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CULVER CITY CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

August 25, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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Closed Session

At 6:00 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 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

CS-2 Conference with Labor Negotiator
City designated representatives: John Nachbar, City Manager;
Serena Wright, Human Resources Director
Employee Organization: Police Management Group, Fire
Management Group
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

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Reconvene

Mayor Sahli-Wells reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:03 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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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 Desmond Burns.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated nothing to report from Closed Session.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Presentation of a Commendations to Police Officers Leon Moore and Sue Sperling, Sergeant Mark Reppucci, and Senior Jailer Desmond Burns on the Occasion of Their Retirements

Scott Bixby, Police Chief, provided background on the accomplishments of the retirees.

Mayor Sahli-Wells presented the commendation to Sue Sperling.

Council Member Weissman presented the commendation to Mark Reppucci.

Council Member Clarke presented the commendation to Leon Moore.

Vice Mayor O'Leary thanked everyone for their service and presented the commendation to Desmond Burns.

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Item P-2

Presentation to the City Council from Participants in the El Marino Language School Culver City - Kaizuka Exchange Program

Matt Seeberger, Culver City Sister City Committee, presented participants in the Kaizuka Exchange Program.

Allison Burns, Kaizuka Exchange Chair, thanked the City for the support, reported on the program, and introduced the students who participated.

Isabella Chardier, student, thanked the City Council for their support and discussed her experiences with the program.

Nancy Perdomo Browning, Chaperone, reported on her experiences travelling with the group, and she conveyed greetings and presented gifts from City officials in Kaizuka, Japan.

Sterre Hesseling, student, discussed differences between Culver City and Kaizuka.

Barbara Honig invited families that hosted the students to join the others at the front of the auditorium.

Leo spoke representing the hosts for Iksan, Korea students and discussed their experiences.

Mayor Sahli-Wells thanked the Culver City Sister City Committee for their work.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Mayor Sahli-Wells asked that a moment of silence be observed in honor of former Council Member Ed Little who had recently passed away.

Council Member Weissman asked that when the meeting is adjourned, that it be adjourned in memory of Josephine Catherine Turner, the mother of Police Officer Butch Turner.

Mayor Sahli-Wells expressed pride in newly appointed Fire Chief Dave White and the recent re-accreditation of the Fire Department.

Dave White, Fire Chief, thanked the City Council and staff for their assistance in the accreditation process and he reported the successful implementation of the reserve fire fighter program.

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed the success of Fiesta La Ballona; volunteer training; and the thanked staff and the Committee for their work to make it all possible.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

Mayor Sahli-Wells asked that staff follow up on the correspondence received about parking.

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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:

Seth Horowitz, The Culver Hotel, invited everyone to attend The Prohibition Ball to celebrate the 90th Birthday of the Culver Hotel, and he discussed the rejuvenation of downtown Culver City and of the Hotel.

Joel Forman, Culver City Rotary, discussed their exchange program; their upcoming service program to provide dictionaries to third graders; and he encouraged each Council Member to visit a school for the presentation.

Mary Collim thanked that City Council for their support of the Senior Center, as well as Vice Mayor O'Leary and Dan Hernandez for attending the August Senior Center birthday party.

Vice Mayor O'Leary thanked Ms. Collim for the photograph of the event, he described his experience at the event, and he asked that the City Council honor Ann Levin.

Laura Frakes, Culver City Julian Dixon Library, discussed service hours at the library; upcoming events; and she thanked the City for the support.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Frakes and Council Members regarding appreciation to the library for their work; the refurbishment of the library; temporary service at the Mayme Clayton Library during the closure; story time; and programming for teens at the Teen Center.

Charles Hoult discussed an essay published in the Los Angeles Times on the need for sidewalk repair; lawsuits; funding mechanisms; a response written by Janet Hoult and published in the LA Times; correcting the causes of damaged sidewalks; addressing payment for repairs; and the Culver City tree succession plan.

Dr. Janet Hoult discussed tree mapping in the City and state; removal of invasive species; the Community Development Block Grant for sidewalk and curb repair; she urged the City to begin the removal of problem trees identified in 2002 rather than waiting for the results of the Urban Forest Management and Tree Succession Plan; and she discussed the success of Fiesta La Ballona 2014.

Peter Greene, Culver City Film Festival, discussed their plans for a festival in the City later in the year; noted that screenings were free; requested consideration of City sponsorship; and discussed the upcoming Culver City Centennial.

