

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

December 11, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

### **Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Vera called the regular meeting of the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall and via Webex.

Present: Albert Vera, Mayor  
Yasmine-Imani McMorris, Vice Mayor  
Göran Eriksson, Council Member  
Dan O'Brien, Council Member  
Freddy Puza, Council Member

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### **Closed Session**

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Disa Lindgren commented on Item CS-2; indicated support for the cause; discussed significant changes made; concerns with the environmental impact of rolling back MOVE Culver City; she expressed trust that the City Council would make sound decisions in Closed Session; and she thanked the City Council for caring about Culver City.

Melissa Sanders was called to speak but did not respond.

Pastor Osaze Griffin discussed statements made on September 6, 2023 indicating that owners have vested rights; the letter to the City Council on September 6, 2023 asserting that The Meadows

owners do not have vested rights; review by renter activist groups of permits filed; he asserted that the lawsuit had been filed by bullies; did not want the City to side with Meadows owners; discussed the Rent Control Ordinance (RCO) put in place to protect renters; changing the dynamic by approving vested rights to protect Meadows owners; and he cautioned the City Council not to act out of fear of a negative outcome.

Daniel Young was called to speak but did not respond.

Disa Lindgren, Culver City Renters, provided background on herself and the organization; discussed the different experiences of landlords and tenants; the importance of not rolling back tenant protections; concern with fairness in expecting Meadows tenants to agree to what is being called a compromise that would not allow them to stay in their homes; she referenced a letter by Public Counsel that made a good case as to why the City should not cave to the landlord; and she urged the City Council to do the right thing and not to be fearful.

Patrick Meighan stood with Meadows residents and those on The Meadows Forward Action Committee in urging the City to enforce the City's tenant protections and RCO; noted that the law was clear that tenants should be allowed to return to their unit after renovation at the prior rent; asserted that the law did not become null if a corporate lawyer wrote a scary letter; discussed the offer being proposed; bullying; and he asked the City Council to refuse the sweetheart exemption from Culver City's RCO and tenant protection laws.

Jonathan Jager, Public Counsel, representing Meadows Forward Action Committee, discussed giving a voice to tenants; the letter sent by the firm; the inapplicability of the vested rights doctrine; Meadows permits; shortsightedness of granting an exemption that would put vulnerable residents in the City at risk; the well thought-out RCO; the need to serve as a regional model; promoting stability and certainty when it comes to people's most basic needs; concern with undermining stability and creating a culture where residents don't feel safe in the City; he implored the City Council to uphold the RCO as written; and he indicated being available to discuss the matter further with Council Members or City representatives.

Daniel Young stated that the owners of The Meadows were trying to use the Vested Rights Doctrine to circumvent the RCO and tenant protection laws; discussed well-researched evidence that

their argument is not legally sound; evidence provided by the owners indicating that they neglected to maintain the property; he asked that the City enforce their laws and not cave to misguided demands of The Meadows owners and management; and he asked that Council Member Eriksson recuse himself from the discussion as he has received money from the owners and the management company.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY, REDEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

At 5:43 p.m. the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned to Closed Session to consider the following Closed Session Items:

**CS-1 CC - Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

Title: City Attorney

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

**CS-2 CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

Re: Friends and Families for MOVE Culver City v. City of Culver City, et al.

Case No. 23STCP03833

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

**CS-3 CC - 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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### **Regular Session**

At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Vera reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Redevelopment Financing Authority, Culver City Housing Authority Board, and Culver City Parking Authority with five Council Members present.

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## Recognition Presentations

### Item R-1

CC - Presentation to Onyx Jones, Assistant City Manager in Commemoration of Her Retirement from the City of Culver City

Mayor Vera presented the Commemoration to Onyx Jones.

John Nachbar, City Manager, thanked Onyx Jones for her hard work and many contributions to the City.

Onyx Jones, Assistant City Manager, thanked the City for the chance to serve and expressed appreciation for being able to work with such a great team.

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### Item R-2

CC - Presentation of a Commendation in Honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City's Finance Advisory Committee

Council Member Eriksson presented the Commendation.

Johnnie Griffing introduced Committee Members present and encouraged those interested in serving to apply for vacant positions on the Committee at [city.clerk@culvercity.org](mailto:city.clerk@culvercity.org) by January 2, 2024.

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## Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Vera indicated nothing to report out of Closed Session.

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Community Announcements by Members/Updates from Commission, Boards and/or Committees/Information Items from Staff

Council Member O'Brien discussed the recent community meetings to reimagine Veterans Park and Bill Botts Fields; additional opportunity for public input; the holiday season; and the lighting of the Menorah on The Steps.

Council Member Puza discussed Human Rights Day; the importance of celebrating the interconnectedness of life and dignity of humanity; noted full City Council attendance of the Tree Lighting Ceremony; he expressed best wishes to everyone for a Happy Holiday season and a peaceful New Year; and he thanked Council Members and staff for their efforts.

