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CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

August 12, 2013
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
Micheál O'Leary, Councilmember
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember

Absent: Jim B. Clarke, 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: 9300 Culver Blvd. (Parcel B)

City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager/Executive Director; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director/Assistant Executive Director, and Todd Tipton, Economic Development Administrator

Other Parties Negotiators: The Whole 9

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 Real Property Negotiators

Re: Communications Tower Located in Culver City Park

City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Martin R. Cole, Assistant City Manager

Other Parties Negotiators: Unknown
Under Negotiation: Both Terms and Price
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-3 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Re: Initiation of Litigation – 1 Matter
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

CS-4 Conference with Labor Negotiators
City designated representatives: City Manager John Nachbar,
Director of Human Resources Serena Wright
Employee Organizations: Culver City Employees Association,
Culver City Management Group, Culver City Police Officers'
Association, Culver City Police Management Group, Culver City
Firefighters' Association Local 1927, AFL-CIO, Culver City Fire
Management Group; Executive Management
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

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Reconvene

Mayor Cooper reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:11
p.m. with four Councilmembers present (absent Councilmember
Clarke).

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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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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

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Presentations

Item P-1

A Proclamation in Honor of the 2013 Fiesta La Ballona

Ronnie Jayne introduced members of the Fiesta La Ballona Committee and thanked City staff, volunteers and sponsors for their work to make the Fiesta possible.

Councilmember O'Leary presented the proclamation.

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Item P-2

Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Maritza Garcia for Successful Completion of the Culver City Family Self Sufficiency Program

Mayor Cooper presented the certificate of recognition along with a check from the City to Maritza Garcia.

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Item P-3

Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to former Planning Commissioner John Kuechle

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells presented the certificate of recognition to John Kuechle.

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Item P-4

Presentation from Culver City Students on their Visit to Culver City's Sister City of Iksan City, South Korea

Marla Wolkowitz, Culver City Sister City Committee, reported correspondence received regarding requests for additional sister cities and introduced the presentation.

Barbara Honig provided a presentation on the visit of the Culver City students to Iksan City, South Korea; discussed the student selection process; reported being invited to send a delegation to the Chrysanthemum Festival; and she

invited everyone to attend the Sister Cities Quarterly Membership event on September 8 at Syd Kronenthal Park.

Culver City student Leo reported on his experience visiting Iksan City, South Korea.

Mayor Cooper thanked the Sister City Committee for their work.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells reported that a delegation from Kaizuka, Japan had visited Culver City for 10 days; a request for help from the City by Uruapan, Mexico; attending a regional meeting for Los Angeles County Mayors representing Mayor Cooper; attending National Night Out in Lindbergh Park; and that active shooter training had been held at the High School.

Councilmember O'Leary discussed the active shooter training at the High School, and he reported that the Kelp Rocky Reef Habitat Restoration Program of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission had been on the front page of the Los Angeles Times.

Mayor Cooper thanked the Fox Hills Neighborhood Association for sponsoring the Fox Hills Park Clean Up Day on August 10, and he reported on the June 29 Household Hazardous E-Waste Collection event.

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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:

Bill Wynn, Culver City Democratic Club, reported a special election on September 17 for the State Senate and announced a Democratic Club Candidates Forum on August 14.

Ben Verheiden provided photos and expressed concern with the Culver City bus fleet; discussed Santa Monica buses; his efforts to address concerns with staff; and he expressed

willingness to work with the City to eliminate the dependence on fracking.

Mayor Cooper indicated that Mr. Verheiden's information would be given to the Transportation Department.

Brett Gordon expressed concern with the City bus fleet, and he discussed his experience trying to contact the City regarding his concerns.

Robert Zirgulis discussed the recreational schedule for the swimming pool; swimming on Sunday; the Natatorium; a joint use agreement with the School District; and he invited everyone to attend a meet and greet on August 17 at his house to discuss the School Board election and how to fix the Natatorium.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that included in correspondence received were several comments received and distributed to Councilmembers and made part of the record with respect to parking meters on Jefferson and comments on the Stoneview EIR.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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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 SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH

DISBURSEMENTS FOR JULY 13, 2013 - AUGUST 2, 2013. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, C-6 AND C-7. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

Councilmember O'Leary received clarification that Donna LeBlanc had spoken to Traffic Engineering Manager Gabe Garcia.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells noted that she had abstained from one of the Safe Routes to School items included in the minutes because of the location of her home and she clarified that the intersection in question is Lucerne and Duquesne, not Lucerne and Lafayette as written.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF JULY 8, 2013 AND JULY 22, 2013 AS CORRECTED.

