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REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 09, 2012  
6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Cafetorium in Linwood E. Howe Elementary School.

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

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**Closed Session**

At 6:03 PM, the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

**CS-1** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Re: Initiation of Litigation – Two Cases  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

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**Reconvene**

The City Council reconvened its meeting at 7:02 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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**Closed Session Report**

Mayor Weissman indicated nothing to report from closed session.

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### **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed by Desmond Burns.

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### **Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff**

Councilmember Clarke reported on Holly Mitchell's Christmas in July event occurring on Saturday, July 14, 2012.

Mayor Weissman noted that the Culver City Boulevard Music Festival would begin its concerts on Thursday July 12th at 7pm.

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### **Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda**

Mayor Weissman invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Linda V. Firth spoke about the Expo Line noise, which has affected the quality of her life and the value of her home negatively; mentioned contacting Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and her plan to contact Karen Bass and Holly Mitchell regarding noise reduction measures.

Council Member O'Leary invited Ms. Firth to attend the next Expo Board meeting and asked staff about sound testing. A discussion ensued between Councilmembers and Staff with Public Works Director Charles Herbertson, who confirmed that the City would do its own independent sound levels analysis and look at construction of sound walls to make sure that they are compliant.

Ed Firth spoke about the need to extend the sound wall, explaining that there is no wall from Fay to Robertson and that the noise resonates through the park.

Management Analyst/Deputy City Clerk Pro Tempore Jeremy Green read into the record a statement by Marta Zaragoza.

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## **Joint Consent Calendar**

### Item JC-1

#### **JOINT CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: Cash Disbursements**

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 16, 2012 - JUNE 29, 2012 BE APPROVED.

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## **Action Items**

### Item A-1

#### **Introduction of an Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 15.12, Community Facilities District Financing, to the Culver City Municipal Code.**

City Manager Nachbar requested that this item be deferred to provide more opportunities for review by the public. Mayor Weissman requested that the item be brought back in the near future. The City Council concurred with this request and no further action was taken.

### Item A-2

#### **FOURTH OF FIVE PLANNED COMMUNITY DIALOGUES ON CITY FINANCES - A Presentation from the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer on the State of City Finances and Acceptance of Public Input and Comment.**

Chief Financial Officer Muir began his PowerPoint presentation and noted that a summary of the presentation is available on the City's website and hard copies were available for the audience.

Mr. Muir's presentation focused on the revenues and expenditures in the General Fund. He touched on the major decreases in the revenues in the General Fund. Also, certain areas of expenditures have increased - especially fuel costs,

medical costs, and pension costs. The City has taken significant steps to reduce expenditures. There was an overall decrease in staffing of 12%. \$1 million in other costs were reduced. Approximately \$6 million in costs were reduced in the General Fund. These reductions included collaboration with bargaining units to implement cost reductions and implementation of the cafeteria plan with an inflation cap. A second tier of benefits was initiated for new employees.

He continued by mentioning the support of Proposition 22 - which was meant to protect local funds from being raided by the State and thereby maintain service levels to the public.

He commented on the former Culver City Redevelopment Agency and the elimination thereof by the State and the significant impacts this has had on the City.

Mr. Muir further clarified the City had a total number of positions eliminated of 78 over the past 4 years. The elimination of the Culver City Redevelopment Agency wiped out the progress the City had made. \$7 million in reserves have been used to date, with an additional \$5 million proposed to be used in FY 2012/2013.

He presented the projection of the City's general fund over the next 5 years. Unless revenues were increased or expenditures decreased, or some combination of both, the City's emergency reserves will be gone by 2017. The general fund's infrastructure investment is \$500,000, where \$2 - \$3 million is needed to upkeep infrastructure. He provided a sample of what cuts of \$7 million could look like. He presented suggestions from various departments including: Police, Fire, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, Community Development, and Administration.

Mr. Muir also discussed various options for raising revenues. He discussed various alternatives and then gave examples of the impacts of a sales tax.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Weissman invited those in the audience to share their thoughts with the City Council. Discussion involved other ways that the City could save money; corporate sponsorships, creating private/public partnerships, reduction of outside contractors; that the invocation wastes time; use of volunteers; additional ways to reduce expenses for maintenance; the state of flux that the City is in regarding planned development; Fire Department

manpower, which has been the same since the 1970s; support for a .5% versus a .75% sales tax increase; the suggestion of increasing the sales tax by 1.0%; the sunseting of any tax; increases of revenues; avoiding loss of level of service; clarification that if a sales tax of \$0.05 is approved by voters that this would maintain City services at the current level.

Mayor Weissman thanked all of those who took the time to attend this meeting.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENTS.

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### **Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)**

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

No one came forward.

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### **Items from the City Council**

#### **Items from Councilmember Sahli-Wells**

- Thanked all those who attended the meeting and especially staff members who are also residents; mentioned that staff is working to get grants to continue work at the City.

#### **Items from Vice Mayor Cooper**

- Requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory Richard Kitabayashi who died in a traffic accident and the need for additional traffic mitigation in Sunkist Park.

A discussion ensued between staff and City Councilmembers regarding various traffic mediations in Sunkist Park at Blanco; a potential traffic signal midway between the bridge and Sepulveda, the traffic study from 1997; and City Council consensus to discuss the item at a future meeting.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS

ADJOURNED THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF RICHARD  
KITABAYASHI.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 9:16 p.m., the City Council  
adjourned its meeting in memory of Richard Kitabayashi to a  
meeting on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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CITY CLERK of the City of Culver City, California  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council  
Culver City, California

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ANDREW WEISSMAN  
MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California