Council Member Eriksson thanked everyone for their work over the past year; expressed appreciation to the City Manager and staff for the new design of the Christmas Tree on Vets Tower; and he noted the blue color for the first day of Hanukkah and other color combinations used.

Vice Mayor McMorris echoed previous comments made in appreciation to the City Council and staff for their efforts over the past year; discussed World AIDS Day on December 1; she encouraged everyone to go to the community event at Westfield Mall hosted by Malik Books and the non-profit It's Bigger Than Us on December 17; reported attending the Menorah Lighting at the Ivy Station; and she expressed best wishes to everyone celebrating the holidays.

Mayor Vera echoed appreciation to Council Members and staff and he was pleased with the lighting of the Vets Tower.

Greg Maron, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Member, provided an update on the work of the Committee; discussed the staff recommendation in February to install two new stop signs on Elenda Avenue in front of the schools; the reversal of the decision after receipt of feedback at a community meeting; Committee consideration of the item; the importance of ensuring the safety of students travelling to school; costs and effectiveness of stop signs; stop signs that have been installed after the death of a pedestrian; and he asked the City Council to provide direction to staff that stop signs are the most important and best option.

Jane Leonard, Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission Vice Chair, discussed the City's recent purchase of the Retting Gun Store; use of the land for PRCS activities; and she asked that the property be added to any planning activity for the PRCS Department.

Jason Sims, Culver City Police Department (CCPD) Chief, introduced new Police Explorers and provided background on the program.

Council Member O'Brien congratulated the Explorers; stated that the program was available for different professional groups in a range of vocations; and he indicated that anyone interested in sponsoring a program in any field could contact him for additional information.

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#### Information Items

##### Item I-1

**CC - Update on Homelessness Emergency Including Project Homekey, Safe Camping, and Other Housing Programs (This update is made pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 8630(c) requiring a periodic review of the Local Emergency)**

Tevis Barnes, Housing and Human Services Director, introduced Dr. Daniel Richardson.

Dr. Daniel Richardson introduced the Culver City Mobile Crisis Team; provided background on the creation of the Team; discussed Team goals and intent; significant differences already being made by the team; referrals into interim housing programs; and he provided background on himself.

Mayor Vera and Vice Mayor McMorris expressed appreciation for the work of the Team.

Tevis Barnes, Housing and Human Services Director, presented a video on the Mobile Crisis Team Van which should be in use within a month.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the process for requesting assistance; the designated crisis number; potential partnership with the 988 system and Didi Hirsch; changes to crisis response options; Culver City as being at the forefront of change; and finding new ways to respond.

Mayor Vera read a statement regarding Hate Speech.

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**Joint Public Comment - Items NOT On the Agenda**

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell expressed support for creation of the Mobile Crisis Team; discussed partnerships with the county; ensuring that LA County Department of Mental Health stands by Culver City; the Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative; the Culver City invitation to Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza to make a presentation; progressive forward-thinking policies brought forward by Culver City; the Mayoral Rotation; the leadership of Mayor Vera; appreciation for the purchase of the Martin B. Retting Gun Store; appreciation for Mayor Vera's attendance of the quarterly convening of the Mayors in the Second Supervisorial District; the importance of forming a regional response; the new Mayor to be seated; she indicated that the Board of Supervisors would be true partners; and she was looking forward to the continued support of the City Council as a whole.

Mayor Vera expressed appreciation for the leadership and friendship of Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

Stephen Jones, with one minute ceded by Jessica Harwood, asked that the City Council agendize a discussion of eliminating pretextual stops by CCPD and to hold them accountable for breaking state law by issuing a new traffic stop policy without providing it to the public; discussed the Department of Justice (DOJ) report published indicating that CCPD had the most racist use of force record in the state; the state recommendation to eliminate pretextual stops; CCPD response to the state recommendation and calls from the community; reintroducing traffic stops for minor equipment violations; racial profiling; the violation of SB (Senate Bill) 978; the inability of CCPD to legally make policy in secret; standards of evidence; misconduct; ensuring that CCPD is not above the law; and he asked that the City Council take their sole oversight of CCPD seriously.

Pastor Osaze Griffin discussed work of Meadows residents to protect themselves against carve-outs from the RCO; the September 6, 2023 letter from Public Counsel; vested rights; upholding rights of residents; threats by bullies; adhering to

anti-bullying policy; and he asked the City Council to review the letter and uphold the rights of residents and the RCO.

Jim Limbaugh, West Los Angeles College (WLAC), thanked Los Angeles county residents for voting in favor of Measure LA and discussed plans to build housing.

Mary Daval, Bike Culver City, provided background on the organization; wished everyone a peaceful and joyous holiday season; discussed Operation Firefly; the CCPD practice of ticketing riders without bike lights after dark; that fact that giving citations does not improve safety; whether the mission is to punish or to ensure public safety; and she suggested that CCPD provide lights rather than citations.

