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CITY COUNCIL, THE
CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND THE
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor O'Leary called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

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

Note: The City Council also sits as Members of the Governing Board(s) convened as part of the Meeting.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by City Manager John Nachbar and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Popkin.

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Presentations

Item P-1

A Proclamation Designating October as National Arts and Humanities Month

Council Member Sahli-Wells presented the Proclamation.

Regina Klein, Cultural Affairs Commission Chair, thanked the City for the honor and for the support.

Thomas Small, Cultural Affairs Commissioner; Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin, Cultural Affairs Foundation Board Chair; Angus MacDonald, Monarch Theatre Guild; Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra; Dr. Janet Hoult, Culver City Artist Laureate; Laura Boccaletti, Culver City Public Theatre; and Heidi Dotson, Culver City Public Theatre, discussed arts and events in the City.

Regina Klein discussed the vibrant arts available in the City and presented Council Members with *Culver City Can Do Kits*.

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Item P-2

Presentation of a Proclamation Designating October as Disability Awareness Month in Culver City

Mayor O'Leary presented the Proclamation.

Dr. Jay Shery, Chair of the Disability Advisory Committee, thanked the City Council for the Proclamation and invited everyone to attend the Kids Carnival on October 18 at the Culver City Senior Center.

Dr. Robert Montgomery, Member of the Disability Advisory Committee, presented bags to the City Council commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Item P-3

Presentation of a Commendation to the Culver City Exchange Club for its Contributions to the Disabled Community in Culver City

Council Member Cooper presented the commendation.

The former president of the Exchange Club Bruce Popkin thanked the City for the honor.

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Item P-4

Presentation of a Commendation to Marilyn Techtow for her Contributions to the Disabled Community in Culver City

Council Member Clarke presented the Commendation.

Marilyn Techtow thanked the City for the honor.

Council Member Cooper noted that Ms. Techtow has been his mail carrier, and he praised her for her positive demeanor.

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**Community Announcements by City Council Members/
Information Items from Staff**

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF LEAH NICO, MARLA OSBAND, AND BOB CLARKE.

Mayor O'Leary announced A Taste of West Washington on October 17; IndieCade on October 23-25; and the Asian World Film Festival from October 26 - November 2 at the ArcLight Cinemas.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Dave White, Fire Chief, provided a presentation outlining plans to address the heavy and extended rainfall predicted this winter noting that preparations are being undertaken by all City departments; discussed Community Messaging; communication and information sharing; the creation of an informational plan available on the City website; sand and sandbags available to residents; training for Emergency Operations Center staff; individual department efforts;

clearing storm drains; portable water pumps; training in various departments; and encouragement to residents and businesses to take action to be prepared.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding encouragement for residents to prepare; power outages; what to prepare for; those in hillside communities; past El Nino events; presentations at Neighborhood Association meetings; appreciation to the City staff for being proactive; individual responsibility; coordination with Community Emergency Response Teams; and the Great Shakeout on October 15.

Mayor O'Leary announced that the comment period for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan California Water Fix had been extended to October 30, and he encouraged everyone to weigh in with their comments; reported that Michael Bloomberg, UN Secretary General Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change, had asked the City to share details to showcase the City's climate action activities; and he acknowledged David McNeill, Executive Officer of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, in the audience.

Scott Houston, West Basin Municipal Water District Board, reported concerns with El Niño; discussed the need for heavy snow packs in the north; thanked Mayor O'Leary for attending the West Basin Drought Forum; and he invited everyone to attend the Annual West Basin Municipal Water District's Harvest Festival on October 24 at the Ed C. Little Water Recycling Facility in El Segundo.

David Johnson, Major League Softball, provided background on the organization; discussed quality control; the business model; information provided regarding participation numbers and customer input; the Fall league; demand and capacity; programming techniques; and he asserted that they had met and exceeded the City's program and financial goals.

Dr. Janet Hault, Honorary Artist Laureate, read a poem about Arts and Humanities month.

June Lehrman, the City's Representative on the LAX Community Noise Roundtable and representing Culver City for Quiet Skies, discussed changes in the flight paths overhead; invited everyone to attend a No Fly rally on

October 24 to challenge the Federal Aviation Administration redrawing of airspace nationwide; discussed comments submitted; public pressure; and she encouraged everyone to seize the opportunity to influence the FAA.

Ken Palmer reported a jet flying over his house every two minutes; asked for advice on what to do; and he invited the City Council to attend the No Fly rally on October 24.

Council Member Sahli-Wells noted that the public comment period was not a dialogue; she reported that she is directly under the flight path; asserted that the City Council is very proactive on the issue; discussed the extension of the comment period; the need to continue efforts even though the comment period is over; she suggested ways to provide feedback; altitudes and flight paths; and she clarified the inability of the City Council to regulate the skies.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding legislation introduced in Congress to put a moratorium on the FAA's enactment of the changes; examining whether to support the legislation; actions of the City regarding the item; the LAX expansion; and impacts to the City.

Scott Morchower discussed the increase in airplane noise over the City in the past several months; altitudes; he felt the rally on October 24 would be important to join Culver City with other cities in the nation; he urged everyone to get involved; discussed the rerouting of flights; those that are not experiencing noise now but may in the future; the potential bill in Congress; reining in the FAA; the lack of public input; and he noted the importance of speaking up.

