

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

December 16, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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Closed Session

At 6:30 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 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 Administrator, Anthony Davis and Jeffrey Lemen with Keller-Williams Realty

Other Parties Negotiators: Kalnel Gardens LLC; Building Legacy Partners, LLC; Thomas James Capital Inc.; EPI Investment Realty
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-2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

Re: City of Inglewood, etc., et al. v. City of Los Angeles, etc., et al.

Case No. BS143328

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

CS-3 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 Cooper reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:20 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Cooper indicated there was nothing to report from 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 Assistant Fire Chief David White.

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Presentation

Item P-1

Presentation of a Plaque from the American Public Works Association Related to the City's Jefferson Boulevard Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements Project at Hetzler Road

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer, presented the award to the City Council noting that it was the second award for the project.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Councilmember Clarke recognized Aris Anagnos, the owner of the Westside Peace Center, on his 90th birthday; he congratulated Raintree resident Sandy Segal who was honored by the Culver City Unified School District Board when they renamed the Culver City Youth Health Center after her for her work; he congratulated Culver City High School Linebacker Remy Gordy on being named Co-Defensive Player of the Year for the Ocean League; and Culver City Coach Jahmal Wright on being named Coach of the Year.

Councilmember O'Leary wished everyone Happy Holidays, and he requested discussion of a letter received from the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee regarding being a host town for the Special Olympics in 2015.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers regarding a request for additional information on the event; the intent of the organizers to have multiple host cities; the number of participants; timing of the decision on whether to participate; and agreement to agendize a discussion of the item once additional information is available.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells reported on the School Board Council Liaison Committee meeting earlier in the day; she discussed the Community Schools Partnership; and Coffee with a Cop.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

August Worchell reported an issue with leaf blowers and construction in his neighborhood and asked for guidance.

Discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers, and the speaker regarding parameters for hours of operation and emissions; the foundational basis of the ordinance; and enforcement.

Kay Heineman, Culver City Senior Center, thanked Mayor Cooper and Councilmember Clarke for attending the holiday celebration and introduced Culver City Senior of the Year Marial Rosario Moore.

Marial Rosario Moore thanked the City for the honor.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

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

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that one piece of correspondence would be received and filed as a result of the motion.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney discussed leaf blower regulations.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with VCA Code Group in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$85,000 (for a Total Revised Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$180,000) for Building Inspection Services

Councilmember O'Leary pointed out that the item was for an increase in monies to conduct inspections noting that revenues were on track to outpace those of the previous year.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VCA CODE GROUP FOR AS-NEEDED BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000 (FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT \$180,000).

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Item

Item A-1

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Application for Grant Funds in the Amount of \$791,000 from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 84 Funding for Hetzler Road Pedestrian Trail Improvements

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Chris Paine expressed support for the item; discussed issues created by the popularity of the park; requested that the City keep an eye on the project; discussed enforcement; the importance of setting a proper precedent; and the importance of making the trail visually pleasing.

Alfonzo Wilson thanked the City for their responsiveness; he asked that the Police Department and Park Rangers work together on enforcement; he discussed funding; and he asked whether the City would be working with Los Angeles on the project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the border with Los Angeles; agencies involved in the project; aesthetics; resident opportunity for comment on path design; concern with slowing down the project; plans for the project; cooperation between agencies; acknowledgement of the issues with pedestrian traffic; research and due diligence; enforcement; separate access; and signage.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY FOR PROPOSITION 84 FUNDING FOR HETZLER ROAD PEDESTRIAN TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Items from the City Council

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Thanked staff for their hard work over the past year

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Recess

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that all cards for public comment had been received and no additional cards were anticipated when the City Council returned from Closed Session to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION.

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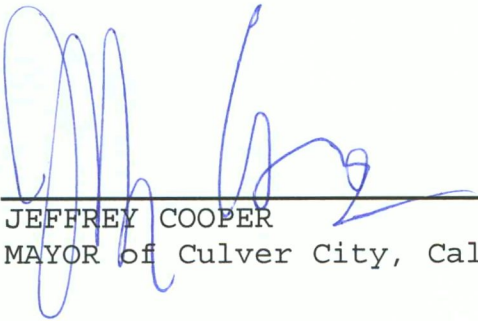
Adjournment

Upon return from closed session, there being no further business, at 9:15 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to Monday, January 13, 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
Culver City, California



JEFFREY COOPER
MAYOR of Culver City, California