Isaiah Lytle Hernandez, with one minute ceded by Sebastian Hernandez, cited comments made by Council Members on October 9, 2023 about why the unhoused choose to remain homeless; asserted that no one chooses to remain homeless; discussed those who remain suspicious of government aid; someone he knows who has experienced difficulty; those who lack a caring family and support system; being at the mercy of a government that refuses to allocate resources to Housing and Human Services; regular people who are victims of circumstance; and the responsibility of privileged members of society to help others feel safe and in control again.

David Metzler was called to speak but did not respond.

Disa Lindgren expressed concern that CCPD had unilaterally decided to begin stopping drivers for minor equipment violations; discussed concern that the long legacy of systemic racism is not yet a thing of the past; the need to make sure that CCPD does not go back to pretextual traffic stops; concern that the change was not made in the public eye; the need for transparency on matters that affect the community; concern with CCPD taking the law into their own hands; Stop and Frisk policy; harm to groups that are discriminated against; and she asked the City Council to address the matter.

Melissa Sanders encouraged everyone to read up on the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) measure on the March ballot; asserted that anyone involved in a lawsuit against the City should not be allowed to serve on a City Commission, Board, or Committee (CBC); discussed conflict of interest; the MOVE Culver City lawsuit; backroom dealings by Public Works in

placing stop signs on Elenda at Garfield and Franklin; and assurances that the stop signs would not be installed.

Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin, Cultural Affairs Commissioner, expressed appreciation to Onyx Jones for her service and thanked Christine Byers for her many years of service to the City noting her upcoming retirement.

Dr. Luther Henderson expressed hope that Council Members had read the book he had given them entitled *Social Justice Fallacies* by Dr. Thomas Sowell; discussed law enforcement improvements by CCPD; the Citizens Police Academy; assertions that CCPD is racist; and those who speak on behalf of other minority groups.

Bubba Fish discussed swift City Council action to agendize a discussion of the use of the data in response to neighbors who expressed concern with the rental registry created with publicly available data; revision of CCPD policy to reintroduce pretextual traffic stops without public input; the violation of SB 978; the need to agendize a discussion and investigation of the issue and how the change was made without public engagement; and the importance of ensuring that no one and no department is above the law and that people have a right to weigh in on decisions that impact them and the City.

Carolyn Libuser discussed the upcoming school bond measure that will affect every property owner in the City; concern with the rushed process with little input from the community or information on how the money would be spent; and she urged everyone to carefully consider the measure noting that 40% of students in the City are not residents.

Giavanni Washington was called to speak but did not respond.

Free Ivory Michaels was called to speak but did not respond.

Bryan Sanders discussed the need for community engagement and transparency when making changes to residential neighborhoods; Elenda Street; next steps outlined after the community meeting in 2023 to address concerns; lack of action; statements by staff indicating that stop signs would not be installed; and he wanted a process to engage residents and the community.

Michelle Weiner thanked the City Council for their previous decision to minimize contact by eliminating pretextual stops; indicated that she saw the difference immediately when the

changes were implemented; she felt that the City Council needed to address the issue; expressed concern with a lack of transparency; she discussed a million dollar grant to address the stop signs previously turned down by the neighbors; stalling; and the importance of keeping the children who attend the schools safe.

Rebecca Rona Tuttle provided background on herself; discussed the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Temple Akiba; Hanukkah; hope for the well-being of everyone; the statement recently made by the City Council supporting Israel during the period of war; and she wanted to see a statement in support of peace.

Jeanne Black discussed statements made by Stephen Jones regarding changes to CCPD to return to their aggressive traffic stop policy of the past; traffic stops posted on the City website that give the impression that they are an effective crime deterrent; data indicating that Black drivers were the least likely to be given citations or taken into custody and most likely to be given a warning; the racist past of the City; excess police stops as sending the message that Black people should stay out; California DOJ RIPA (Racial and Identity Profiling Act) Report recommendations to limit officer discretion as to what can be characterized as a public safety stop; and she asked that the issue be agendized for a future meeting.

James Richardson provided background on himself; reported that he was currently in interim housing; discussed work to bring peace and equity to the City; he asked for an update on Project Homekey; and, responding to Mayor Vera, he indicated that he would leave contact information with staff.

Karim Sahli discussed previous issues with CCPD; the new policy; statistics indicating that CCPD has much work to do to change from the racist past; and the importance of repealing the new policy.

Jason Sims, Police Chief, discussed implementation of the patrol directive in 2021 to move away from low-level equipment violations when making traffic stops; discussions as to whether to incorporate or codify the directive into the policy manual; policy drafts; feedback incorporated into the draft policy; the spirit of the policy; clarification that neither the directive nor the policy precluded officers from making stops for low-level equipment violations; directing officer time, attention, and focus; placing the focus on hazardous moving violations that

have an impact on traffic safety; spending patrol time on having a positive impact on crime trends in the City; work with the City Council Subcommittee and the Chief's Advisory Panel; transparency; incorporation of the policy into the policy manual; and encouragement for those interested to get additional information and view policies at [culvercitypd.org](http://culvercitypd.org).

