

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF CULVER CITY
FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA**

**May 12, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Lachman called the regular meeting of the City of Culver City Finance Advisory Committee to order at 7:01 p.m. via Virtual Webex.

Members Present: ANDREW LACHMAN, Chair
 MARC BAUER, Member
 JOSH GOLDSTEIN, Member
 JOHNNIE GRIFFING, Member
 KEITH JONES, Member
 KEVIN LACHOFF, Member
 BRYAN SUA, Member

Absent: DARREL MENTHE, Vice Chair
 SEAN KEARNEY, Member

Staff Present: Onyx Jones, Chief Finance Officer
 Erica McAdoo, Financial Services & Purchasing
 Manager
 Michelle Villongco, Associate Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Member Goldstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Lachman invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Committee:

Michelle Dennis introduced herself as the liaison for the Equity and Human Relations Committee (EHRAC); provided background on herself and on the Committee; and she invited everyone to a presentation on the Rise of Hate Crime by Professor Marshall Wong of Pasadena City College on May 15 noting that additional information was available on the City website.

Chair Lachman welcomed Ms. Dennis; discussed a bylaw proposal submitted to ensure greater diversity among all Commissions, Boards and Committees; and he noted the importance of not only gender diversity, but also gender identity diversity.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Adjourned Meeting of April 14, 2021

MOVED BY MEMBER GOLDSTEIN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER GRIFFING THAT THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2021.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BAUER, GOLDSTEIN, GRIFFING, JONES, LACHOFF, LACHMAN,
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NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, MENTHE

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Item

Item A-1

Receive an Update on the Culver City Economic Recovery Task Force

Member Jones reported on the Economic Recovery Task Force meeting on May 5 where discussion included the planned lifting of restrictions on June 15; Hero Pay for Health Care Workers; parklet guidelines; extending Temporary Use Permits (TUPs) to allow businesses the ability to make up revenue for when they were forced to close; MOVE Culver City; retention, recovery, resilience; increased traffic; and summer activations to attract business back to the City.

Chair Lachman discussed a meeting with Creative Economy businesses and several members of the ERTF to discuss support of Creative Economy jobs during the recovery.

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Item A-2

(1) Create an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the Work Plan Item Transmitted from City Council Regarding the Financial Impacts of the Recently Established “Extended Stay Hotel” as a Category of Hotel/Motel Land; and (2) Appoint Members to Such Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Lachman introduced the item.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding goals in establishing the ad hoc subcommittee; the need for City Attorney review of the permissibility associated with establishing such fees; coordination in the outcome of the review; the timeline; the origin of the conversation; corporate housing; hotels in the City that have agreements for extended stays; the modification for airlines; Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT); state guidelines; recapturing revenue; clarification that stays over 30 days are not charged TOT and a refund is required if the taxes were charged; and finding ways to offset lost revenue for hotels that seek to engage in corporate housing.

MOVED BY MEMBER BAUER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER LACHOFF THAT THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. CREATE AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE WORK PLAN ITEM TRANSMITTED FROM THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED “EXTENDED STAY HOTEL” AS A CATEGORY OF HOTEL/MOTEL LAND USES; AND,
2. APPOINT MEMBERS LACHOFF AND JONES TO SUCH AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BAUER, GOLDSTEIN, GRIFFING, JONES, LACHOFF, LACHMAN,
SUA
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: KEARNEY, MENTHE

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Item A-4

Discussion of June Agenda

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding consensus needed to formally agenda items; and agreement to agenda discussion on the report on sales tax, the ERTF item, reports from other subcommittees, a general budget item, whether there will be an evaluation of Public Safety proposals, and an update on the efficiency awards.

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Public Comment – Items NOT on the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Lachman invited public comment.

Michelle Villongco, Associate Analyst, reported that no public comment had been received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Michelle Villongco, Associate Analyst, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Items from Committee Members/Staff

Member Goldstein reported that he was moving and that this would be his last meeting; he expressed appreciation to staff, the Committee, Thomas Small and Mayor Fisch for their support; and he noted the opportunity to increase diversity on the Committee.

Chair Lachman expressed gratitude to Member Goldstein for his efforts, and regret that he was leaving.

Member Jones received clarification that Member Goldstein served in a resident position and questioned whether he could continue to serve in a non-resident position.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding residency requirements; citizen requirements; and other bodies that are seeking to be as diverse as the FAC.

Chair Lachman summarized FAC budget recommendations that had been submitted to the City Council; discussed the request for awards for employees that improve efficiency; alternative revenue approaches; the recommendation that the City explore options to fund affordable housing and the quality of services the community needs and become more inclusive; and he expressed appreciation to Members Bauer and Lachoff for their assistance in preparing the report.

Erica McAdoo, Financial Services & Purchasing Manager, reminded everyone to complete the mandatory Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training by May 15.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:43 p.m., the Finance Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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Michelle Villongco
SECRETARY of the Culver City Finance Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED

Andrew Lachman
CHAIR of the Finance Advisory Committee, Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK

Date