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CULVER CITY CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 14, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

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Closed Session

At 5:30 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 8511 Warner Drive
Agency Negotiators: John M. Nachbar, City Manager/Executive Director, Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director/Assistant Executive Director, Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager and Murray Kane, City Special Counsel/Successor Agency General Counsel
Other Parties Negotiators: Conjunctive Points Warner Development (a.k.a. Samitaur Constructs/Fredrick Smith)
Under Negotiation: Both Price and Terms of Payment, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary considerations.
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 8829, 8831, 8840, 8841, 8843 Exposition Boulevard; 8801, 8803, 8824, 8825, 8828, 8830-8834, 8836, 8839, 8842, 8846 National Boulevard; 8900-8906, 8910-8912, 8914-8918, 8920, 8926, 8930, 8936 Venice Boulevard
Agency Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager/Executive Director; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director/Assistant Executive Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager; Murray Kane, City/Successor Agency Special Counsel
Other Parties Negotiators: Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group
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

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Reconvene

Mayor Sahli-Wells reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:08 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated nothing to report out of closed session.

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Reflection/Pledge of Allegiance

The Reflection was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Ruben.

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Presentations

Item P-1

A Proclamation in Honor of July as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month

Councilmember Cooper presented the proclamation.

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, noted that Culver City had outstanding facilities and programs; he thanked the City Council and City Manager for their support; and he discussed ongoing programs as well as upcoming events.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Vice Mayor O'Leary reported attending the Independent Cities Association (ICA) Summer Seminars in San Diego with Councilmember Clarke noting that he would be sharing information.

Councilmember Clarke reported that Vice Mayor O'Leary had been elected Secretary of the ICA.

Mayor Sahli-Wells reported on the kick-off of the Summer Concert Series and announced upcoming concerts; reported being invited to celebrate Ramadan at the King Fahad Mosque; announced that smoking in multi-unit housing would be discussed on August 11 along with e-cigarettes; she reported attending an event that Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti held to facilitate unity among regional cities; and she reported attending a free performance by the Culver City Public Theatre in Carlson Park with free shows every weekend all summer long.

John Nachbar, City Manager, reported on the success of the 4th of July celebration at West LA College.

Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, President of West Los Angeles College, discussed the success of the event and partnership with the City and the Exchange Club.

John Cohn, Culver City Exchange Club, provided a slide show on the 4th of July celebration and thanked the City and West LA College for their assistance.

Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, President of West Los Angeles College, indicated that the slide show could be accessed from the

West LA College website, and he invited everyone to attend next year.

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Stephen Murray, LAX Community Noise Roundtable alternate, provided a report on the most recent meeting; discussed the purpose of the Roundtable and membership; airport access restrictions on eastbound nighttime flights; non-conforming departures; he noted that the FAA was inviting public comment; and he suggested posting information on the City website.

Dr. Janet Hoult thanked the City for the plans to repave Motor Avenue and the neighbor who spearheaded the effort; wanted to see tree replacement; discussed lining the sewer; forest management; expressed concern with safety; and she questioned when improvements would be made.

Matt Seeberger, Culver City Sister City Committee, thanked the City Council for their support; reported that a delegation from Iksan City, South Korea would be coming to town; invited everyone to the Welcome Picnic at the Sundial at Bill Botts Field on July 19; and he indicated that Culver City students would be travelling to Kaizuka, Japan.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

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

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1

Joint Culver City Council/Culver City Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item: Cash Disbursements

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 14, 2013 – JULY 4, 2104.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-6, AND C-8.

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2014.

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Item C-2

Adoption of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Sub-Chapter 15.02.100 of Title 15, Chapter 15.02 of the Culver City Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference the 2013 California Building Standards Administrative Code, 2013 California Building Code, 2013 California Residential Building Code, 2013 California Electrical Code, 2013 California Mechanical Code, 2013 California Plumbing Code, 2013 California Energy Code, 2013 California Historical Building Code, 2013 Existing Building Code, 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, and 2013 California Reference Standards Code; and Repealing and Reserving Chapter 15.04 of Title 15 in Its Entirety

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SUBCHAPTER 15.02.100 OF TITLE 15, CHAPTER 15.02 THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, 2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, 2013 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE, 2013 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2013 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, 2013 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, 2013 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE, 2013 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL

BUILDING CODE, 2013 EXISTING BUILDING CODE, 2013 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, AND 2013 CALIFORNIA REFERENCE STANDARDS CODE; AND REPEALING AND RESERVING CHAPTER 15.04 OF TITLE 15 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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Item C-3

Adoption of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 9.02 of Title 9 of the Culver City Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference the 2013 California Fire Code with Local Amendments

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 9.02 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS.

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Item C-4

(1) Pursuant to Culver City Municipal Code Section 3.07.075(E)(3), Determine that Compliance with the Formal Bid Procedures Would be Impractical, Waive the Formal Bid Requirements, and Deem it to be in the City's Best Interest to Authorize Negotiated Contracts; (2) Approval of a Five Year Professional Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles (Department of Animal Care and Control) for Supplemental Animal Control Services and Animal Facility Licensing Services in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $75,000; and (3) Approval of a Five Year Professional Services Agreement with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (SPCA/LA) for Animal Sheltering Services in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $165,000

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. PURSUANT TO CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.07.075(E)(3), DETERMINE THAT COMPLIANCE WITH THE FORMAL BID PROCEDURES WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL, WAIVE THE FORMAL BID REQUIREMENTS, AND DEEM IT TO BE IN THE CITY'S BEST INTEREST TO AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS; AND

2. APPROVE A FIVE YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ANIMAL CONTROL FIELD SERVICES AND SHELTERING AND ANIMAL FACILITY LICENSING

FOR A TERM ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2019 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $75,000; AND

3. APPROVE A FIVE YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SPCA/LA FOR ANIMAL SHELTERING SERVICES FOR A TERM ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2019 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $165,000; AND

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

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

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Item C-5

Adoption of a Resolution Granting a Permit to the Culver City Exchange Club to Conduct a Beer and Wine Garden in Veterans' Memorial Park During the 2014 Fiesta La Ballona

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION GRANTING A PERMIT TO THE CULVER CITY EXCHANGE CLUB TO CONDUCT A BEER AND WINE GARDEN IN VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK DURING THE 2014 FIESTA LA BALLONA.

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Item C-6

Approval of Special Permits to Allow Animals in Veterans' Memorial Park for Entertainment Purposes on August 22, 23 and 24, 2014 during the Fiesta La Ballona

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL PERMITS TO ALLOW ANIMALS IN VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES DURING THE FIESTA LA BALLONA ON AUGUST 22, 23 AND 24, 2014: (1) FRECKLE FARMS FOR A PETTING ZOO AND PONY RIDES; AND (2) CULVER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A K-9 DOG DEMONSTRATION.

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Item C-8
(Out of Sequence)

(1) Approval of a Contract Change Order in the Amount of $9,793.14 (for a Total Not-to-Exceed Contract Amount of $62,018.14); (2) Acceptance of the Work Performed by FS Construction, Inc.; (3) Authorization to File a Notice of Completion; and (4) Authorization to Release the Retention Payment after the Expiration of the 35-Day Lien Period, for the CDBG Sidewalk & Curb Repair Project, PZ-428, CDBG No. 601542-13

Councilmember Clarke received clarification regarding the unforeseen costs cited in the staff report.

Mayor Sahli-Wells extended congratulations to Christopher Evans on his new baby.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,793.14 (FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $62,018.14); AND,

2. ACCEPT THE WORK PERFORMED BY FS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CDBG SIDEWALK & CURB REPAIR PROJECT, P-428; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE;

4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE $2,961.25 IN RETENTION TO FS CONSTRUCTION, INC. AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD.

