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CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

February 24, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Present: Jeffrey Cooper, Mayor
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Vice Mayor
Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember
Micheál O'Leary, 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 Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Re: Cassandra Griffin et al. v. Christine Dahab et al.
LASC Case No. SC117108
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

CS-2 Conference Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Re: Initiation of Litigation - (2 items)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

CS-3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 11304 Segrell Way (Former Fire Station No. 3)
City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Administrator; Anthony Davis and Jeffrey Lemen with Keller-Williams Realty
Other Parties Negotiators: Thomas James Capital Inc.

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-4 Conference Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Re: Initiation of Litigation – 1 Matter

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

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Reconvene

Mayor Cooper reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:19 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Shahinian.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Cooper indicated there was nothing to report from closed session.

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Presentation

Item P-1

Presentation in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship between Culver City and Uruapan

Marla Wolkowitz, Culver City Sister City Committee, discussed the relationship between Culver City and Uruapan, and the 50th anniversary.

Sonia Karroum, Uruapan Chair for the Sister City Committee, discussed her experiences visiting Uruapan.

Carlos Sada, Consul General of Mexico in Los Angeles, discussed the importance of sister cities.

Marla Wolkowitz, Culver City Sister Cities, introduced Culver City resident Mario Perez, who facilitated the appearance of the Consul General and presented a certificate from Sister City International to the City Council.

Mayor Cooper presented the Commendation.

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Item P-2

Presentation to Cultural Affairs Commissioner John B. Williams in Recognition of His Donation of a Baby Grand Piano for use at the Veterans Memorial Building

John B. Williams, Cultural Affairs Commissioner, related the story how he came to donate the piano to the Veterans Memorial Building.

Mayor Cooper presented the Certificate of Recognition.

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Item P-3

Presentation on the Drought Emergency as Declared by the Governor of California

Fernando Paludi, West Basin Municipal Water District, discussed Golden State Water; the upcoming rain; subnormal conditions; water providers for the City; he provided images and facts about the drought; discussed statewide water supply conditions; storage reserves; the drought declaration; and he provided information on where to find help with water conservation.

Discussion ensued between the speaker and Councilmembers regarding the importance of water use efficiency; the position of other cities; different communities with different levels of interest and engagement; Federal government funding; emergency funding; accessibility of the recycled water system; breaking habits; encouraging water conservation through children; creating a local water conservation program through the schools; funding priorities; communities incurring losses; education programs; reserves; long-term sustainable solutions; storm

water mandates; the need to change the water paradigm; working toward a sustainable, livable future; mandates; taking a holistic view; the need for fundamental changes; long-term changes; partnerships; the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Process; funding multi-purpose, integrated projects; touring water facilities; the Purple Pipe project; turf replacement; water rationing; concern with depleting reserves; the Metropolitan Water District; and the Culver City Water Conservation program.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF JIM HORWITZ, SENIOR DEPUTY TO LOS ANGELES COUNCILMEMBER BILL ROSENDAHL, AND LAURIE LANDAU LORDEN.

Councilmember O'Leary reported being reappointed as Chair of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission; he discussed their annual report; and announced that the Santa Monica Boater Guide was now available.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF SENIOR CENTER BOARD MEMBER JOY MICHAELS.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells reported joining the Los Angeles County Community Disaster Resilience Crew, and she reported an upcoming trip to Washington DC to represent Culver City at the Bike Summit.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that applications were being accepted to fill vacancies on the City's Commissions, Committees and Boards, and that poll workers were being sought for the 2014 General Municipal Election.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

June Lehrman expressed concern regarding overflights from LAX and she requested help from the City.

Mayor Cooper encouraged Ms. Lehrman to apply for the open position on the LAX Advisory Committee.

Janet Hoult discussed the drought; invasive ficus tree roots; parkways; homeowner responsibilities; trees planted by the City; and she thanked staff for the scheduled repaving of the 4300 block of Motor Avenue.

Charles Hoult cited the need for a plan to address the ficus issue in the City and made suggestions for such a plan, noting costs to homeowners.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the Street Tree Master Plan; the age of the trees; the benefits of the trees; and tree removal.

Mayola Delgado asked about the six-month Commonwealth survey; discussed options to remedy the situation; her goal to have the driveway closed; and she expressed concern with pedestrian safety.

Mayor Cooper reported that the City was working to resolve the issue with the property owner and that information would be provided.