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding hosting a community meeting in relation to the topic to allow for additional community engagement; upcoming community meetings; and creation of the Strategic Plan moving forward.

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#### **Receipt and Filing of Correspondence**

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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#### **Order of the Agenda**

Items C-4, C-6, C-9 and C-13 were considered separately.

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#### **Consent Calendar**

##### Item C-1

**CC:HA:SA - Approval of Cash Disbursements for November 4, 2023 to December 1, 2023**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2023 TO DECEMBER 1, 2023.

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Item C-2

CC:HA:PA:SA - Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Held on November 13, 2023 and the Special City Council Meeting on November 28, 2023

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, PARKING AUTHORITY, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AND THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 28, 2023.

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Item C-3

CC - (1) Authorization to Award \$244,960 to 30 Organizations for the 2024 Performing Arts Grant Program, and Designation of Related Performances as City-Sponsored, as Recommended by the Cultural Affairs Commission; and (2) Approval of Related Grant Contracts

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF \$244,960 TO 30 ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE 2024 PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM, AND DESIGNATE RELATED PERFORMANCES AS CITY-SPONSORED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION, AND AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT; AND,
2. APPROVE THE RELATED GRANT CONTRACTS; AND,
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-4

CC - (1) Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Nelson\Nygaard Engineering, Inc. for Planning, Design, Public Outreach, and Data Analysis Services in Support of the Downtown,

**Sepulveda, and Jefferson Corridors of the MOVE Culver City Project in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$1,285,032.07; and (2) Authorization to the City Manager to Approve Amendments to the Agreement for Contingency Costs of 20% Not-to-Exceed \$257,006.41**

Council Member Eriksson acknowledged the current lawsuit and expressed concern with moving forward to spend more money when it is not clear what can be done with regard to changes in pilot projects; he expressed support for Nelson Nygaard; and he proposed splitting the project into three phases instead of two to allow for flexibility in proceeding, with Downtown in Phase 1, Sepulveda in Phase 2, and Jefferson in Phase 3.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding pilot projects vs. permanent projects, and the design process.

Mayor Vera invited public input.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Melissa Sanders did not want any more money spent on MOVE Culver City until legal issues were sorted out.

Council Member Eriksson moved to split the project into three phases and Mayor Vera seconded the motion.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding holding off on the Sepulveda portion until the outcome of the lawsuit is clear; clarification that the total amount of the contract would not change; economies of scale; issues that may need to be considered that come up within the lawsuit; and allowing flexibility to make adjustments or changes.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA THAT THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NELSON\NYGAARD ENGINEERING, INC. FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, PUBLIC OUTREACH, AND DATA ANALYSIS SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE DOWNTOWN, SEPULVEDA, AND JEFFERSON CORRIDORS OF THE MOVE CULVER CITY PROJECT IN THREE PHASES AS AMENDED IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,285,032.07; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONTINGENCY COSTS OF 20% NOT-TO-EXCEED \$257,006.41; AND,
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.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, VERA

NOES: MCMORRIN, PUZA

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Item C-5

CC - Authorization of the Continued Expenditure with Tyler Technologies for the Annual Maintenance and Support Fees for the City's Existing Enterprise Resource Planning Program and Associated Modules in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$420,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Subsequent Years Until the Maintenance Agreement is Terminated or Substantially Changed by Either Party

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE EXPENDITURES OF UP TO \$420,000 WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; AND,

2. APPROVE FUTURE EXPENDITURES WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES EACH SUCCESSIVE YEAR UNTIL THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED OR SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED BY EITHER PARTY.

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Item C-6

CC - (1) Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with OLIN for Preparation of a Parks Master Plan in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$726,187; and (2) Authorization to the City Manager or Designee to Approve Amendment(s) to the Agreement in a Contingency Amount of up to an Additional \$23,813 for Unexpected Costs, for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$750,000

Council Member O'Brien received clarification that Ballona Creek is included in the process along with any open space in the City.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Disa Lindgren indicated that her comments referred to Items C-6 and C-9; expressed support for the Parks Master Plan; discussed concern with the piecemeal approach in considering Bill Botts and Veterans separately; the basketball court replacement in Item C-9; she wanted to see a comprehensive look at the entire community and all of the parks; and she encouraged the City to focus on the Master Plan.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OLIN FOR PREPARATION OF A PARKS MASTER PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$726,187; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGREEMENT IN A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$23,813 FOR UNEXPECTED COSTS, FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$750,000; AND,
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-7

**CC - Approval of One-Month Rent Forgiveness for The Brothers Sushi located at 9240 Culver Boulevard**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE A ONE-MONTH RENT FORGIVENESS FOR THE BROTHERS SUSHI LOCATED AT 9240 CULVER BOULEVARD.