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Item C-7
(Out of Sequence)

Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Artecho in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $84,965 for the Preparation of the City of Culver City Urban Forest Management and Tree Succession Plan

Eric Mirzaian, Assistant Maintenance Operations Manager, provided a brief report on the item.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the notification process; encouragement to residents to visit

Fiesta La Ballona to speak with staff and consultants; guidelines for the consultants; feedback to create a community driven project; the Santa Monica Urban Forest program; the promotion of species diversity; the removal process; replacement requirements; and the importance of maximum public input.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARTECHO IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $84,965.00 FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CITY'S URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT AND TREE SUCCESSION PLAN; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $8,496.00; 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-9
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute Any Actions Necessary for the Purpose of Obtaining Financial Assistance Provided by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Under the Proposition 1B Transit Security Grant Program

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES UNDER THE PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-7 AND C-9.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Joint Public Hearings

Item JPH-1

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING Approval of an Implementation Agreement between the City of Culver City, the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency and Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group in Order to Convey Real Property Located at 8829, 8831, 8839, 8841, 8843 Exposition Boulevard; 8801, 8803 Washington Boulevard; 8824, 8825, 8828, 8830-8834, 8836, 8838, 8840, 8842, 8846 National Boulevard; 8900-8906, 8910-8912, 8914-8918, 8920, 8926, 8930, 8936 Venice Boulevard to Develop a High Quality Transit Oriented Development

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, described the purpose of the hearing noting the need to postpone the item.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Tom Wolf, Lowe Enterprises, thanked staff for their efforts; expressed support for their recommendations;

indicated being present to answer any questions or provide background on the organization; and expressed enthusiasm for moving forward with the highly complicated project.

Vice Mayor O'Leary requested that in the future Mr. Wolf allow staff sufficient processing time to get any proposed changes on the agenda.

Andrew Reilman expressed concern with parking issues around the Metro station and wanted to make sure that free parking would be continue to be available; he discussed the success of downtown Culver City; the importance of providing free parking; the Transit Oriented Development going into the area; and he expressed concern with giving the parcel away to a developer.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding consideration of the disposition of the property to Lowe; clarification that the free parking would not disappear; parking during construction; clarification that 300 stalls of free parking would be provided once Phase 2 of Expo becomes operational; clarification that less parking would be provided once the station is no longer the terminus and demand is less; the total amount of parking provided for the project; additional opportunity for public input; consideration of the project in detail; encouragement to Mr. Reilman to get on the public notification list; the public process; disposition of the property; the comprehensive plan; required hearings; the implementation and participation agreements; and a suggestion to continue the entire public hearing to consider the matter as a whole at the same time.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD: CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO JULY 28, 2014.

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for the

Higuera Street Landscape and Lighting Assessment District - Fiscal Year 2014/2015

Mayor Sahli-Wells noted that the matter had been continued and she invited public comment.

No speaker cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND AFFIRMING THE EXISTING ASSESSMENT LEVY FOR HIGUERA STREET LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT - FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015.

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Item PH-2

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for Landscaping Maintenance District No. 1 - Fiscal Year 2014/2015

Councilmember Cooper indicated the need to recuse himself and he exited the dais.

Mate Gaspar, Engineer Services Manager, provided a correction on page 3 noting that he had neglected to include the tree trimming costs.

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, provided a slide presentation on Landscape Maintenance District #1; defended the work of staff and the contractor; discussed sustainable practices; noted that he was available to clear up any misunderstanding with homeowners and neighbors; discussed active beehives; better communication; meetings; and establishing a plan to move forward.

Councilmember Weissman received clarification regarding total costs for the district; reserve funds; the upcoming assessment; the operating deficit; past increases; and maintenance costs.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Stew Bebar asserted that the images presented by City staff were from Elenda, not from Culver where there are issues; discussed transparency and accountability; indicated that the budget amount included money from two years ago; appreciated the offer to meet on a regular basis; felt that the Engineer's Report did not present a clear enough picture of what has been happening and would be happening; questioned why an additional assessment was necessary; and he noted that the area did not have a formal homeowners association.

Marty Zisner indicted willingness to be part of a process to help improve the quality and aesthetics of the highly desirable area.

Dana Russell thanked Mr. Gaspar and Mr. Reynolds for clarifying the process; discussed his expectations; the Engineer's Report; inclusion of the money from 2012; concern with increasing the assessment when expenses are less; discussed sprinklers; improvements since he spoke at the meeting; the presentation by staff; and responsiveness prior to his speaking at the previous meeting.