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Item C-2

Adoption of an Ordinance - Housing Element Related Zoning Code Text Amendments: ZCA P-2012006 Affecting Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, and Supportive Housing; and Zoning Code Amendment, ZCA P-2012040 Affecting Single Room Occupancy Housing and Reasonable Accommodations

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, ZCA P-2012006 AND ZCA P-2012040.

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Item C-3

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Time Warner Cable for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on Bristol Parkway

THAT THE CITY:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER CABLE; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-5
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Approving a One (1) Year Memorandum of Understanding with the Culver City Employees' Association for the Period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE (1) YEAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CULVER CITY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 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-6

Adoption of a Resolution Approving a One (1) Year Memorandum of Understanding with the Culver City Management Group for the Period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

THAT THE CITY:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE (1) YEAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CULVER CITY MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 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-7

Adoption of a Resolution Approving Salary Schedules for Public Safety Employees in Accordance with the Voter Approved Salary Initiative Ordinance

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY SCHEDULES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S VOTER APPROVED SALARY INITIATIVE ORDINANCE.

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Item C-4
(Out of Sequence)

Approval of Agreements to Provide Real Estate Marketing and Sale Services with 1) Keller-Williams for the City Owned Property Located at 11304 Segrell Way; and 2) Cavanaugh Realtors for the City Owned Property Located at 10745 Cranks Road

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Dar Lang-Lois expressed concern with issues related to the fire station #3 on Segrell Way being demolished.

Todd Tipton, Economic Development Administrator, clarified that the item was to approve an agreement with real estate brokers to sell the property; he discussed the process; communication with the surrounding area; and zoning.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding use of the property; accommodations for the common wall; re-use of the existing fire station building; zoning; concerns of the neighborhood; including the residents in the process; and whether the property could be used for anything other than an R-1 project.

Tad Lang-Lois discussed the history of the property; he expressed support for three single-family residences at that location; he did not want to see Section 8 Housing or apartments on the site; he noted that his mother wished that the firehouse would return; and he suggested that Segrell Way be made into a cul de sac.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AGREEMENTS WITH I) KELLER-WILLIAMS TO MARKET AND SELL THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11304 SEGRELL WAY; AND, II) CAVANAUGH REALTORS TO MARKET AND SELL THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10745 CRANKS ROAD; 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-8
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution (1) Establishing Parking Meter Fees (Including a New Parking Meter Rate of \$0.25 Per Hour at 10-Hour Time-Limited Parking Meters Citywide), the Time Period Covered by Such Fees, the Time of Operation for the Parking Meter Locations, and (2) Rescinding Resolution Number 2012-R011

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson expressed support for the item and requested that the meters in the downtown area receive the same parking meter rate; he discussed staff status quo; sunseting of parking restrictions; resolutions; parking turnover; and employee parking in neighborhoods.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding going back to 11:00 p.m. parking in downtown; the existing resolution; subsequent action after the resolution; existing time limits; resolving downtown parking structure issues with the state; consistency with signage, the resolution and enforcement; The Walker Parking Study; clarity for members of the public; changes to the language on Section 1 on page 480; the item being considered; previous action on the item; expiration of the time limit; taking action to change the time back; and agreement to change wording.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PARKING METER FEES (INCLUDING A NEW PARKING METER RATE OF \$0.25 PER HOUR AT 10-HOUR TIME-LIMITED PARKING METERS CITYWIDE), THE TIME PERIOD COVERED BY SUCH FEES, THE TIME OF OPERATION FOR THE PARKING METER LOCATIONS, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2012-R011 AS AMENDED TO REFLECT THE ENFORCEMENT PERIOD OF 8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS AS INDICATED BY POSTED SIGNS OR ON THE METER FACE.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-4 AND C-8. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that the previously approved RFQ to repair and modernize the voting system would open on August 15, 2013.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