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Item C-8

CC - (1) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of a Budget Amendment Appropriating the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG)

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THE WSCCOG TO THE CORRESPONDING ACCOUNTS (REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE).

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Item C-9

CC - (1) Waiver of Minor Irregularity in Bid and Award of Construction Contract to Concept Consultant Inc as the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, in the amount of \$167,355.40 for the Blair Hills Park Basketball Court Replacement Project, PZ-640; and (2) Authorization to the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Approve Change Orders to the Contract in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$25,103.31 to Cover Contingency Costs (15%)

Public comment on this Item was provided during Item C-6.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. WAIVE MINOR IRREGULARITY IN THE BID AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO CONCEPT CONSULTANT INC. AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,355.40 FOR THE BLAIR HILLS PARK BASKETBALL COURT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PZ-640; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS TO THE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$25,103.31 TO COVER CONTINGENCY COSTS (15%); AND,

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-10

CC - (1) Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Agreement with Southland Industries for Building Automation Software Upgrade for the Transportation Facility in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$30,000; and (2) Authorization to the City Manager to Approve Additional Amendment(s) to the Agreement for Contingency Costs Not-to-Exceed \$10,000.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIES FOR AN AMOUNT \$30,000; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONTINGENCY COSTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$10,000; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW AND 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-11

CC - Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation, in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$24,076 for Additional Construction Management and Inspection Services on City Owned Property at 3900 Sepulveda Boulevard

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KOA CORPORATION, (KOA) IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$24,076 FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 3900 SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-12

CC - Approval of a Purchase Order with National Auto Fleet Group for the Purchase of One New Vehicle for the Transportation Department in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$76,705.58

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2023 FORD F350 IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$76,705.58; AND;

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO EXECUTE SUCH PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-13

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Salary Schedule for City Attorney Effective December 4, 2023

Dana Anderson, Human Resources Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CITY ATTORNEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

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Item C-14

CC - Approval of On-Call Professional Services Agreements with the Following Five Firms to Provide Subdivision Map Act and Tract and Parcel Map Review Services for the Period January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2028, for an Aggregate Amount Not-to-Exceed \$125,000 (\$25,000 for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and \$25,000 Annually for Fiscal Years 2024/2025, 2025/2026, 2026/2027 and 2027/2028): Sikand Engineering Associates, Ladayu Consulting Group, RKA Consulting Group, NV5, Inc., and Psomas

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING FIVE FIRMS TO PROVIDE SUBDIVISION TRACT MAP AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024, TO JUNE 30, 2028, FOR AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$125,000 (\$25,000

FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 AND \$25,000 ANNUALLY FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024/2025, 2025/2026, 2026/2027 AND 2027/2028): SIKAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LADAYU CONSULTING GROUP, RKA CONSULTING GROUP, NV5, INC., AND PSOMAS; 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-15

CC - Approval of an Amendment to Existing Agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation for Elevator Repair Services in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$20,000 (\$17,526 Base plus \$2,474 Contingency)

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BY \$20,000 (\$17,526 BASE PLUS \$2,474 CONTINGENCY); 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.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-3 AND C-5 THROUGH C-15.

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**Public Hearings**

Item PH-1

CC - (1) Adoption of an Ordinance Confirming the Downtown Culver City Business Improvement District Advisory Board's (DCCBID) 2024 Annual Report and Levy of Assessments; and (2) Appointment of Members to the DCCBID's 2024 Advisory Board for Calendar Year 2024

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, read procedures and announced that the Resolution of Intention had been mailed to all affected businesses.

Elizabeth Garcis, Economic Development Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

MOVED BY MAYOR VERA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

T'Ana Allen, Deputy City Clerk, indicated that no requests to speak had been received.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE DOWNTOWN CULVER CITY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT AND THE LEVY OF THE DOWNTOWN CULVER CITY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024; AND,
2. APPOINT THE 2024 ADVISORY BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CULVER CITY DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
4. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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**Action Items**

Item A-1

CC - (1) Consideration of a Recommendation from the Cultural Affairs Commission Regarding a Temporary Art Project by Artist Laureate Katy Krantz for the Former Gun Store Building at 11029 Washington Blvd.; and, (2) If Desired, Approve an Amendment to the Existing Agreement with Katy Krantz in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$14,000.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding timing for the primer painting and initial costs to professionally paint the building.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones expressed support for the project and urged City Council approval.

Melissa Sanders proposed leaving a wall for kids to put their handprints on and she was looking forward to seeing the new version of the gun store.

Ken Mand spoke on behalf of the Culver City Arts Foundation in support of the project; expressed gratitude for the City vision and leadership in the procurement and transformation of the property; discussed rare moments of widespread community support; and asked that the City Council support the item.

Karim Sahli expressed support for the project and for collaboration with the LATTC (Los Angeles Trade-Technical College) program, and he expressed confidence in the work of Katy Krantz to produce a beautiful sign.

Jack Galanty provided background on himself; expressed support for the project; and he felt that the project would have a positive impact on children attending La Ballona Elementary.

Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin indicated being a Cultural Affairs Commissioner and serving on the Artist Laureate Subcommittee; discussed supporting the spirit of the community; serving as a symbol of unity and creativity; and she encouraged the City Council to vote in support of the project.

T'Ana Allen, Deputy City Clerk, introduced a video of the project concept supplied by Katy Krantz.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding community input; the temporary nature of the artwork; ensuring that everyone understands that the building will be torn down; and congratulations to Cultural Affairs Manager, Christine Byers on her upcoming retirement.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR MCMORRIN, SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE PHASE I OF A TEMPORARY ART PROJECT BY ARTIST LAUREATE KATY KRANTZ FOR THE FORMER GUN STORE AT 11029 WASHINGTON BLVD.; AND,
2. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH KATY KRANTZ IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$14,000; AND,
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 A-2

CC - (1) Receipt and Discussion of a Preliminary Report from Johnson Favaro Regarding the Future of Veterans Memorial Park and Bill Botts Fields at Culver City Park; and (2): If Desired, Direction to the City Manager Regarding the Preliminary Report, including Next Steps, Options, and Additional Surveys, Studies and/or Reports that may be Needed as a Result of the Feasibility Study

Adam Ferguson, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Jim Favaro, Johnson Favaro, provided an update on the Feasibility Study for Veterans Memorial and Culver City Parks; discussed the process; options for the future of the parks; preliminary findings from community outreach to date;

stakeholder and interest groups; the survey; feedback from City staff; the roles of the two parks in the park system; accommodating sports and performing arts facilities; enhancing the role of the parks in the Cultural Corridor; capacity of the two sites; scope of future projects; clarification that the feasibility study is not a design, but is meant to establish the basis for the future project; creating a roadmap to invest resources; proposed changes to parking at Culver City Park; public transit; community classrooms; PRCS offices; a suggestion to use facilities for large event spaces as a revenue generator; service requirements for an amphitheater; making use of square footage that is currently unusable; hillside enhancement; accommodating the Park to Playa Trail; potential projects at Culver City and Veterans Parks; sports fields; expansion of aquatic facilities; creation of a recreation center; options for Veterans Auditorium; the Historical Society; the Great Lawn area; preservation of the existing tower at Veterans Park; and possible configurations.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding moving assets to other locations; the softball fields at Veterans Park; park bonds; funding for other City parks; and increased property taxes to retire the debt on the bond.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

David Metzler was called to speak but did not respond.

Disa Lindgren was called to speak but did not respond.

Will Rickards provided background on himself; discussed families using Veterans Park; different languages spoken; and the importance of passive park use.

Daryl Lemon discussed current location of the paddle tennis courts; issues with the design of paddle tennis park at Syd Kronental; concern with lack of communication with paddle tennis organizations; fences; lighting; and he wanted to ensure that concerns and feedback would be incorporated into the design process.

Karim Sahli expressed concern with the project design; discussed costs; climate change; the housing crisis; increased parking; tree removal; he asserted that residents had not asked for a

500 seat entertainment facility or an amphitheater at Culver City Park; and he asked that the process be stopped

Jack Galanty expressed support for upgrades to the auditorium features; discussed retaining the history of media, arts and film; and he expressed support for the addition of the museum space for the Historical Society.

Steve Gumplo discussed the thriving paddle tennis park created in 1992; the paddle tennis community; opposition to replacing the facility with a visual arts center; feasibility of placing three courts on a rooftop; and concern with tree removal.

Don Seymour discussed sharing the paddle tennis courts with pickleball players; keeping shared paddle tennis and pickleball courts; and he wanted to keep the courts at Elenda and Culver for paddle tennis.

Jim Clarke, Culver City Arts Foundation, expressed support for the goal to accommodate the Arts and enhance the Cultural Corridor; discussed use of parks to strengthen the mind and body; incorporating the Arts in all phases; and reflecting the Arts in the buildings and facilities.

James Richardson questioned why the City was focusing on Veterans Park; asked how the improvements would be funded; discussed serving the entire community; and the importance of sharing ideas and working together.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the work done; possibilities for the parks; the ambitious nature of the plans; appreciation for those who attended the community meeting and provided feedback; support for the Cultural Corridor; the importance of starting with a Master Plan first; concern that there will be no money left over for other parks; prioritization of the parks because of the Olympics; ideas that are blocked vs. those that are fast-tracked; imbalance; the no-build Olympics; prioritizing spending and building venues over addressing social issues; and the bond for the School Board in the March election.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the work of the consultants and public input; visioning; figuring out how to improve the parks; the current condition of Culver City parks; parks in other cities; different functions of the parks; local parks vs. City parks; the importance of providing state of the art facilities

that the City needs; and additional work to be done by the consultants.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the process; massing and location; the landfill; the community survey; assessing community assets and needs; demand; appreciation for comments from Mr. Rickards regarding usage of Veterans Park; providing egalitarian spaces; regional parks vs. neighborhood parks; the Basketorium; the Historical Society; the need for meeting space in the City and a venue for large-scale events; the Wende Museum; the intent to put different plans before the community; the School Bond; the fact that the parks have not been significantly improved since inception; lack of a gymnasium in the City; design ideas; ingress and egress; massing; walkability; tradeoffs; paddle tennis advocates; community input on price points after the March election; the proposed amphitheater; addressing needed improvements to other parks in the City; the Parks Master Plan; and the polling process.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the feedback and engagement of staff, the consultants, and community members; the Parks Master Plan; the feeling that there would be no funding available for any other parks in the community; the City Council decision made in May 2023 to prioritize Veterans and Culver City Parks over all others with no data or analysis; support for investment in the parks; the importance of procedure; opposition to prioritizing two parks over all the others; concern with skipping steps; the importance of allowing the entire community to participate; and the need for a complete Parks Master Plan to allocate resources appropriately.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the plan as something to aspire to; the phased process; number of people served in regional parks; ideas for future City Councils to act upon; and studying the economic feasibility of an amphitheater.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN AND SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM JOHNSON FAVARO REGARDING THE FUTURE OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK AND BILL BOTTS FIELDS AT CULVER CITY PARK; AND,

2. PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY REPORT, INCLUDING NEXT STEPS, OPTIONS, AND ADDITIONAL SURVEYS, STUDIES AND/OR REPORTS THAT MAY BE NEEDED AS A RESULT OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY INCLUDING POLLING THE COMMUNITY REGARDING PRICE POINTS AND CONCERNS MOVING FORWARD AS WELL AS STUDYING THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF AN AMPHITHEATER AT CULVER CITY PARK.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, VERA

NOES: MCMORRIN, PUZA

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Item A-3

**CC - (1) Discussion and, if Desired, Adoption of a Statement of Land Acknowledgement; and (2) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Shelly Wolfberg, City Manager's Office, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the work done by staff; the feeling that additional community engagement is needed; the Equity Subcommittee; outreach to tribal organizations for feedback; examination of verbiage; and ensuring that the original inhabitants are being properly honored.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones noted staff research into what other municipalities had done; echoed comments made regarding the importance of reaching out to those to be acknowledged; and he pointed out the need to provide clear direction to staff on how to move forward.

Rebecca Rona Tuttle indicated speaking on behalf of herself; expressed support for reaching out to the people most impacted; noted that Gabrielino Tongva still live in the vicinity, have inhabited the land for more than 7,000 years, and are separate from the San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians; and she indicated that she had provided written revisions to the proposed text.

Karim Sahli agreed that it was too early to approve the text without feedback from the people whom the land was stolen from.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding allowing time for feedback from the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee as well as outreach to, and meaningful engagement with, the native and indigenous peoples.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR MCMORRIN, SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: BRING THE ITEM BACK FOR CONSIDERATION AFTER DISCUSSION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES.

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Item A-4

CC:FA:HA:PA:SA - ACTION ITEM: (1) Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor for a 12-Month Term; and (2) Confirmation by the Boards of the Financing Authority/Housing Authority/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency that the Mayor and Vice Mayor of the City Shall Serve as Chair and Vice Chair of these Bodies, Respectively, for a 12-Month Term

Mayor Vera expressed appreciation for the chance to serve as Mayor and discussed accomplishments over the past year.

Council Member Puza expressed appreciation to Mayor Vera for his service and noted specific accomplishments.

Council Member Eriksson thanked Mayor Vera for his leadership.

Council Member O'Brien echoed previous comments; expressed appreciation for Mayor Vera's work ethic; and expressed admiration for his leadership noting that he had learned a lot by watching him.

MOVED BY MAYOR VERA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ELECT VICE MAYOR MCMORRIN TO SERVE AS MAYOR FOR A 12-MONTH TERM.

Mayor McMorris expressed gratitude to her colleagues for their confidence in her and for the historic vote; thanked former Mayor Vera for his leadership, guidance, support, and continuing partnership; she thanked God, her family, and the community for their support; expressed appreciation for the support of Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell; noted the

importance of collaboration on regional issues; discussed impacts to the community; other current and former elected officials present; her background; different experiences of people everywhere; advocating for working families and those who rely on City services; recommitting to community service; accountability; community engagement; treating everyone with dignity and respect; and innovation and leadership to meet challenging issues.

Yvonne McMorris placed the Mayoral Pin on her mother; noted the importance of providing representation; and expressed pride in the way Mayor McMorris speaks out for the underdog and makes a difference.

MOVED BY MAYOR MCMORRIS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR FOR A 12-MONTH TERM.

