

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

February 7, 2011
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Christopher Armenta, Mayor
Micheál O'Leary, Vice Mayor
Jeffrey Cooper, Councilmember
D. Scott Malsin, Councilmember
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember

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Closed Session

The City Council will adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Re: Community Health Councils, Inc., City of Culver City, et al., v. County of Los Angeles
Case No. BS118018 (Re County Community Standards District for Oil Drilling Operations)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

CS-2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation - (2 items)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) (1)

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Recess

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:30 p.m.

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Reconvene

The City Council reconvened its meeting at 7:15 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Closed Session Report

Councilmember O'Leary indicated there was nothing to report out of closed session.

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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 Julie Lugo Cerra.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda.

Councilmember O'Leary invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Greg Dynabursky, Vice President, Culver City High School Booster Club, extended an invitation to Casino Night on February 26, 2011 at Veterans Auditorium.

Evan Caplicki commended the Culver City Police Department for their handling of a burglary at his home in December 2010.

Richard Rownak asked that the ability to speak separately at both the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency meetings be reinstated; stated he did not support renewal of the City Attorney's contract in March; and he discussed his experiences with the City Attorney Department for over a decade.

Renato Romano introduced Garrett Nassi, who discussed Redevelopment Agency Closed Session Item CS-1 and described plans for the location.

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Public Comment
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Councilmember Malsin clarified that the City Council had not discussed anything with Mr. Romano in closed session.

Eric Sims, representing the Kirk Douglas Theater and Downtown Business Association, invited everyone to attend the Downtown Business Association's monthly event on February 16, 2011, noting that proceeds would go to the Culver City Education Foundation and the Garden Project at Culver City Elementary Schools.

Alan Schulman discussed the involvement of the Downtown Business Association in the Culver City schools Garden Project.

Leslie Adler, Culver City Education Foundation, reported on 2011 goals and objectives for the program and expressed appreciation for the support of the DBA.

Donna LeBlanc commented on her experiences with the Culver City Police Department; reported receipt of a newsletter from ReThink and expressed surprise that the design of the outside of the building had allegedly been changed entirely without notification to the appellant; and she agreed to supply a copy of the newsletter to the City Council.

Tony Pappas expressed concern that the City Council allegedly was breaching the agenda; and placed a records request regarding metal containers in City roadways.

A gentleman spoke on behalf of 72-year old Doris Davis who was scheduled to walk in the Sole2Soul Cross Country Walk.

Bernie Bronstein, reported serving on the Sunkist Park Traffic Committee which focused on traffic on Sawtelle Boulevard between the creek and Sepulveda Boulevard; he discussed an accident on the corner of Sawtelle Boulevard and Orville Street; encouraged the City Council to examine the police report to see what they think should be done to address issues; and reported what he feels are previous unkept promises regarding mitigation efforts.

John Nachbar, City Manager, agreed to provide a report on the accident.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-3 and C-5 THROUGH C-9.

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Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2011 AS SUBMITTED.

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Item C-2

Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with NorthSouth GIS (Los Angeles, CA) to Obtain Professional Services for Enterprise GIS Installation, Migration, and Application Development.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NORTHSOUTH GIS TO IMPLEMENT AN ENTERPRISE GIS AND GIS WEB APPLICATION UPGRADES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,750.00; 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-3

Approval of Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise Bids for the 2011 Residential Overlay Project, P-863, P-903.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2011 RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY PROJECT, P-863, P-903.

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Item C-5

1) Approval of Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise Bids for the Sepulveda Boulevard Widening Project (Green Valley Circle to Playa Street/Jefferson Boulevard), P-881; and 2) Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with Willdan for Engineering Design Services.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT (GREEN VALLEY CIRCLE TO PLAYA STREET/JEFFERSON BOULEVARD), P-881; AND,

2. APPROVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLDAN FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT (GREEN VALLEY CIRCLE TO PLAYA STREET/JEFFERSON BOULEVARD), P-881 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,650.00, FOR A REVISED NOT-TO EXCEED FEE AMOUNT OF \$543,035.00;

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

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

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Item C-6

Adoption of Resolution Suspending the Collection of Business Taxes for Itinerant Motion Picture/Television Producers for a Period of Five Years.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R005 SUSPENDING THE COLLECTION OF BUSINESS TAXES FOR ITINERANT MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION PRODUCERS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

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Item C-7

Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Section 5.01.080 of the Culver City Municipal Code Regarding Delegation of Authority for the Approval of Waivers of Late Charges for Delinquent Refuse Accounts.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2011-001 AMENDING SECTION 5.01.080 OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

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Item C-8

1) Acceptance of Work Performed by Wright Line, LLC for the Installation of a Communications Console System in the Dispatch Center of the Police Department; 2) Authorization to File the Notice of Completion for the Project; and 3) Authorization to Release Retentions Funds after the Expiration of the 35-day Lien Period.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ACCEPT THE WORK PERFORMED BY WRIGHT LINE, LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A COMMUNICATIONS CONSOLE SYSTEM IN THE DISPATCH CENTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF \$3,999.99 IN RETENTION FUNDS TO WRIGHT LINE, LLC FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THE THIRTY-FIVE DAY LIEN PERIOD.