(Continued)

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Bill Maxwell questioned who had jurisdiction over Hetzler Road and he expressed concern regarding traffic by the Overlook and frustration with the lack of enforcement to ensure that pedestrians adhere to signs requiring them to walk on the walkway.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer, reported that Hetzler Road is not a Culver City roadway, but rather is a private road with an easement for the park; he indicated that the City was working with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to build a pathway adjacent to the road to allow the state parks to enforce pedestrians walking on the walkway; he clarified that Culver City had no jurisdiction over the area and that the Park Ranger handled enforcement; and he suggested that the Police Department be queried as to their jurisdiction in the matter.

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Order of the Agenda

Mayor Cooper indicated that due to the number of public speakers, Item A-4 would be taken out of order.

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Action Items

Item A-4
(Out of Sequence)

(1) Adoption of a Resolution (a) Establishing Specific Locations for the Installation of Parking Meters Within the City's Parking Meter Zones (Including New Meters on Jefferson Boulevard, Between Overland Avenue and the Easterly City Boundary and at 8520 National Boulevard), and (b) Rescinding Resolution Number 2011-R012; (2) Direction to

the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Install Parking Meters in Such Locations; (3) Approval of an Agreement Authorizing the Purchase of 425 New Parking Meter Housings and Four New Multi-Space Parking Meter Stations for Such Locations from Duncan Parking Technologies, Inc.; (4) Approve an Agreement with IPS for the Purchase of 100 Additional New Technology Parking Meters; and (5) Approve an Agreement with James Oh Construction for the Installation of the Parking Meter Posts

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, summarized emails received since the posting of the agenda; noted that it was not the intention of staff that residents would have to pay to park at a meter; he clarified that Jefferson Boulevard is an arterial street and not considered to be residential; he proposed that parking meter consideration be continued along with a residential parking meter permit to be considered at a later date; and he summarized the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the reason for enforcement on Raintree when there is no metering after 6:00 p.m. or on weekends; delaying consideration of the issue until the residential parking permit program can be clarified; employee parking in the area; the need for parking meters; exempting residents and visitors from paying at the meter; and costs involved.

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Sheri Penney, Raintree Condo Association, described the Association, expressed opposition to the meters and noted that Councilmember Clarke is a resident of Raintree.

Rocio Jiminez expressed opposition to the installation of meters and to smart cards.

Stuart Smith, Tara Hill Homeowners, expressed opposition to the installation of parking meters and thanked staff for having a compromise ready but indicated that it would not work for them.

Angie Kirk expressed opposition to the installation of parking meters; noted that businesses across the street had been good neighbors; discussed who parks in the parking

spaces; the view of Culver City as a residentially friendly City; her decision to buy her condo; pride in ownership; and she asserted that the area was clearly residential.

ChaCha Gonzalez asserted that if meters were installed that she would be displaced and she expressed opposition to the installation of meters.

Linda Bartlett, Tara Hill Homeowners Association, expressed opposition to the installation of meters and she suggested that existing meters be taken out.

Matt Norcia, Tara Hills Homeowners Association, expressed opposition to the installation of meters; concern with guest parking; concern with a potential drop in property values; and opposition to the suggestion to use smart cards.

Muriel Kinchin expressed opposition to the use of smart cards and the installation of meters, and concern with a potential decline in property values.

Erin Kinchin discussed the existing parking meters across the street; street cleaning; and she expressed opposition to the installation of new meters.

Bernadette Dollard expressed opposition to the installation of meters on Jefferson Boulevard; she asserted that Jefferson is a residential street; and she noted that there was no guest parking available in Tara Hill.

Randy Schweisow expressed opposition to the installation of meters on Jefferson Boulevard; appreciation to those who came out to speak on the item; opposition to the proposed smart card; and concern with increased traffic due to drivers circling the area looking for parking.

Marcy Sookne expressed opposition to the installation of parking meters and the smart card; she discussed the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook; parking in Lindbergh Park; employee parking; the existing meters; and she expressed concern with guest parking.