Jon Gursha, Culver City Film Festival, reported that they had been working with Bill Wynn as Artistic Director.

The City Council agreed to agendaize discussion of the matter.

Stephen Murray discussed water usage in Culver City; guaranteeing water security; reducing dependence on imported water; developing local sources; conservation; the trend of increasing water scarcity; and he indicated that he was running for a position on the West Basin Water Board District 4.

Discussion ensued between Council Members and Mr. Murray regarding determining the largest user of water in the City; protected information; and Golden State Water.

Michelle Weiner, Transition Culver City, reported on the California Water Board meeting regarding hydraulic fracturing and ground water quality, and she discussed SB4.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification that the City had consistently provided feedback regarding SB4; groundwater comments; water used by the oil company; a suggestion to add an inert chemical marker to the water used for hydraulic fracturing for tracking purposes; and a request for City support for the concept.

Linda Shahinian discussed invasive plant species; fire threats of invasive plants; Mexican feather grass; hazards of small plants; the Parkway Ordinance; and she invited everyone to visit plantright.org.

Cary Anderson discussed the excessive amount of parking signs; parking regulations; school drop offs; 4043 Irving Place; the lack of parking for school teachers; parking meters; cut-through traffic; he read the eight different signs posted around Linwood E. Howe school; discussed signage to protect the neighborhood; and enforcement.

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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 COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR AUGUST 2, 2014 – AUGUST 15, 2014.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1, C-2, AND C-5.

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2014.

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Item C-2

Ratification of the Filing of an Application for Funds Made Available Through the US Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Funds FY 2014

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. RATIFY THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM FUNDS FY 2014; 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-5
(Out of Sequence)

(1) Acceptance of Work Performed by Palp, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company; (2) Approval of a Related Construction Contract Amendment; (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 Pedestrian Improvements at Intersections with Bus Stops Project, PZ-950, Federal Aid No. RPSTPLE 5240 (029)

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ACCEPT THE WORK PERFORMED BY PALP, INC. DBA EXCEL PAVING COMPANY FOR THE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSECTIONS WITH BUS STOPS PROJECT, PZ-950, FEDERAL AID NO. RPSTPLE 5240 (029); AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; AND,
3. APPROVE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AN ADDITIONAL \$44,985.28 TO SUPPLEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY OF PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSECTIONS WITH BUS STOPS PROJECT, PZ-950, FEDERAL AID NO. RPSTPLE 5240 (029); 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; AND,
6. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE \$47,694.66 IN RETENTION AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD.

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Item C-3

(Out of Sequence)

Ratification of the Filing of an Application for Funds Made Available through the California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant for FY 2015

Vice Mayor O'Leary received clarification that grant funding could be used to fund an education program for alcohol servers.

Discussion ensued between Council Members and staff regarding the amount of funding for education vs. enforcement; training as the responsibility of proprietors; and DUI statistics.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. RATIFY THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS (STEP) FY 2015; 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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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

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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

Council Member Weissman felt this was a great opportunity for the City and for Lowe Enterprises.

Vice Mayor O'Leary thanked the parties that came to the agreement.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AND AMONG THE CITY AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND LOWE ENTERPRISES REAL ESTATE GROUP IN ORDER TO CONVEY THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8829, 8831, 8840, 8841, AND 8843 EXPOSITION BOULEVARD; 8801, 8803, 8824, 8825, 8828, 8830-8834, 8836, 8839, 8842, AND 8846 NATIONAL BOULEVARD; 8900-8906, 8910-8912, 8914-8918, 8920, 8926, 8930, AND 8936 VENICE BOULEVARD FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH QUALITY TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT; AND (2) RELATED ACTIONS; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY SPECIAL COUNSEL 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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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

(1) Adoption of a Resolution for the Certification of Conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) for Los Angeles County and (2) Adoption of the CMP Local Development

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE 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 NOTICES.

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

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP); AND,
2. ADOPT THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT FOR 2014.

Vice Mayor O'Leary received clarification regarding the temporary suspension of the credit/debit system and that staff would return with additional information in the fall after stakeholders provide comment.

