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CULVER CITY CITY COUNCIL,
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD,
CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND
CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY
TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY BOARD, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD
AND PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

May 19, 2014
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor/Chair Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Housing Authority Board and Parking Authority Board to order at 4:03 p.m.

Present: Meghan Sahli-Wells, Mayor/Chair
Micheál O'Leary, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair*
Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember/Boardmember
Jeffrey Cooper, Councilmember/Boardmember
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember/Boardmember

* Vice Mayor/Vice Chair O'Leary arrived at 4:26 p.m.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, requested that the City Council and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board recess to closed session to consider an item requiring immediate action that arose after the posting of the agenda to consider possible initiation of litigation under Government Code Section 54954.2(b)2. Addition of this item to the agendas requires a 2/3 vote.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER

CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER AN ITEM REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION THAT AROSE AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

As a result, the following item was added to the agendas of the City Council and the Successor Agency Board:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Re: Initiation of Litigation – 1 Matter
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

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Recess/Reconvene

The City Council/Successor Agency Board recessed to Closed Session from 4:05 p.m. to 4:11 p.m.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Financial Officer Jeff Muir.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated nothing to report out of closed session.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Councilmember Clarke received clarification that information on capital projects would be included in the Public Works presentation.

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported correspondence received from Seth Horowitz of the Culver Hotel who was unable to be present at the meeting due to an injury he sustained earlier in the day.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Joint Action Items

Item JA-1

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD AGENDA ITEM: (1) Consideration of the Amount of In-Kind Assistance for and Possible City Sponsorship of "An Affair of the Arts" Event Produced by The Whole 9; (2) Approval of a Related License Agreement for Use of Successor Agency-Owned Property (Parcel B) for the Event

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Lisa Schultz, The Whole 9, reported that all of their efforts supported the Peace Project, a non-profit, with the proposed event helping fund the houses being built in the Philippines to help hurricane victims; she discussed promotional support; banners distributed; and she hoped to partner with the City and begin hanging banners next week.

Jeremy Green, Management Analyst, read a written comment submitted by:

Seth Horowitz

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding participating food trucks; business licenses; applicant responsibility for fabrication and installation of the banners; the transfer of Parcel B; concern that the City would not own Parcel B in September; discussions with Combined Properties regarding use; indemnification; use of Parcel B for filming; and film revenue.

Responding to Councilmember Cooper, Lisa Schultz discussed alternative locations; the event as a community building project; and integrating the event into the businesses to provide more value.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding a cut-off date for use of Parcel B; discretion of Combined Properties for use of the property once the property is transferred; clarification that Combined Properties cannot be compelled to agree to the use; and skepticism that the property would be transferred by September.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. DETERMINED TO SUPPORT THE AN AFFAIR OF THE ARTS EVENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,050 FOR EACH EVENT {Waiver of the City’s $170 special event application fee; Waiver of the City’s water ($155) and power ($550) utility hookup, disconnection and use fees; Waiver of the City’s trash bin rental, delivery and collection fees amounting to $175}; AND,

2. DETERMINED THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED FOR CITY SPONSORSHIP OUTLINED IN CCMC 17.330.040.B.7 HAVE BEEN MET AND DESIGNATED THE “AN AFFAIR OF THE ARTS” EVENTS AS CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE

ABSENT: O'LEARY

MOVED BY MEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY CHAIR SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD:

1. APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE 9300 CULVER BOULEVARD PARKING LOT FOR THE "AN AFFAIR OF THE ARTS" FESTIVALS AT THE STANDARD RENTAL RATE OF $500 PER EVENT AND INCLUDING A PROVISION IN THE AGREEMENT ALLOWING FOR A CONTINGENCY IN THE CASE PARCEL B HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO COMBINED PROPERTIES; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE SUCCESSOR AGENCY GENERAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

Mayor Sahli-Wells discussed the previous event; participating businesses; appreciation for being provided with the banner design; and she requested that staff bring Parcel B to the City Council for discussion before any additional items come forward.

* Vice Mayor O'Leary joined the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

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Item JA-2

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/ PARKING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of the City Manager's/Executive Director's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015

Mayor Sahli-Wells discussed the schedule for consideration of the budget and opportunities for public input.

John Nachbar, City Manager, introduced the item and discussed a proposal from the Carlyle Group regarding freeway signage.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding having the Economic Development subcommittee consider the item first; City Council approval or disapproval of the concept; and a request to conduct a comprehensive legal analysis. Because of the significant nature of the concept and potential for significant application of staff time, the City Manager requested the full City Council initially consider the item. The City Council concurred and directed the City Manager to place an item on a future agenda to allow the City Council to discuss the concept.

Chris Sellers, Fire Chief, presented the proposed 2014-2015 Fire Department budget.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding appreciation for the incorporation of changes; increases to deferred compensation; emergency preparedness; increases in overtime; the Entrada Project; costs associated with staffing an additional paramedic van; the role of Councilmembers in an emergency; hazardous materials; Southern California Hospital; wait times; financial challenges; clarification that Assistant Chief White would take over on the Brotman Board upon the retirement of Chief Sellers; the requirement that the Fire Department stay with the patient until a bed or chair is available; expanding existing emergency rooms; ensuring that private ambulance companies being used hold current Culver City licenses; “gypsy” ambulances; County certified ambulances; and appreciation to staff for their responsiveness to concerns.

Scott Bixby, Interim Police Chief, presented the proposed Police Department budget for 2014-2015.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the current towing contract; in-car cameras; the AB 109 Task Force; the Explorer Program; loss of the Juvenile Diversion Program; response time; sworn officers; grants; asset seizure; Urban Areas Security Initiative Funds; Councilmember support in the UASI process; the Police Department Needs Assessment; online incident reporting; community town hall meetings; capital construction refurbishment costs; automatic license plate readers and parking enforcement; increases to laundry charges; overtime in Police Communication; the grants process; creating a Joint Powers Authority to become more competitive; the Bicycle Master Plan; the Safe Routes to School Plan;

enforcement of jaywalking and cycling rules; education; appreciation of residents and the City Council for the work of the Police Department; false alarm charges; privacy concerns with regard to license plate readers; the partnership with Culver City Unified School District; response time; the “Idaho Stop;” and the perception of Culver City as being the safest City in Los Angeles County.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No speaker cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, presented the proposed Community Development Department budget for 2014-2015.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the rise in contractual services; proposed improvements to Airport Marina Ford; rail spur parking; the Warner lot; the decrease in building permits; the Venice Parking lot; disposition of the property; the Baldwin Motel site; public notice lists; Homeowner Associations; working with other departments; the Hayden Tract; parking deficiencies; repurposing properties; amenities; the industrial designation; sensitive receptors; housing; the General Plan Update; long term planning; Transit Oriented Development; entitlements to Parcel B; Culver Studios; vested rights; the Screenland Project; ingress and egress; seeking an exemption; interactive mapping; GIS software; extended work hours; preservation of the affordable housing program; Upward Bound; paving or vacating alleys; a trolley system; fluctuations in certain fees; one-time expenditures; the Summer Music Festival; evaluation of permit fees; appreciation for taking City Council comments into consideration; fiber optics; reprinting the budget after incorporating changes; reprogramming homeless funds; the inventory of commercial properties for lease; CoStar; groups looking for space to rent for events; Departmental Special Supplies; Fiscal Services; the Triangle Project; Washington/National; building the parking first; the transfer of parking to Ince and back; accommodating Expo; procedures; amenities in the Hayden Tract; making a cul-de-sac on Higuera; code compliance for restaurants; storm water requirements; odors on Irving; code enforcement; the inspection process; site inspections; transparency; the mortgage assistance program; monitoring; St. Joseph’s Outreach; and appreciation to staff for their hard work.

Art Ida, Transportation Director, presented the proposed Transportation Department budget for 2014-2015.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding that fact that the fleet has been ranked the #1 Best Fleet in North America; demand; Playa Vista transit mitigation funds; the Georgetown University Competition; determining public interest in having a trolley in the City; transportation administration; preventative maintenance; volatility of funding; clarification on figures; the shuttle service; contractual services; appreciation for added detail in the report; pedi-cabs; increases in training; allocation of expenses; realignments; the FTA subproject account; liability insurance claims; Loss Run History; Physical Damage Property Insurance; tracking costs; increased accidents; the marketing program; clarification that no General Funds support the department; increased ridership; movement between line items; proper identification of expenses; the Elite Fleet Competition; Fleet Manager of the Year; electric buses; fleet age; police department vehicles; marketing and consulting services; demographics; bus traffic into the Hayden Tract; ridership counts; pinpointing locations; real time bus arrival information; technologies compatible with neighboring transit agencies; taking a regional approach; the transportation bill under consideration in Washington, D.C.; emphasis on rail systems; the systems analysis; future development; transit hubs; TAP cards; first and last mile; connecting people to transit; bike sharing; and outreach and communication.

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Recess/Reconvene

Mayor Sahli-Wells called a brief recess from 7:32 p.m. to 7:54 p.m.

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Item JA-2
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JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/ PARKING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of the City Manager’s/Executive Director’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, presented the proposed Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department budget for 2014-2015.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding landscaping; efficiency; improvements; a potential site for a community garden; Caltrans property; Veterans Memorial; the exterior marquee; using the tower as a standing marquee; the elevator; ADA compliance; Santa Monica park ID cards; Teen Center and Senior Center Association membership cards; the skateboard park; Fiesta La Ballona; Prop A maintenance and services; exploring and developing youth sports programs; the use of RoundUp; field maintenance; the walkways at Blanco Park; partnering with the School District; creating a fund for replacement; facility use fees; Nixle alerts; the Metro Bike Path; pesticide use; the West L.A. College bio-filtration project; storm water mandates; concern with the privatization of public spaces; organized sports; fundraising and partnerships to identify alternative revenue sources for improvements; and improvements to the sound system at Veterans Auditorium.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the proposed budgets; changes to the budget; the final draft; and online access to the budget.

Charles Herbertson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, presented the proposed Public Works Department budget for 2014-2015.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding palm tree replacement; sidewalks; root growth; growth inhibitor; addressing deferred maintenance; the sidewalk grinding program; private repair of sidewalks; publicity and outreach; priority; storm water issues; the Street Tree Master Plan; Chinese Elms; concern with having too many of the same kind of tree; the Urban Forest Management Plan; appropriate diversity; allergies caused by the trees; Plan Check Fees; interest and penalties; Special Services; replacement bins; slurry seal; restaurant inspections; the County drain downtown; installing curtains in the catch basins; addressing odors; creating a channel; working with the County; the Georgetown University Competition; criteria for the prize; Energy Coalition partners; the bio-swale; grants; incorporating green street concepts; rainwater infiltration; holiday banners; overall expenditures; maintenance operations; street permits; the adjusted budget column; revenue estimates; actuals; the Work Plan; the Tree Succession Plan; long-term planning; community input and involvement; addressing tree removal and replacement; the Parkway Ordinance; installation of parking meters; street sweeping hours; posting a list of streets that are up for repair or resurfacing along with a schedule of tree trimming online; the Walker Parking Study; the final disposition of the parking facilities; slowing down traffic on Sawtelle; discussions with the City of Los Angeles; the extension of the bike path on Jefferson; the Culver Boulevard realignment program; the lawn at City Hall; taking a phased-in approach; following the Santa Monica model illustrating resources used to create a green lawn; monthly showcases and awards to houses that implement water conservation; the amount budgeted for ficus tree replacement; TMSS Gap Closure; the traffic camera monitoring system; making changes to traffic timing; appreciation for staff responsiveness; the inclusion of capital improvements; the tipping point for pavement; road maintenance; the Safe Routes to School project; Hetzler Road; awards received by Public Works; and appreciation to staff for their hard work and many accomplishments.

Serena Wright, Human Resources Director, presented the proposed Human Resources Department budget for 2014-2015.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding goals for training and development; the total compensation study; the employee picnic; availability of doctors; and the Wellness Fair.

Michele Williams, Chief Information Officer, presented the proposed Information Technology Department budget for 2014-2015.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the importance of social media in recruiting applicants to Commissions and Committees; reconsidering the effectiveness of print media; efficiency; money spent; public noticing requirements; state legislation and the City Charter; incorporating printed materials onto the Internet; GO Request; online permitting; fiber optics; wi-fi at Vets; technology to manage parking; appreciation for the responsiveness of the department, improvements made and increased communication; providing options for upgrading the system to the City Council; and wi-fi on buses.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, presented the proposed budget for the City Council, City Manager and City Clerk Departments for 2014-2015.

John Nachbar, City Manager, discussed Cultural programming and staff, and funding.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the Summer Concert Series; staffing the Cultural Affairs Commission and effects to the Transportation Department; voting by mail; same day registration; provisional ballots; consensus to investigate new City Council meeting minute coordination software; the part-time employee for passports; establishing an appointment only schedule for passport acceptance services; paying a premium for expedited passport service; determining the number of passport customers served that are Culver City residents; Federally set fees for passports; support for conducting a study to determine the economic benefits of cultural affairs; re-starting the Maintenance of Public Art program; administrative approval of fiber optics projects; grants management; the Centennial; legislative strategies; capital construction; City Hall; the pipeline negotiations; repair of the voting system; appreciation to staff for their responsiveness and diligence; and the bi-weekly report.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, presented the proposed budget for the City Attorney’s Office for 2014-2015.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the ice rink designation; the agenda planning calendar; litigation updates; the e-cigarette ordinance; potential legal challenges regarding fracking; public nuisance abatement enforcement; and appreciation to staff for their efforts.