Cary Anderson discussed issues with airplanes flying over the City; reported issues with the scheduling of tree trimming on his street; noted that since April 1, Costco had been listing their address in Marina Del Rey and not charging the increased sales tax rate; discussed using Culver City Connect to report over watering; and responsiveness of Go requests.

Councilmember O'Leary received clarification that staff was in the process of investigating the Costco sales tax issue.

Raef Patel, King Fahad Mosque, thanked the City for changes to parking in the area; discussed pedestrian crossing on Washington Boulevard and citations; and he requested consideration of installing a crosswalk at Huron Avenue.

Mayor Cooper indicated that the City would investigate the matter.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that additional correspondence for item A-1 would be included in the motion.

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

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: Cash Disbursements

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2014.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-1 AND C-2.

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014.

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Item C-2

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Culver City and the Culver City Senior Citizens Association

Kay Heineman, Culver City Senior Citizens Association, expressed support for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Sharon Hyland-Elstein, President of the Culver City Senior Citizens Association, thanked the City Council for their support.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CULVER CITY AND THE CULVER CITY SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.; 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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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of the Naming of a Seat in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers in Honor of Culver City Resident Kay Lyou

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Linda Shahinian provided background on the item and asked for City Council support.

Joe Lyou thanked the City Council for their consideration and asked for support of the item.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding making information accessible concerning the people honored with plaques; the importance of honoring deserving community members; and appreciation for Ms. Lyou's commitment and actions.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO NAME A SEAT IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN HONOR OF CULVER CITY RESIDENT KAY LYOU.

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Item A-2

FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - (1) Receipt and Filing of the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Mid-Year General Fund Budget Monitoring Report, (2) Receipt and Filing of the General Fund Financial Forecast, and (3) Approval of Proposed Budget Amendments

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding savings; personnel costs; impacts of conversions to creative office in the Hayden Tract; the re-imagining of Fox Hills; Measure Y; risk factors; natural disasters; when to declare a State of Emergency; documenting losses in a natural emergency; a request for additional information to the City Council; the breakdown of property tax dollars; long-term trends; effects of conservation efforts; other revenue sources as taxes and fees decline over time; competitiveness with other cities; the Finance Advisory Committee; reductions to expenditures; pension reform; things taken away from local government in the last two decades; income streams; the City's share of property taxes received; money coming back to the City from the state; and deferred maintenance.

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson expressed concern with businesses in the City not paying the proper taxes; vending machines; loss of parking revenue in the City; and he asked that Sunday meters be brought back.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding clarification that the City does not implement sales taxes; the State Board of Equalization; long-term projections; the Employee Relations Subcommittee of the League of California Cities; CalPERS; mortality increase projections; appreciation for the long-term thinking of staff; the importance of transparency; the expanded role of Commissions in the budget process; the Finance Advisory Committee; kudos to Mary Noller; mortality rate increases for Public Safety; the School Board Bond Issue in June; impacts to City revenues; the arts district; and bringing business to the City.

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

- (1) RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL 2013/2014 MID-YEAR REPORT AS PROVIDED IN ATTACHMENT 1; AND
- (2) APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS PROPOSED IN ATTACHMENT 2. **A BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRES A 4/5THS VOTE, AND**
- (3) RECEIVE AND FILE THE GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL FORECAST AS PROVIDED IN ATTACHMENT 3.

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Item A-3

Notification to Public Inviting Comment and Input During the Budget Process for Fiscal Year 2014/2015

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

There was no response and no cards were received.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding staff emphasis on the ability of the public to participate in the public process; online tools to provide input;

marketing; opportunities for Commissions to review the budget and provide comment; timeline; the process; commenting on the workplan; Commission input on priorities; the e-mail address to send suggestions to; and the budget calendar.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

David Voncannon, Tellefson Park Neighborhood Association, reminded the City Council of a promise to study traffic patterns around the Mosque and Tilden Terrace; discussed increased traffic; and suggested a study to determine whether a crosswalk could be justified in the area.

John Nachbar, City Manager indicated that staff would look into the matter.

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Items from the City Council

Items from Councilmember O'Leary

- Requested assistance from staff on questions he had on certain documents

Items from Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Reported that State Senator Holly Mitchell had introduced SB1132 to put a moratorium on fracking

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the letter of support for the Bill.

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Adjournment

February 24, 2014

There being no further business, at 10:31 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of Jim Horwitz, Laurie Landau Lorden, and Joy Michaels to Monday, March 10, 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

JEFFREY COOPER
MAYOR of Culver City, California