Beverly O'Brien placed the Vice Mayoral Pin on Vice Mayor O'Brien.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE FINANCING AUTHORITY BOARD, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD: ADOPT RESPECTIVE MOTIONS CONFIRMING THAT THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THESE BODIES, RESPECTIVELY, EACH FOR A 12-MONTH TERM.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones indicated that Mayor McMorris was one of the most thoughtful, intelligent, and visionary public officials he had observed; expressed appreciation for the inclusion of the unheard and unrepresented in the process; discussed the importance of representing Culver City in the region and the state; thanked former Mayor Vera; and congratulated Vice Mayor O'Brien and Mayor McMorris.

Disa Lindgren discussed the significance of the Mayor's election; the importance of meaningful representation noting that she felt represented; she thanked outgoing Mayor Vera for his leadership; and expressed best wishes for Vice Mayor O'Brien.

Melissa Sanders was called to speak but did not respond.

Bubba Fish, with one minute ceded from Aaron Lieberman, echoed comments made by Disa Lindgren; discussed the important work of Mayor McMorris to examine the status quo; creating a better future; adherence to values; envisioning and articulating what is possible; being a consistent voice for those who are often forgotten or excluded from the process; doing the right thing, the right way; measuring results to ensure that impact matches intention; embracing discomfort to create something better; consistent opposition to militarization of the police; uplifting a vision of Public Safety centered around services and care; the difficulty of change; advocacy for policy and commitment to the community; Juneteenth and the Culver City Pride Ride and Rally; and he asserted that Culver City was lucky to call Yasmine-Imani McMorris the Mayor.

Giavanni Washington yielded the time.

Michele Weiner echoed previous comments; congratulated the Mayor; expressed appreciation to Mayor McMorris for her consistency, thoughtfulness, and care; expressed eagerness to learn more from the Mayor; thanked former Mayor Vera for his leadership; and congratulated Vice Mayor O'Brien on being Vice Mayor.

Rebecca Rona Tuttle congratulated Mayor McMorris; thanked former Mayor Vera for his compassion; thanked all of those who voted for Mayor McMorris noting her many positive qualities; expressed appreciation for her perspective; and she felt Mayor McMorris would be a fabulous Mayor.

Darrell Menthe congratulated the new Mayor and Vice Mayor and thanked former Mayor Vera for his service noting that Council Member Vera's father, who also served as Mayor, would be proud.

Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin congratulated the new Mayor and Vice Mayor and applauded former Mayor Vera for his leadership.

Rick Tuttle congratulated the new Mayor and expressed appreciation for her acknowledgement of the underserved; congratulated former Mayor Vera on his leadership over the past year; and congratulated the new Vice Mayor.

Karim Sahli expressed excitement, pride and happiness for the new Mayor; discussed appreciation for the former Mayor noting the difficulty of the job; and he extended best wishes to the new Vice Mayor and respect for his commitment.

Cameron Onumah was called to speak but was not present.

Sandrine Cassidy, Ballona Creek Renaissance (BCR), wished everyone Happy Holidays; thanked everyone for their efforts; thanked former Mayor Vera for his leadership; congratulated the new Mayor; and she reported that BCR would be back in the new year to provide a report.

Jack Galanty thanked the new Mayor for her efforts to uplift marginalized groups in the City noting that he expected that to continue.

Jewett Walker discussed underrepresentation of women in Council Chambers; appreciation for the way the election was handled; the need for an inclusive future in Culver City; and he felt there was a need for gender balance on the City Council.

Nancy Barba congratulated Mayor McMorris and Vice Mayor O'Brien; thanked former Mayor Vera for his service; and expressed appreciation for Mayor McMorris's work to uplift the underrepresented in the community.

Triston Ezidore congratulated the new Mayor and Vice Mayor and thanked the former Mayor for his service; discussed the importance of the moment; work to address the needs of the most vulnerable; difficulty being a Black elected official; and he wanted to see a call to everyone to support the Mayor.

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#### **Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)**

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, indicated no additional requests to speak.

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#### **Items from Council Members**

Vice Mayor O'Brien congratulated the Mayor and expressed eagerness to serve under her.

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December 11, 2023

**Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items**

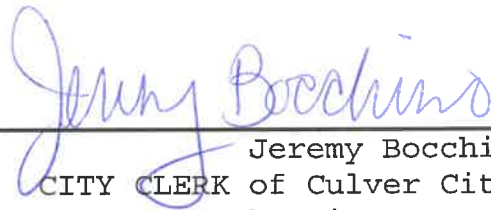
Unanimous City Council consensus was achieved to write a letter of support for the West Los Angeles College (WLAC) housing.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 11:06 p.m., the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on January 8, 2024.

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Jeremy Bocchino  
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, Redevelopment Financing Authority, Culver City Housing  
Authority Board, and Culver City Parking Authority, Culver  
City, California



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YASMINE-IMANI MCMORRIN  
MAYOR of Culver City, California and CHAIR of the Successor  
Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board,  
Redevelopment Financing Authority, Culver City Housing  
Authority Board, and Culver City Parking Authority

Date: 1/8/2024