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, discussed changes made to the proposed Finance Department budget for 2014-2015.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding congratulations on transparency efforts; the Finance Advisory Committee; acknowledgement for time spent on redevelopment issues; the Long Range Asset Management Plan; positive feedback from the public for the Business License Department; and appreciation for the long range view of the City’s finances.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

Councilmember Cooper received consensus to agendize a discussion of other options for the fireworks show with the Exchange Club.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding a potential admission charge and a request that a budget be presented for the discussion.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 11:19 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Housing Authority Board, and Parking Authority Board adjourned their meeting to Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council and SECRETARY of THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND
CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD
Culver City, California

MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS
MAYOR of Culver City, California and CHAIR of THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

May 27, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Meghan Sahli-Wells, Mayor
Micheál O'Leary, Vice Mayor
Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember
Jeffrey Cooper, Councilmember
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember

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Closed Session

At 5:30 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Labor Negotiators
City designated representatives: City Manager John Nachbar, Director of Human Resources Serena Wright
Employee Organizations: Culver City Employees Association, Culver City Management Group, Culver City Police Officers' Association, Culver City Police Management Group, Culver City Firefighters' Association Local 1927, AFL-CIO, Culver City Fire Management Group
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

CS-2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 11304 Segrell Way (Former Fire Station No. 3)
City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager, Keller-Williams Realty
Other Parties Negotiators: Thomas James Capital Inc.
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment or Both, including

use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related considerations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-3 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Re: Sidrane, Susan v. City of Culver City
LASC Case No. SC 119111
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

CS-4 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 12803-23 Washington Blvd.
Agency Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager/Executive Director; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director/Assistant Executive Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager; Murray Kane, City/Successor Agency Special Counsel
Other Parties Negotiators: Jim Suhr, Axis Mundi RE II, LLC.
Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment or both, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related considerations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-5 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation – (1 item)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

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Reconvene

Mayor Sahli-Wells reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:11 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Booker Pearson.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated nothing to report out of closed session.

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Presentation

Item P-1

Presentation of a Commendation to Fire Chief Chris Sellers on the Occasion of His Retirement from City Service

Dr. Janet Hoult read a poem expressing her thanks and admiration for fire fighters.

Vice Mayor O'Leary presented the Commendation.

Fire Chief Chris Sellers thanked the City for the Commendation and everyone for their support.

Mayor Sahli-Wells read a Recognition from Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas.

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Item P-2

Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of May as Bike Month and Bike to School Month

Mayor Sahli-Wells presented the Proclamation to Jim Shanman, Co-Founder of the Culver City Bicycle Coalition and current Safe Routes to School Coordinator.

Jim Shanman thanked the City for the Proclamation noting that he saw it as a commitment by the City Council to promote active transportation.

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Item P-3

Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of May as CalFresh Awareness Month

Councilmember Cooper presented the Proclamation designating the Month of May as CalFresh Awareness Month.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that staff would make the County aware that the Proclamation had been presented.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Councilmember Clarke asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those who served in the armed forces and gave their lives; reported a Nixle announcement about a robbery in Culver City; noted an increase in home invasions; and he commended the Police Department for their quick response and the neighbors for alerting the police.

Lieutenant Eccles reported that the perpetrators were caught outside of the house; discussed similar burglaries in the area; door knock burglaries; those in custody for that type of burglary; surveillance units; crime suppression; community outreach; the recent neighborhood watch meeting in Sunkist Park; and the 25% reduction in burglaries.

Vice Mayor O'Leary discussed the reduction in crime; social networking; and he gave kudos to the Police Department for their work.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE ARMED FORCES.

{Note from the City Clerk: A letter, signed by the Mayor, acknowledging the above Adjourn in Memory was sent to the United States Veterans' Artists Alliance on June 3, 2014.}

Vice Mayor O'Leary discussed a flier from the California Department of Food and Agriculture requesting help from the public in reporting sightings of the Asian Citrus Psyllid or observation of discolored leaves, and he requested clarification regarding which Councilmembers had agreed to the Mayor's request at the meeting of May 12 to remove the invocation from the agenda.

Mayor Sahli-Wells clarified that she had asked to change the term invocation to remove any religious connotation and had received consensus to discuss that at the meeting of June 9, 2014.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that four Councilmembers had consented to a discussion of the term “invocation;” he discussed notification procedures; and previous City Council discussion of the item.

