a report he had read stating that 10 years from now, at the rate black people are unemployed, they will be worse off than persons in third world countries.

Drexel Mohammad, Executive Director, Young Black Contractors Association commented that The Haagen Group hasn’t shown any good faith effort in employing African Americans. He spoke concerning the DDA and commented that this is fictitious and inquired how many contracts and dollars have been paid under this DDA. He commented that there are two contractors that do business in District 2, and they were not given a fair opportunity to bid. Finally, he commented that what they have demonstrated today is outstanding because nothing like this has ever been done, and if this is what they have to do everyday in order to get a fair opportunity to do business, and if so that is too much to do.

Resident, spoke concerning the Housing Authority and Section 8 Programs and commented that the programs have been cut and some landlords have increased the rent forcing tenants to move. She encouraged the City Council to re-visit the Section 8 Program to see what is going on.

Delia Laskey spoke concerning a recent meeting she attended with the Young Black Contractors and expressed her concerns about derogatory remarks made by a contractor.

Raynald Davis, District 2, commented that The Haagen Group has squandered the opportunity of a lifetime to do business in the City. He also commented that the City accepted them with open arms, giving them an excellent deal, and this is how they repay the City. Finally, he commented that they should not be considered for other projects in this City again.

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Resident commented that The Haagen Group is a crook. She inquired from Council Member Price when the minutes from the community meeting held last week would be available.

Diane Sambrano commented that she cannot imagine how many revisions of history that has been heard this evening and even though she does not support the Mayor 100%, there were definitely some misrepresentations made from the dais tonight. She inquired why the economic meeting was held at the same time as the Planning Commission meeting.

Willie Agee commented that he is speechless this evening after seeing what has been going on at the dais this evening, and as someone who attends the meetings, he commented that he has seen quite a show this evening. He also commented that he is proud to be a black American but he does not like to be threatened. Finally, he commented that people should be independent and create jobs for themselves and not wait for someone else to create jobs.

Frederick Davis commented that as far as he could recall, when The Haagen Group came before this Council the vote was 5-0 in favor of the project. He commented that the Blackhawks lost their game and reminded everyone about the upcoming game to be held in Oxnard.

There being no further business to be presented, Mayor Dorn declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:30 p.m.

City Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2005

Mayor

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