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Item PH-2

FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: 1) Waiver of Bidding Procedures as Authorized by Culver City Municipal Code § 3.07.090; and 2) Award a Contract to Concept Consultant, Inc. in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$98,391.70 (\$89,447 for the Base Contract and \$8,944.70 in Change Order Authority) for Construction of Culver City Transfer Station Loading Pit Structural Steel Repairs, PZ-948, Bid No. 1547

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY 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 NOTICES.

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

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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

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

1. WAIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES AS AUTHORIZED BY CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE §3.07.090 **(REQUIRES FOUR AFFIRMATIVE VOTES)**; AND,

2. AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO CONCEPT CONSULTANT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,447.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CULVER CITY TRANSFER STATION LOADING PIT STRUCTURAL STEEL REPAIRS, PZ-948, BID NO. 1547; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$8,944.70 (10% OF CONTRACT AMOUNT) TO ADDRESS UNFORESEEN PROJECT COSTS, IF ANY; 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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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of the Amount of In-Kind Assistance for and Possible City Sponsorship of the 2014 Halloween Treat Run/Walk Produced by the Culver City Rotary Club

Council Member Clarke reported that Mr. Foreman had indicated that the Rotary 5K was being postponed.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

Jeremy Green, Management Analyst, read a written comment from:

Christopher Patrick King

{**NOTE FROM THE CITY CLERK:** The City Council took no action on this item.}

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Item A-2

Consideration of an Additional Request for In-Kind Assistance for IndieCade: International Festival of Independent Games

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Erin Shaver, IndieCade, requested that fees for usage of Veterans Auditorium facilities be waived for the IndieXchange event on Thursday, October 9; she discussed the in-kind sponsorship that the City extends to them; additional large costs; student involvement; partnerships with local businesses; and she indicated that the festival wanted to grow and remain in the City.

Discussion ensued between staff, Council Members and the speaker regarding admission fees; the awards dinner; fees vs. the increased attendees; financials for the event; economic development activity; economic value; clarification that no money would be paid out by the City; whether another group would actually rent the rooms at the time that IndieCade is using them; and the increased demand for rooms at Vets.

Seth Horowitz, General Manager of the Culver Hotel, discussed the improvement of IndieCade; increased demand at the hotel; increased use of the facilities; a survey indicating increased business downtown during IndieCade; investment in the WiFi to prepare for IndieCade; and he expressed support for the annual event.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding press generated by IndieCade; the integration of the event into the City; revenue from Transient Occupancy Taxes this year; allowing the event the opportunity to expand and succeed; measuring economic impacts; surveying all the hotels; assessing impacts on restaurants; data vs. anecdotal evidence; concern with increased requests; passing costs on to customers; concern with the consistent requests for aid; the for-profit nature of the event; industry sponsorships; a request for a budget and profit/loss statement; support for maintaining the previous level of support; and a suggestion to defer the item pending additional information.

Additional discussion ensued between Council Members and Ms. Shaver regarding providing a copy of the financials from the previous year to the City Council; the current budget as still in process; solidification of sponsorships; increased attendance; financials for the net effect on the City; taking a survey from the downtown restaurants; agreement from Mr. Horowitz to discuss the matter with the Downtown Business Association; the uptick in business; and clarification that IndieCade is committed to doing the event in Culver City this year; the possibility that the Thursday event could need to move to another venue without the fee waiver; hypothetical room rentals at Veterans Auditorium; return on investment; the total request vs. requests by other events; the economic development sponsorship; clarification on the entrance to the event; concern with damaging a successful event; and putting the

organizers on notice that next year figures must be provided and additional support would not be forthcoming.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CONTINUE THE ITEM TO THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Further discussion ensued between staff, Council Members and Ms. Shaver regarding additional information to provide for the September 8, 2014 City Council meeting.

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Item A-3

Discussion of Survey Results and Recommended Standards for an Updated Parkway Ordinance

Staff provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding creativity in the parkways; inspection and enforcement; standard plans; developing a palette of plants to be planted in the parkway; a more expensive process with extensive plan checks and inspections that costs more; and drought tolerant plantings.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

David Haake discussed community building; encouraging planting of edible plants; liability issues; permeable curbs; and he expressed support for revision of the Parkway Ordinance to put in place standards that reduce water usage and increase community.

Glenn Spann, Transition Culver City, discussed a 15-minute short film about re-imagining the parkways; the overlap of City and residential land use and land ownership; water usage; retaining water for natural plantings; bio-swales; he noted that there were many volunteers ready and willing

to help; discussed the need for inspiration and guidance; and he noted that they were ready to edit the film to help in any way.