Mayor Sahli-Wells announced the Los Angeles County Pledge to Prepare Interfaith Emergency Preparedness Event on June 1 at the King Fahad Mosque, partnering with the Tellefson Park Neighborhood Association; Taste of the Nation in Media Park on June 1; and a meeting of the Sustainability Subcommittee on June 2.

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, announced an upcoming concert on June 14 at the Kirk Douglas Theatre made possible by a Culver City Performing Arts Grant and a grant from Sony.

Jamie Wallace, Backpacks for Kids Program, asked that everyone support Measure CC on the June 3 ballot and she discussed property values in the City.

Booker Pearson, Upward Bound, discussed reprogramming money allocated to the Rental Assistance Program; discussions between the Homelessness Committee and Housing Division staff; when former Culver City Redevelopment Agency money runs out; housing subsidies; the County Commission on Public Social Services; and Federal money spent.

Mayor Sahli-Wells asked that staff follow up on the item.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that correspondence for Item A-1 and a budget from the Exchange Club for the Fourth of July event would become part of the public record.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1

Joint Culver City Council/Culver City Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item: Cash Disbursements

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR MAY 3, 2013 – MAY 16, 2104.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-5, AND C-7 THROUGH C-9.

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Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported the correction of misspelled names in the minutes.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12, 2014 AS AMENDED.

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Item C-2

Adoption of a Resolution (1) Approving the Engineer’s Report, (2) Declaring the City Council’s Intention to Order the Levy of Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2014/2015, and (3) Setting the Date, Time, and Place for a Public Hearing to be Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers for the West Washington Boulevard Benefit Assessment District No. 1

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE ENGINEER’S REPORT, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL’S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, AND (3) SETTING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 23, 2014 AT 7:00 PM IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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Item C-3

Adoption of a Resolution (1) Approving the Engineer’s Report, (2) Declaring the City Council’s Intention to Order the Levy of Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2014/2015, and (3) Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Hearing to be June 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers for the West Washington Boulevard Benefit Assessment District No. 2

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE ENGINEER’S REPORT, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL’S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015, AND (3) SETTING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 23, 2014 AT 7:00 PM IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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Item C-4

Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Engineer’s Report, Declaring the Intention to Order the Levy of Annual Assessments, and Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Hearing to be Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers for the Albright Avenue Street Lighting Assessment District

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE

ENGINEER’S REPORT, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL’S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ALBRIGHT AVENUE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015, AND (3) SETTING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 23, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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Item C-5

Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Engineer’s Report, Declaring the Intention to Order the Levy of Annual Assessments therein, and Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Hearing to be Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers for the Higuera Street Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that an updated engineer’s report had been provided to Councilmembers.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE UPDATED ENGINEER’S REPORT, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL’S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HIGUERA STREET LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT - FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015, AND (3) SETTING THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 23, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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Item C-7
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Zayo Group for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on Bristol Parkway and Green Valley Circle

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH ZAYO GROUP FOR A PROPOSED FIBER OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATION CABLE ALONG BRISTOL PARKWAY AND GREEN VALLEY CIRCLE; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-8

Authorization to Release a Request for Proposals for Truck Scale System Replacement and Pit Signal Indicator System Enhancement at Culver City Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station Located at 9255 Jefferson Boulevard

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR TRUCK SCALE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND PIT SIGNAL INDICATOR SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT AT THE CULVER CITY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION LOCATED AT 9255 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD.

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Item C-9

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Time Warner Cable for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on Centinela Avenue and Arizona Avenue

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER CABLE FOR A PROPOSED FIBER OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATION CABLE ALONG CENTINELA AVENUE AND ARIZONA AVENUE; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-6
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Engineer’s Report, Declaring the Intention to Order the Levy of Annual

Assessments therein, and Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Hearing to be Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers for the Landscape Maintenance District Number 1

Councilmember Cooper indicated the need to recuse himself from the item and exited the dais.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE ENGINEER’S REPORT, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL’S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NUMBER 1 - FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015, AND (3) SETTING THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 23, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	CLARKE, O’LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
RECUSED:	COOPER

Councilmember Cooper returned to the dais.