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Item C-9

Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force Joint Powers Agreement (Thus Authorizing the City's Membership in the LA Impact Authority).

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R006 APPROVING THE LOS ANGELES INTERAGENCY METROPOLITAN POLICE APPREHENSION CRIME TASK FORCE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT; 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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The following Consent Calendar item was discussed and voted on separately:

Item C-4

Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Records Retained Within the Public Works Department.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Tony Pappas expressed concern regarding the proposed destruction of public works records that might be necessary for any pending investigation and litigation over sewer use and fire inspection fees and he questioned the need to destroy the records at all.

Mayor Armenta received clarification that routine letters, correspondence, and duplicate files would be destroyed but copies of financial records are kept by the Chief Financial Officer.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALSIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R004 AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS RETAINED WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Action Item

Item A-1

Discussion and Direction Related to the Criteria Applicable to Groups Participating in the City's Public Notification System.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, provided a summary of the material of record.

Councilmember O'Leary invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed a packet of information he provided to the City Council and issues with notification.

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Item A-1
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Meghan Sahli Wells asked for clarification on the intention of the agenda item.

Councilmember Weissman clarified that he felt it was the responsibility of any interested person to find out about what they are interested in by signing up for notification on the City website and then it is the responsibility of the City to notify those who have signed up. He discussed undeserved criticism from members of associations who did not receive notice from their association; what constitutes a recognized association; and clarification that it is not the City's responsibility to notify all the members of any given group.

Audience participation continued:

Meghan Sahli Wells discussed transparent and accessible communication; expressed concern with efforts to define what constitutes an association; and support for a disclaimer regarding organization notification.

Councilmember Weissman clarified that he was not suggesting that notifications stop but rather that he felt it was the responsibility of individual associations to notify their members.

Ela Valladares, Deputy City Clerk, read written comments submitted by:

John Kuechle

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding earlier notification procedures and complaints from some who had problems with receiving large attachments; clarification that links are usually in the body of the email; appreciation to Mr. Anderson for sharing his concerns; support for public notification; issues with email; the disclaimer and criteria for group recognition; exploring alternate technological advances to get the word out; direction to staff to draft a policy on the use of Twitter and Facebook; and a suggestion that members of groups sign up individually.

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Further discussion ensued regarding a request to find out if the City can track whether emails sent have been read; encouragement to people to sign up for everything; a suggestion to eliminate the option on the speaker cards to be notified regarding the topic in the future; differences between legal notification and courtesy notifications; a suggestion to simplify the notification section; who bears the responsibility for notifying group members; official recognition categories; the expectation to be notified regarding related topics; other cities trying to emulate Culver City's public notification system; clarification that the standard in Culver City is high; and efforts to continue improving the system.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda - continued.

Councilmember O'Leary invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson reported that he had signed up to be notified about everything; expressed concern that the City Council was not accepting responsibility for notification issues; and he clarified that the Downtown Neighborhood Association was diligent regarding notifying their members.

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Receipt of Correspondence

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

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Items from Staff

Items Presented by John Nachbar, City Manager:

- Reported that staff would be contacting the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board regarding a potential special meeting to be held on February 17, 2011.

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Items from the City Council

Items Presented by Councilmember Malsin:

- Noted that unlike other cities, the Culver City Dog Park did not have a rule against unneutered pets and that there is no clear policy regarding children in the Dog Park.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that the matter would be coming up on the next Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission agenda; and he noted that a Culver City dog license was required for use of the Dog Park and in order to get a license the dog must be spayed or neutered.

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Items Presented by Mayor Armenta:

- Announced that the Board of Equalization Office in Culver City was providing volunteer income tax assistance for those who earn under \$49,000 annually.

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Items Presented by Councilmember O'Leary:

- Noted an article in the Los Angeles Times newspaper regarding Westfield Culver City.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:22 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to a meeting to be held on February 14, 2011.

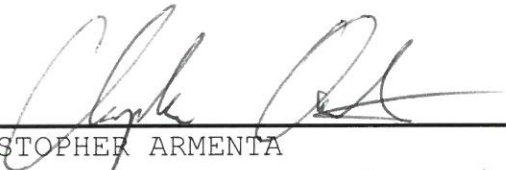
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DEPUTY CITY CLERK of the City of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council, City of Culver City,
California

APPROVED March 7, 2011



CHRISTOPHER ARMENTA
MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California