Randy Arizmendiz echoed previous comments opposing the installation of meters on Jefferson.

Eric Nelson expressed opposition to the installation of meters on Jefferson Boulevard and to the smart cards; he

echoed concerns regarding parking in Lindbergh Park; he discussed visitor parking; and he requested equal treatment for everyone.

Suzanne Nelson reported serving on the Board of Tara Hill and she expressed opposition to the installation of meters and to smart cards.

Debbie Wallace expressed opposition to the installation of parking meters.

Cary Anderson discussed residential permit parking; intrusion parking from employees; different groups of people that park in the area; and he suggested that residential permit parking be enforced.

Arthur Kassan, Raintree Townhouse Association, indicated that he was speaking on behalf of the Association; expressed opposition to the item; concern with the lack of public outreach or access to information on the item and with metered parking adjacent to residential development; he discussed City Council policy direction; the rationale for installation; on-site parking supplies; guest parking spaces; residential vs. business use; and he asked that the City work with residents to come up with a plan to serve City goals without negatively impacting the residential community.

Paul Jacobs, Raintree Townhouse Association, discussed parking for Raintree; the staff report; the recommendation to install parking meters based on the erroneous assumption that adequate parking exists for Raintree; City Council policy; installation of parking meters on residential frontage; and the plan to negate the parking meters.

Jeremy Green, Management Analyst, read comments into the record submitted by:

Genaro Curiel
Marvin Ridgeley
Kyle T. Heffner
Shirley Jaffe
Lewis Aaronson
Jay Messick
Stephen Young

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the public process; the need for parking in the area; the Hetzler Road area; support for eliminating the Jefferson portion of the meters; opposition to the smart card idea; support for the public input received; the need to recognize Jefferson as a residential corridor; background on the item; concerns with safe pedestrian crossing; competition for non-metered parking; efforts to reduce the amount traffic generated by cars trying to find parking; finding other ways to eliminate existing problems; the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook; concern with creating a domino effect by placing meters by the Overlook; concern that benefits to metered parking would not be worth the issues created by their installation; previous City Council direction; residential corridors; the commercial/industrial character of the corridor east of Raintree through the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook; existing problems; traffic conflicts; pedestrian related issues; promoting parking turnover; making the area more available; and a request for meters by business owners on National Boulevard in front of Media Temple.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION (A) ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS WITHIN THE CITY'S PARKING METER ZONES (INCLUDING NEW METERS ON JEFFERSON BOULEVARD, BETWEEN EAST OF RAINTREE TO HETZLER ROAD AND AT 8520 NATIONAL BOULEVARD), (B) DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO INSTALL PARKING METERS IN SUCH LOCATIONS, AND (C) RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R012; AND,
2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE FROM IPS GROUP, INC. OF 100 NEW TECHNOLOGY PARKING METERS, SETUP AND INSTALLATION, 2500 RECHARGEABLE PARKING CARDS, RECHARGE STATION, SIGNAGE, SPARE PARTS, AND FREIGHT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$86,344.63; AND,
3. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE FROM DUNCAN PARKING TECHNOLOGIES, INC., OF A) 4 PAY-BY-SPACE MULTI-SPACE PARKING METER PAY STATIONS, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,345.76; AND B) 425 NEW PARKING METER HOUSING UNITS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$97,728.75, PLUS SHIPPING,
4. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH JAMES OH CONSTRUCTION, FOR INSTALLATION OF PARKING METER POSTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,998.00; AND,

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

6. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that she had voted against the item because she did not believe there should be meters at the Baldwin Hills Overlook.

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Item A-3
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Transmitting to the County of Los Angeles the Official City Response to the June 2013 Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Stoneview Nature Center Project Located at 5950 Stoneview Drive

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided a summary of the material of record and he reported on correspondence received.

Mayor Cooper received clarification regarding available free parking.

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Jim Davis discussed his involvement with the purchase of the property for the Baldwin Hills Oversight; he noted concerns about parking meters at the Overlook; discussed the park system; improvements; vehicular impacts to the area; the width of Stoneview Drive; problems with the school; concern with the pipeline; and plans for the pipeline.