Nancy Wileman indicated that she had previously expressed concern regarding this issue; discussed pine trees against the wall; incorrect planting of the trees; the assertion by the City that they do not remove good trees; residents impacted by trees; she reported that she had seen maintenance done in the past; discussed her observations; expressed concern that tree trimming would be changed from annually to every three years; and cleaning up after the City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the new tree removal ordinance; the petition submitted by Mrs. Wileman for tree removal; the recommendation of the arborist; the complaint and the basis for denial; improper planting; who planted the tree in question; homeowner associations; the role of the City; development plans; tree placement; whether homeowners can trim trees; clarification that the landscaped areas are common areas; aesthetic appeal and benefits of the trees; damaging the character of the trees; overspray and sidewalk runoff; corruption in the city of Bell; reports from Mrs. Wileman; responsiveness of the City; accessibility of the Councilmembers; Higuera Street; scheduling meetings between staff, the contractors and residents; absence of a majority protest; realistic expectations; raising awareness; a suggestion that the residents form a committee; the difficulty of dealing with individuals speaking only for themselves; a suggestion to hold a meeting at the Scout Hut; enhancements going forward; challenges with the lack of a homeowners association; communication; reaching a consensus on how to proceed; the process for creating a homeowner association; tree trimming costs; getting the assessment on the tax rolls; whether any formal protests were filed; the process to file a formal protest; and notification procedures.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding a suggestion to place a condition on the approval that a meeting be held in 90 days; ongoing maintenance responsibilities; staff direction; and the assessment as standing alone.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND ASSESSMENT LEVY FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT #1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COOPER

Councilmember Clarke received consensus from the City Council and agreement from staff to hold a meeting with Studio Estates residents within 60 days to address concerns.

Bruce Forman volunteered to distribute fliers to Studio Estates residents about meetings.

Councilmember Cooper returned to the dais.

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Item PH-3

Consideration of the Implementation of a Change to the Fare Charged by Culver CityBus for Sight-Impaired Passengers (Blind Passengers)

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLISHING AND THE NOTICES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Art Ida, Transportation Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding qualifiers for Access Services; testing facilities; the fiscal analysis; distinguishing between Senior and Disabled designations; qualifiers to receive a LACTOA Card; terms of certification; Federal requirements; dealing with a single coin vs. multiple coins; TAP cards; the percentage of passengers qualifying for free fares; promotion of the program; eligibility for Access Services; outreach; fare revenue; and losses to operating grant monies.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Sammie Shipman discussed what is entailed to get Access Services; issues with getting coins out of pockets; an observation that it would be easier to only have to access one coin; and she requested that if a fare is charged, that it be 25 cents.

Ken Ruben discussed the Metro Citizen’s Advisory Council; policies of other cities; he distributed comments to a report on Ari Noonan’s website and encouraged everyone to read them; and he did not feel that one person’s complaint should affect so many people.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the fact that losses incurred by no longer charging the disabled community would impact state and Federal funds; distribution by formula; the number of visually impaired people utilizing the bus system; the complaint lodged by the individual; risks with maintaining the status quo; concern with violating existing laws; asking Metro to only count full fare passengers; changing the formula; encouraging the use of public transit; overall fares; disabled fares; affects to ridership; codes referenced by the complaint; Federal regulations; specific issues faced by blind people; arguments from other disabled persons; safety issues; and concern that a pressing need does not exist for the change.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Additional discussion ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding appreciation to the public for their input; disappointment that the person making the complaint did not provide input; and clarification on procedure.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O’LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAINTAIN THE FARE STATUS QUO.

Mayor Sahli-Wells expressed appreciation to staff for their hard work.