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

(1) Introduction of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 9.02 of Title 9 of the Culver City Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference the 2013 California Fire Code with Local Amendments; and (2) Adoption of a Resolution Making Express Findings for the Modification of the Fire Code Based on Local Climatic, Geological, and Topographical Conditions

Mike Bowden, Fire Marshal, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the inclusion of aviation in the requirement of Fire

Department approval; enforcement of the noise ordinance; the permit process; liability requirements; flexibility and consideration of increasing insurance amounts on a case by case basis; annual inspections of facilities with hazardous materials; state requirements; the ice rink experience; transportation of hazardous materials through the City; Highway Patrol; designated hazardous materials routes; Department of Transportation requirements; placards on trucks; advance notice of transport; fireworks displays in the City; the process; standard industry practices; agreement to add the transportation route to bullet point 4; making changes to insurance amounts; and adding clarifying language.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O’LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O’LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding inclusion of the oil field as a hazardous condition; other portions of the California Fire Code; the new oil drilling ordinance; draft regulations; the Homecoming Fireworks display; origination of language; the Centennial Celebration; adding flexibility to allow more than two fireworks displays per year; impacts to the neighborhood; the need to bring the item back for additional consideration; and the Knox Box.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O’LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 9.02 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, AND CLARIFYING LANGUAGE; AND,

2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION MAKING EXPRESS FINDINGS FOR MODIFICATION TO THE FIRE CODE BASED ON LOCAL CLIMATIC, GEOLOGICAL, AND TOPOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS.

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Item PH-2

Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Culver City Zoning Code Chapter 17.320 – Off-Street Parking and Loading - Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-P2013170

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding reductions in aisle widths.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson asserted that nothing in any of the zoning codes precluded employees from parking in residential neighborhoods; discussed EnjoEat on Van Buren; loading zones; business hours; near miss accidents due to double parked trucks on Irving; and he suggested tying yellow curb loading zones to business hours.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding regulating the hours that loading zones can operate; the Zoning Ordinance; the Municipal Code; employee parking requirements; enforcement; the Walker Parking Study; additional discussion and notification of businesses.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT ZCA–P2013170 AMENDING THE CULVER CITY ZONING CODE CHAPTER 17.320 – OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING.

The City Council also provided consensus to include a discussion of loading zones when the Walker Parking Study is presented to the City Council for further consideration.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Adoption of a Resolution (1) Establishing Specific Locations for the Installation of Parking Meters Within the City's Parking Meter Zones (Including New Meters on Washington Boulevard Between Elenda Street and Sepulveda Boulevard); (2) Directing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Install Parking Meters in Such Locations, and (3) Rescinding Resolution Number 2013-R062

Vice Mayor O'Leary indicated that his business had the potential for having parking meters installed, and he stated that he would recuse himself from consideration of the area around his business.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the staff report; clarification that the prohibition of interested parties is in sitting on the dais; influencing a decision in which one has a financial interest; and the ability to comment on the item as a member of the audience.

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding street sweeping hours; drop-offs and pick-ups around La Ballona Elementary School; the notification process; handicapped placards; coordinating parking restrictions with the Culver City Unified School District; coin operated meters in the arts district; credit card accepting meters; timing of meter replacement; and focus areas.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed the installation of meters and impacts to parking; enforcement; the 18-month pilot program for parking enforcement; technology recommendations; the Parking Enforcement Expo.; and enforcement in parking structures.

Andrea Schainen expressed opposition to the meter resolution; discussed drop-off, volunteering, and morning PTA meetings; current parking issues; she asked that the meters be kept out of the area down to Tilden Park and across the street; she discussed small businesses in the area; the number of unmetered spots vs. the number of students in the school; parking in the surrounding area; off-street parking for nearby apartments; occupied residential parking; the drop off zone; and parents that want to walk their young children into school.

Robert Cox noted that 70% of La Ballona students qualified for the free lunch program; he discussed the inability of some people to pay for the meters and tickets; he suggested an exemption sticker for parents; and discussed concern with “nickel and diming” people.

Joy Kecken acknowledged commercial needs of businesses on Washington Boulevard; suggested setting aside a few blocks without meters for the mosque as well as the school; she submitted petitions from La Ballona Elementary and from the Mosque; discussed the mixed use nature of Washington Boulevard; she requested recognition of the community in the area; discussed fairness; economic hardship; and the current struggle to park around La Ballona.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that Heather Moses had emailed the City Council and posted a petition on change.org that reflected similar concerns raised by the speakers.

Vice Mayor O’Leary expressed support for parking meters in Zone 97, 122, 123 and 124 and the meters planned for the area between Sepulveda and Harter Street, and asked that the motion be bifurcated.