Mim Shapiro expressed appreciation to the City Council for their efforts; she discussed Blair Hills Park; changes to the population in the area; the history of the area; and she did not want the City to do anything that would allow more traffic in the neighborhood.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding impacts to the City; mitigations; comments submitted to Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas; the Mitigated Negative Declaration; the pipeline; seismic activity; parking issues; Hetzler Road; popularity of the location; the process; appreciation to staff for their diligence; the County; the lack of a traffic study; inadequate parking at the Overlook; comparisons to the previous use; trip generation; preferred alternative site access; next steps for the park; parking calculations; construction issues; and availability of information regarding the pipeline.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI- WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TRANSMITTING THE OFFICIAL CITY RESPONSE TO THE JUNE 2013 INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED STONEVIEW NATURE CENTER PROJECT LOCATED AT 5950 STONEVIEW DRIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-2
(Out of Sequence)

Consideration of a Culver City Arts District Organization and Sponsorship of Cooperative Economic Development and Marketing Program

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Marla Koosed questioned whether Ms. Byers or Ms. Obrow had been contacted to be involved in the process; she discussed banners; the Art in Public Places program; temporary art installations; art in medians; the police and fire/safety

situation around art gallery openings; and she noted that the suggestions would not cost the City but rather encourage the City to use existing knowledgeable staff and the Cultural Affairs Commission.

Elena Sweda Neff expressed support for formalization of the arts district; discussed the importance of arts in the economy; cuts to National Endowment of the Arts funding; funding and policies at the Federal level; benefits to encouraging cities to invest in the arts to drive economic development; cultural benefits; arts as an economic engine; the local economy; benefits to all sectors of the economy; the Urban Land Institute; and the importance of collaboration.

Seth Horowitz, The Culver Hotel, expressed support for establishing a Culver City Arts District; he hoped for a tie-in to downtown; and discussed coherent transportation solutions.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding district stakeholders taking a leadership role in what goes on in their area; the Downtown Business Association; support for City assistance to the district; clarification regarding City sponsorship; the nature of the City's involvement; engaging the business community; creating public/private partnerships; City Council policy with regard to the placement of banners; economic development programs related to the arts district; implementation of the workplan approved by the City Council; appreciation to staff for their efforts; working with existing arts professionals on staff; a suggestion to update faded signage in the area; work with the Common Good Collective; transportation; parking; monthly events; creating a TAP card connected to the arts district; improving landscaping in the medians; art openings along La Cienega; unifying the area and making it safer; Artwalk; closing down Washington Boulevard for art events; alternative forms of transportation; positive economic impacts of the arts; the post redevelopment era; and efforts of the City to help improve districts.

MOVED BY VICE-MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. RECOGNIZE THE ORGANIZATION OF PROPERTY AND BUSINESS OWNERS AS THE CULVER CITY ARTS DISTRICT; AND

2. DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO SPONSOR FUTURE COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING ACTIVITIES FOR THE AREA THROUGH IN KIND SERVICES IN THE FORM OF STAFF TIME SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SUCH TIME. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-1
(Out of Sequence)

(1) Designation of the City's Voting Delegate and up to Two Alternate-Delegates and (2) Taking of Positions on the Two Policy Resolutions Submitted to the General Assembly for the League of California Cities

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY VICE-MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: DESIGNATE MAYOR COOPER AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AND COUNCILMEMBERS O'LEARY AND VICE-MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AS VOTING DELEGATE-ALTERNATES; AND,

2. TAKE THE SUPPORT POSITIONS REGARDING THE TWO RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE VOTING DELEGATE AND VOTING DELEGATE-ALTERNATES TO CAST VOTES EXERCISING REASONABLE DISCRETION IN THE CASE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WARRANT A CHANGE IN VOTE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Items from the City Council

Items from Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Received City Council consensus for future consideration of an agenda item to consider sponsorship of EarthFest Los Angeles at West LA College on September 28

John Nachbar, City Manager, reported that based upon very late notice, Expo would be doing grinding on the rails from 9:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on August 12, 2013.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:37 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to a meeting on Monday, August 26, 2013 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

August 12, 2013

JEFFREY COOPER
MAYOR of Culver City, California