Michelle Weiner, Transition Culver City, discussed survey results; standard design; creating a user friendly ordinance rather than one full of prohibitions; turf; permits; Ballona Creek water quality standards; the importance of staff time; permitting fees; edible plants; limits; and recommendations for drip irrigation and benches.

Dr. Suzanne De Benedittis discussed addressing drought conditions; sustainability; grants; landscape conservation; actions of other cities; storm water reclamation; enhancing property values; parkway edible plants and fruit trees; food banks; edible art; reductions in vandalism; becoming a green city; and she recommended formation of an ad hoc committee to obtain additional citizen input.

Jeremy Green, Management Analyst, read written comments submitted by:

Stephen Murray

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the main goal of water conservation; edible plantings; additional water use; tripping hazards; fruit trees considered as part of the Urban Forest Master Plan; pesticides; benches; planting in the front yard vs. the parkways; turf; permits and fees; mitigation for storm water runoff; accessibility; monitoring; code enforcement; outreach; people who have made changes already; grandfathering in changes; nuisances; non-compliance; complaint driven enforcement; the importance of defining what is acceptable; retroactive permits; a new way of thinking about the parkway areas; having a pilot program; the permit approval process; including the neighbors on either side in the process; extra requirements for edible plantings; overgrown parkways; oxygen benefits of grass; the 15-minute video produced by Transition Culver City; additional opportunities for input; the process; the draft ordinance; taking a workshop approach; water scarcity; storm water requirements; the intersection of public and private; becoming a model City; a suggestion to present the 15-minute video as part of the workshop; curb cuts; tree placement; native plantings; healthy soil; the Baldwin

Avenue Storm Water Management project; partnerships; neighborhood associations; non-profits; block parties that are work parties; concern that the ordinance will be a pile of regulations; victory gardens; creating a proactive, exciting ordinance,; creating buy-in; the feeling that people want to make a difference; liability; appreciation to staff for their efforts; the draft ordinance; sustainability; clarification that the City does not maintain parkways; keeping fees minimal for those who choose to improve their parkways; Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grants; multiple benefits from the changes; infiltration; supporting storm water and sustainability efforts; reducing water usage; realistic impacts; noticing for the workshop; full City Council participation; and next steps in the process.

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Item C-4
(Out of Sequence)

Authorization to Release a Request for Proposals to Plant Approximately 300 Trees Citywide

Vice Mayor O'Leary suggested rethinking locations for tree planting to see if there could be bio-swales and if so, if there could be funding through the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

Council Member Clarke received clarification regarding neighborhood involvement in the selection of trees.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding notification before planting trees and resident input.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PLANTING OF APPROXIMATELY 300 TREES IN VACANT CITY-OWNED PARKWAYS AND PARKS.

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Item A-4

Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Five (5) Year Memorandum of Understanding with the Culver City Police

**Officers' Association for the Period of July 1, 2014
through June 30, 2019**

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIVE (5) YEAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CULVER CITY POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019.

Council Members extended thanks to staff for their efforts.

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Item A-5

Provide Direction to the City Manager Related to Vacancies on the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission, the Disability Advisory Committee, and the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding updating the bylaws for the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board; the number of vacancies; the number of members on the Disability Advisory Committee; the vacancy on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission; having an open application period; cost effectiveness; feedback on applications; and the invitation to recommend qualified residents to serve on the Civil Grand Jury.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

(1) DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO COMMENCE WITH ADVERTISING THE VACANCIES FOR THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TARGETED FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2014; AND

(2) POSTPONE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR VACANCIES ON THE LANDLORD TENANT MEDIATION BOARD UNTIL THEIR BYLAWS CAN BE UPDATED.

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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from the City Council

Items from Council Member Clarke

- Reported that the Centennial Committee would have a draft Memorandum of Understanding to submit to the City soon along with an establish regular meeting date and time

Items from Vice Mayor O'Leary

- Reported that he would submit a letter that he had received for Captain Azran to Lieutenant Sims for a response

MOVED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER ED LITTLE AND JOSEPHINE CATHERINE TURNER, THE MOTHER OF POLICE OFFICER BUTCH TURNER.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:45 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of former Council Member Ed Little and Josephine Catherine Turner, the mother of Police Officer Butch Turner to Monday, September 8, 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