Vice Mayor O’Leary recused himself and exited the dais.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the policy for meters in commercial areas; turnover; the parking deficit in commercial areas adjacent to residential areas; the proposed meter locations; equitable distribution of parking; La Ballona Elementary; clarification that none of the other schools have meters in their vicinities; crafting a sticker exemption; meter abatement during drop-off and pick-up hours; parking availability at drop off time; and current available parking.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION: 1) ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS WITHIN THE CITY’S PARKING METER ZONES (INCLUDING NEW METERS IN ZONE 97, 122, 123 AND 124 AND THE METERS PLANNED FOR THE AREA BETWEEN SEPULVEDA AND HARTER STREET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WASHINGTON), (2) DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO INSTALL PARKING METERS IN SUCH LOCATIONS, AND (3) RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R062.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
RECUSED:	O’LEARY

Vice Mayor O’Leary returned to the dais.

Additional discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers and audience members regarding early morning drop-off; parents who want to walk their children into school; parents that volunteer; a request for an exemption during drop-off and pick-up hours; current parking restrictions; NFL Network employee parking in the area; a request for dialogue with the NFL Network; inadequate parking; impacts to safety; the responsibility of the school to implement a drop-off plan; making changes to street sweeping hours; preparation of a parking needs assessment for each school by the School District; a proposal for parent parking immediately around Linwood E. Howe; a suggestion to wait to make changes around the school until a plan is in place for La Ballona School; the domino effect; balancing business interests and school interests; the grant submitted for Safe Routes to School; intrusion parking from businesses; the boundaries; the convalescent home in the area; benefits to the businesses provided by metered parking; the lack of feedback from businesses in the area; the intent of meters to turn-over parking; the commercial zone; dedicating parking to the school; white zones; working with the Culver City Unified School District and the principal of La Ballona to create a full program rather than a preservation of parking spaces; concern that some businesses are blighted as a result of inadequate parking; a suggestion to have meters beginning at Huron and going west; a request that a plan is put in place before the school year begins; a suggestion to reconfigure the parking lot to create a natural drop-off on school premises; whether the NFL building is adequately parked; and increasing enforcement in the area.

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, received clarification that the City Council agreed to the metering of 97, 98, 120, 121, 122, 123, and 124 to cover Huron west to Sepulveda Boulevard and 97 and 98 on the north side.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS WITHIN THE CITY'S PARKING METER ZONES (INCLUDING NEW METERS ON WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, BETWEEN ELENDA STREET AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND THE METERING OF 97, 98, 120, 121, 122, 123, AND 124 TO COVER HURON WEST TO SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND 97 AND 98 ON THE NORTH SIDE), (2) DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO INSTALL PARKING METERS IN SUCH LOCATIONS, AND (3) RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R062.

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<u>Item A-2</u>

FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - (1) Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Integrated Media Systems in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $40,000 for Phase I Work to Upgrade and Renovate the Audio/Visual Equipment for the Mike Balkman Council Chambers, and (2) Approval of a Budget Amendment Related Thereto

Councilmember Clarke received clarification regarding the voting system; determining whether the television audio and visual signals are functioning properly; evaluation of all equipment; having an operator on site; checks and balances; and adequate transmission of audio and video.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed institutional memory; the previous proposal; the current proposal; eventual costs; Phase 1 and Phase 2; replacement of aging equipment; updating hardware and software; High Definition television; and a suggestion to add a number at the bottom of the feed indicating who to contact if there is a problem.

Dr. Jay Shery, Disability Advisory Committee, asked that a hearing loop system be added as part of the Phase 2 upgrades as well as a closed captioning system.

Responding to Mayor Sahli-Wells, Dr. Shery explained what a hearing loop system is.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that Darren Uhl had transmitted the request for the two features, and they would be evaluated.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding reported difficulty watching the web feed; bandwidth issues; upgrading the website; sticker shock; salvage value; donating the old equipment; soliciting an RFP after Phase 1; monthly costs; maintenance; the voting system; the City of Pasadena website; tagging within the video; lighting issues within Council Chambers; and the design of the Chambers in terms of acoustics as well as audio and visual.

Responding to inquiry, John Grubin, Integrated Media Systems, discussed the overall shape and acoustics of the room; indicated that current difficulties with the system included antiquated and isolated, siloed technology that doesn’t communicate with each other; he discussed disparate systems; the holistic approach necessary for the design and functionality of the system; he indicated that they would assess the infrastructure; discussed the change from analog to digital; the smaller infrastructure footprint for digital vs. analog; and he noted that possible structural changes were unlikely but would be identified during the process.

Discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers and Mr. Grubin regarding planning for flexibility; efficiency; longevity; providing for expansion; High Definition capability; lighting; and installation and the meeting schedule.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AUTHORIZE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IMS FOR PHASE I WORK IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $40,000; AND,

2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $40,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE (REQUIRES A 4/5THS VOTE); AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, thanked Assistant to the City Manager Shelly Wolfberg for her work on the item.

