

MEETING DATE: 04/13/15

AGENDA ITEM: (1) Discussion of City Council Oil Drilling Subcommittee's and Staff's Recommendation for an Environmental Consultant (BonTerra Psomas) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Inglewood Oil Field Specific Plan Project (Project); (2) Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with BonTerra Psomas for the Preparation of the Project EIR in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$305,080; and (3) Authorization to the City Manager for Approval of Amendments to the Agreement in an Amount Not-to-Exceed 25%.

ATTACHMENTS

Pages

1. Resolution No. 2014-R054

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2 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-R 054

3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY,
4 CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO INITIATE A SPECIFIC PLAN
5 FOR THE CULVER CITY PORTION OF THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD.

6 WHEREAS, approximately 100 acres of the active surface area of the
7 Inglewood Oil Field is located within the jurisdiction of the City of Culver City; and

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9 WHEREAS, in October of 2008, Los Angeles County adopted the Baldwin Hills
10 Community Standards District establishing regulations for oil and gas production activities in
11 the remaining approximately 900 acres of the active surface area of the Inglewood Oil Field;
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14 WHEREAS, the existing regulations for the Culver City portion of the Inglewood
15 Oil Field (the "Oil Field") were last updated in 2003. Since that time, there has been new
16 information relating to oil drilling impacts and technological developments; and

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18 WHEREAS, the City Council, Culver City residents and the surrounding
19 community have expressed significant concerns regarding uncertain impacts on the public
20 health and safety and the environment, which may occur as a result of oil and gas operations
21 in the Oil Field; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Oil Field is located within the Southeastern Sub-Area of the
24 General Plan and in the Focused Special Study area known as the Blair Hills/Baldwin Hills
25 Area. A Focused Special Study area is an area that has been identified as having special
26 needs or conditions that would benefit from detailed investigations which may address issues
27 such as allowable land use patterns, design standards, zoning and other property
28 development standards. They may include detailed regulations, conditions, programs and

1 proposed designations supplemental to the General Plan, including infrastructure
2 requirements, resource conservation and implementation measures, and identify potential
3 changes in land use that may be appropriate to meet future needs; and

4 WHEREAS, since oil and gas production is such a specialized land use, the
5 development of a Specific Plan for the active Oil Field is appropriate and useful to further
6 address the community's concerns regarding the impacts of oil and gas operations and is
7 consistent with the goals and intent of the Blair Hills/Baldwin Hills Focused Special Study
8 area; and

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10 WHEREAS, in order to initiate a Specific Plan, a resolution of intention by the
11 City Council is required; and

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13 WHEREAS, on June 23, 2014, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public
14 meeting and considered all public comment regarding this Resolution of Intention.

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16 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City DOES HEREBY
17 RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

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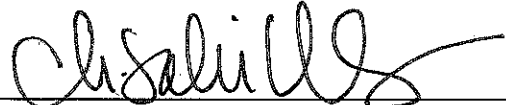
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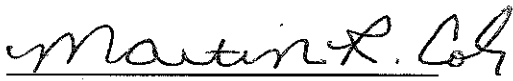
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1 The City Council hereby authorizes City staff to initiate the process for the
2 development of a Specific Plan for the Culver City portion of the Inglewood Oil Field, in
3 accordance with Chapter 17.570 (Specific Plans) of the Culver City Municipal Code and
4 State law, including the California Environmental Quality Act.
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6 APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2014.
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9 MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS, Mayor
10 City of Culver City, California

11 ATTESTED BY:

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13 MARTIN R. COLE, City Clerk
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney