

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

October 12, 2009
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Present: Micheál O'Leary, Agency Chair
D. Scott Malsin, Agency Vice Chair
Christopher Armenta, Agency Member
Gary Silbiger, Agency Member
Andrew Weissman, Agency Member

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Closed Session

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

CS-1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Re: Washington National TOD -The Property generally bounded by National Blvd., Venice Blvd., Robertson Blvd., the Metro Right of Way and Washington Blvd. (also see addresses below)

Agency Negotiators: Mark Scott, Executive Director; Sol Blumenfeld, Assistant Executive Director; Todd Tipton, Redevelopment Administrator; Murray Kane, Agency General Counsel

Other Parties Negotiators: Roger Moliere, Chief Real Property Management and Development, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority;

Douglas Failing, Director, California Department of Transportation, District 7;

Venice Property Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dawson, (8936 Venice Blvd.);

Mr. William Feldman, (8902 Venice Blvd.); Mr. Ben Kalmuk, Mr. Bob Kalmuk,

(8930 Venice Blvd.); Mr. Max Rhodes, (8926 Venice Blvd.); Mr. Melvin Segal,

Ms. Lorraine Morgan (8910-18 Venice Blvd.)

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation – (1 item)

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

CS-3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Re: 5660 Sepulveda Boulevard

Agency Negotiator: Mark Scott, City Manager/Executive Director; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director/Assistant Executive Director; Todd Tipton, Redevelopment Administrator; and Murray Kane, Agency General Counsel

Other Parties Negotiators: Developers Diversified Realty

Under Negotiation: Both Terms and Price

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

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Recess

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

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Reconvene

The Agency reconvened its meeting at 7:19 p.m. with all Members present.

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Closed Session Report

Member Weissman indicated that there was nothing to report from Closed Session except that Item CS-2 had been postponed.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was led by Mark Scott, Executive Director, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Lamb.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Brianna Frazier, Assistant Project Manager, Parks, Recreation and Community Services, thanked participants in the recent KaBoom! Playground Design Day and encouraged everyone to visit the City website to review playground designs and vote on their favorite.

Jill Thompson, City Volunteer Specialist, encouraged everyone to sign up to volunteer for Build Day on December 3.

Robert Zirgulis discussed the City's revenue report and he expressed concern with the City's actions regarding PXP noting that the City of Hermosa Beach could be facing bankruptcy due to legal expenses connected with oil company lawsuits. He reported PXP's willingness to have informal talks with the City, expressed concern with political agendas, and encouraged productive communication rather than expensive lawsuits.

Member Weissman indicated the City's willingness to meet and confer with PXP.

Rich Waters expressed concern with excessive signage at the Westfield mall noting previous work done by the City to keep billboards out; he discussed illegal billboards in Los Angeles; and questioned the legality of the movie billboard at the mall.

Frances Talbot White, League of Women Voters, expressed appreciation for being able to conduct a School Board Candidates Forum in Council Chambers noting that the Forum was being replayed on Channel 35 or could be viewed on the City's website or the League of Women Voters site.

Member Silbiger received clarification that the webcasts were now available.

Ela Valladares, Deputy City Clerk, read a written comment from:

Catherine Yanda

Member Weissman suggested that the letter be forwarded to the Brotman subcommittee with a report back to the Council.

Member Silbiger noted that a subcommittee meeting would be necessary.

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Public Comment for Items On the Agenda

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY MEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY CHAIR O'LEARY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVE ITEM C-1.

Item C-1

Secretary's Report

THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

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JOINT ITEMS

Item J-1

A Presentation by the City Manager Related to a Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 – Overview and Revenue Evaluation 2009/10 Budget Review-Overview & Revenue Evaluation

Mark Scott, Executive Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Jeff Muir, Director of Finance, provided basic information on government finance and he discussed local and national economic issues.

Discussion between staff and the Council included: clarification that adding new parking meters was not included in the budget; the TOT rate; department suggestions for generating additional revenue; assessment districts; subsidies; next steps in the process; a suggestion to include which departments are presenting on the agenda; the public workshops; the Business Tax Amnesty Program; debt servicing; a two tiered system for retiring medical benefits; the innovation fund; establishing a City store; potential tax increases; establishing a Visitor's Bureau to promote the City; more joint ventures with the school district and other cities; establishing a budget committee comprised of residents; the real cost of post employment benefits; and combining services where appropriate.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY MEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER SILBIGER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Items from Staff

None.

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Items from the Agency

Items from Member Armenta

- Expressed concern regarding Los Angeles County Animal Services invoices for housing

Mark Scott, Executive Director, agreed to investigate.

Items from Chair O'Leary

- Expressed concern with inaccurate numbers on the August invoice from Los Angeles County Animal Control

Items from Member Silbiger

- Received assurances that the announcement of the Mark Ridley Thomas meeting on oil drilling on October 15 would be located on the homepage of the City website
- Received clarification that the Council/Commission Subcommittee would discuss transportation committees of different cities on October 16

Items from Member Weissman

- Announced a performance by Culver City Performing Arts Grant recipients Donna Sternberg and Dancers at Royal Tea on October 16-17

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:14 p.m., the Agency adjourned its meeting to Monday, October 19, 2009.

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Alice Prasad
SECRETARY of the City of Culver City Redevelopment Agency, California

APPROVED

Micheál O'Leary
CHAIRPERSON of the Redevelopment Agency, City of Culver City, California