Vice Mayor O’Leary thanked Sammie Shipman for her testimony.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of the Nomination Process for the Names of Three Culver City Residents for Submittal to the Governor's Office for Appointment to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Board of Directors and Provide Direction to the City Manager Related Thereto

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the current appointments and term limits.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding appreciation to Lloyd Dixon for his service; allowing someone else a chance to serve; fairness; appointment cycles; length of term; clarification that the Governor makes the appointment from the names submitted by the City; submission of three names; providing choice; putting the word out to the public; making an expedited call to solicit names; submitting the names in priority order; the application process; financial disclosure; providing a link to the online application with the notice and information about the Conservancy; honoring the request for three names; value to having a consistent representative; knowledge, experience and familiarity with the process; the competency and dedication of Mr. Dixon; whether it would be acceptable to the Governor if the City were to only put one name forward; the statute; different ways of submitting the names in the past; encouragement by the Chair of the Conservancy that the Governor appointees reapply online and handle it themselves; the importance of the Conservancy with recent partnerships; Blair Hills residents; and spending the money to provide an open process.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: MAKE THE APPOINTMENT OPEN AND RECEIVE APPLICATIONS WITH A LINK TO THE APPLICATION TO CLARIFY WHAT THE POSITION ENTAILS AND WHAT THE CONSERVANCY DOES. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS
NOES: COOPER, WEISSMAN

Councilmember Cooper suggested utilizing social media for more effective notifications.

Jeremy Green, Management Analyst, reported that standard procedure is that staff sends out notices to Facebook and Twitter when e-mail notification is made.

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Item A-2

(1) Consideration of a Recommendation from the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission; and (2) (If Desired) Adoption of a Resolution Revising the Established Rules and Regulations Regarding the Use of Skateboard Parks within the City and Rescinding Resolution No. 2007-R049

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION REVISING THE ESTABLISHED RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF SKATEBOARD PARKS WITHIN THE CITY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-R049, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION.

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Item A-3

(1) Consideration of a Recommendation from the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission Related to the Establishment of Dog Paths; (2) (If Desired) Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Culver City Municipal Code Section 9.10.600 Regarding the Definition and Establishment, by Resolution, of Designated Dog Paths within Culver City Parks; and (3) (If Desired) Adoption of a Resolution Establishing Certain Designated Dog Paths in City Parks, Including the Existing Designated Dog Paths in

Culver West Alexander Park and Culver City Park and Two Proposed Designated Dog Paths in Veterans' Memorial Park

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.10.600 REGARDING THE DEFINITION AND ESTABLISHMENT, BY RESOLUTION, OF DESIGNATED DOG PATHS WITHIN CULVER CITY PARKS; AND,

2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CERTAIN DESIGNATED DOG PATHS IN CITY PARKS, INCLUDING THE EXISTING DESIGNATED DOG PATHS IN CULVER WEST ALEXANDER PARK AND CULVER CITY PARK AND TWO PROPOSED DESIGNATED DOG PATHS IN VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK (#1 AND #2) WITH THE STIPULATION OF A SIX- MONTH REVIEW OF PATH #2 BY THE COMMISSION.

Councilmembers requested that appreciation be conveyed to the Commission for their work on the item.

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Item A-4

Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Three (3) Year Memorandum of Understanding with the Culver City Management Group for the Period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Mayor Sahli-Wells requested context for the proposal.

John Nachbar, City Manager, discussed impacts to the Culver City Management Group during the recession; the percentage impact felt by the bargaining unit; workload; he expressed appreciation to the employees; provided clarification that the previous salary increase had been in 2009; discussed pension reform; non-recurring increases; impacts on the long-term finances of the City; and appreciation to those at the negotiating table and the hard work of staff.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A THREE (3) YEAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CULVER CITY MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017.

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Item A-5

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Updated Executive Compensation Plan

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

No cards were submitted and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATED EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN.

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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Max Stodel discussed a Certificate of Appreciation previously presented to him by the City for 25 Years of Volunteer Service; expressed concern that he had not received a return call from a Councilmember; he did not feel that a chaperone should be required; questioned whether Councilmember Weissman had answered a letter from Holly Mitchell; expressed concern with anti-Semitism; and concern with his reputation.

Mayor Sahli-Wells thanked Mr. Stodel for his service at the Senior Center.

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Items from the City Council

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:34 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to Monday, July 28, 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

MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS
MAYOR of Culver City, California