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Item A-3

Consideration of a Request from the Exchange Club of Culver City for Additional City Support of the 48th Annual 4th of July Fireworks Show

Councilmember Cooper indicated the need to recuse himself from the item and exited the dais.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson noted that the Exchange Club had received $24,000 for the event in April; questioned why information requested by Councilmember Weissman had not been included in the staff report; he expressed concern that charging for parking would result in parking intrusion in the surrounding neighborhoods; he discussed past fireworks shows; questioned how parking intrusion would be mitigated; discussed past Car Shows; inadequate signage; Councilmembers Cooper’s presence at an unpublished meeting of the Committee on Permits and Licenses where approval of the Car Show permit was considered; he questioned why Councilmember Cooper did not recuse himself from Car Show items; and discussed the lack of information regarding admission charges.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, discussed instances where a conflict of interest arises; the appearance of bias; and she clarified that it is up to the individual Councilmember to make the decision.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that copies of the Exchange Club budget were available to the public.

Discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers and Exchange Club representatives John Cohn and Jay Shery regarding the suggested donation; the consistent charge for parking; the estimate from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department; the request from the Exchange Club to Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to get involved; authorized money from the Supervisor’s Office to defray costs; possible bill reduction; using non-sworn personnel to offset costs; the request from the Exchange Club to the City to consider an offsetting amount of $10,000; additional costs associated with law enforcement; requiring admission at the new location; building a revenue source; monetizing the event; substantial additional costs of putting on the event at the new location; increasing the bonds between the City and the College; food and beverage; the original involvement of the City in the fireworks show; the original requirement by the City that the event be public and open to anyone without charge; a feeling that if admission requires anything other than a donation, the City should consider whether it is an appropriate City expenditure; disappointed people last year because of the lack of an event; clarification regarding charges by West LA College; holding the event on County property; the reduced cost for Culver City Police and Fire at West LA College; a suggestion to split the deficit with the City up to a maximum of $10,000; best estimates by the Exchange Club; new logistics with the new venue; a request from the Exchange Club for a fixed amount of support; time constraints; the projected loss; costs advanced out of pocket by the Exchange Club; making sure that a publicly funded event remains publicly accessible; costs associated with the banners; using attendance at the high school to try to determine potential attendance at West LA College; the importance of the event to the community; City Council support of the event; and concern that if the Exchange Club does not need all of the money that the City might not be able to get it back.

Councilmember Weissman proposed a motion that the City split any net loss with The Exchange Club 50/50 up to a maximum of $10,000 on the City’s part upon full accounting of income and expenses.

Additional discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers and Exchange Club representatives regarding a suggestion by the Exchange Club to fix support from the City to the bill submitted by the County Sheriff’s Department; the Fire Protection expense from the County; the bottom line; insurance and liability; actual expense numbers; above the line costs fronted by The Exchange Club; commitment from the City; protecting public money; and a suggestion to consider a beer garden.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SPLIT ANY NET LOSS WITH THE CULVER CITY EXCHANGE CLUB 50/50 UP TO A MAXIMUM OF $10,000 ON THE CITY’S PART UPON FULL ACCOUNTING OF INCOME AND EXPENSES. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, O’LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
RECUSED: COOPER

Councilmember Cooper returned to the dais.

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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed perspective; he indicated that he was not trying to imply that anyone got special privileges around Councilmember O'Leary's bar; discussed the presence of Councilmember Cooper at the Committee on Permits and Licenses meeting; he noted that he had been documenting cars that do not get tickets in the City; discussed the fact that the NFL network charges their employees for parking; enforcement; and he suggested that if the City wanted to solve the problem, the employer should be held accountable for their employees' parking.

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Items from the City Council

Items from Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Asked about addressing a complaint regarding a sewer smell along Jefferson by the Baldwin Hills Overlook

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding a major sewer outfall at that location; intermittent odors; Los Angeles County; and staff agreement to investigate the situation.

- Asked about expressing condolences to the victims of Isla Vista

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding previous expressions of condolence to Sandy Hook victims and others; agreement to draft a letter from the Mayor; and clarification that letters are sent to the families of those whom the meeting is adjourned in memory of.

{Note from the City Clerk: Letters expressing condolence, signed by the Mayor, to both the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and the University of California at Santa Barbara were prepared to be sent on June 5, 2014.}

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 11:09 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of those service members who gave their lives in the service of their country, to Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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Martin R. Cole
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EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council
Culver City, California

MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS
MAYOR of Culver City, California