Mark Herscovitz echoed the comments of previous speakers regarding increasing noise from overflights in the City; he reported writing the FAA and his congressional representatives; discussed the change in flight altitude; support for legal action if necessary; he asked for help from the City Council; and he expressed concern that the issue would only get worse.

Mayor O'Leary indicated that he was not experiencing the changes, and he asked to be invited to experience the impacts of the changes.

Council Member Clarke asked the previous speakers to sign up for notifications so they can be apprised of what the City is doing to address the issues.

Laura Boccaletti thanked the City Council, Cultural Affairs Commission, and the Cultural Affairs Foundation for their support, and she introduced Heidi Dotson to tell everyone about Pretend Lab.

Heidi Dotson, Pretend Lab, announced *Slew Foot Sue and the Legend of the Headless Miner* in Carlson Park at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on October 31; she discussed the mission of Pretend Lab; and she provided contact information.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Jeremy Green, Deputy City Clerk, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-9
(Out of Sequence)

FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: (1) Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Application for Proposition 84 Grant Funds from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for the Culver City/Park to Playa - Ballona Creek Connection Project in the Amount of \$336,043; and, (2) Approval of a Budget Amendment to Appropriate the Funding for this Project Upon Receipt of the Fully Executed Grant Agreement

David McNeill, Baldwin Hills Conservancy, expressed support for the item; thanked the City for their work on the upcoming Hetzler Road Improvement Project; thanked Director of Public Works/City Engineer Charles Herbertson for his efforts; discussed AB 446 to extend the sunset date for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy; and he introduced the new Project Manager for Prop 84.

Council Member Sahli-Wells thanked David McNeill for his work; discussed the Parks to Playa project; access to Kenneth Hahn Park; the proposal to remove the north pedestrian

crosswalk on Duquesne and Jefferson leading to Culver City Park, the Dog Park and the Overlook; solicitation of input from residents; and she suggested resisting the temptation to remove it.

Council Member Clarke reported that the Parking and Traffic Subcommittee of the City Council would be considering the item, and he discussed the impetus behind consideration of removing the crosswalk.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 84 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY FOR THE CULVER CITY/PARK TO PLAYA - BALLONA CREEK CONNECTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$336,043; AND,
2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT UPON RECEIPT OF THE FULLY EXECUTED GRANT AGREEMENT. (FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIRED)

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Item C-4
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of Resolution Extending Suspension of the Collection of Business Tax for Itinerant Motion Picture/Television Producers for an Additional 10 Years

Council Member Sahli-Wells questioned how to impress upon the companies that additional information is necessary to quantify the benefit and inform the City to enable them to make decisions going forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding information provided by Sony; a suggestion to write to the companies to request information; City Council support of the suspension; clarification that the City can revisit the issue at any time; putting the request for information in writing; and the lack of response to the previous request for regular reports.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SUSPENSION OF THE COLLECTION OF BUSINESS TAX FOR ITINERANT MOTION PICTURE/TELEVISION PRODUCERS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10 YEARS (TO FEBRUARY 8, 2026).

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Item C-7
(Out of Sequence)

Approval of an Agreement with Comet Electric in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$750,980.73 for the Energy Efficiency Streetlight Upgrade Project (PZ-684) and Related Budget Amendment to Provide Up-Front Funding

Council Member Sahli-Wells expressed support for the energy and financial savings realized by the change and the reduction of light leakage; discussed the pilot program on Lafayette; dimmable features on LED lights; and expanding the program throughout the City.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer, discussed the pilot program; the program moving forward; reflecting the lights back down to the ground; installing shields to help prevent light leakage; and the dimmable option.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) APPROVE AN AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$750,980.73 WITH COMET ELECTRIC FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY STREETLIGHT UPGRADE PROJECT, PZ-684; 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; AND,
- 4) APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,980.00 TO PROVIDE UP-FRONT FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT (A BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE).

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Item C-1

CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEM: Cash Disbursements for September 19, 2015 - October 2, 2015

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 - OCTOBER 2, 2015.

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Item C-2

**CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEM:
Meeting Minutes**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015.

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Item C-3

(1) City Council Consideration of the Level of Financial Assistance to Provide to and City Sponsorship of the 2016 "Taste of the Nation" Charitable Fundraising Event Produced by the Non-Profit Organization Share our Strength; and (2) Successor Agency Consideration of a Request for Waiver of the \$500 Rental Fee for Use of the 9300 Culver Boulevard Property and the \$450 Rental Fee for Use of Old Washington Boulevard as Valet Parking Spaces

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. DETERMINE TO PROVIDE IN-KIND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SHARE OUR STRENGTH FOR ITS TASTE OF THE NATION EVENT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016 AT MEDIA PARK IN AN AMOUNT OF \$4,000; AND,
2. DESIGNATE THE TASTE OF THE NATION EVENT AS A CITY-SPONSORED EVENT.

THAT THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD: WAIVE \$1,150 IN FEES AS FOLLOWS: \$500 RENTAL FEE FOR USE OF THE 9300 CULVER BOULEVARD PROPERTY FOR THE TASTE OF THE NATION EVENT, THE \$200 FEE FOR USE OF MEDIA PARK, AND THE \$450 RENTAL FEE FOR USE OF OLD WASHINGTON BOULEVARD PROPERTY FOR USE AS VALET PARKING SPACES.

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Item C-5

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Updated Drug and Alcohol Policy for the Transportation Department Consistent with City Council Policy 4004 and Federal Mandates

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT'S UPDATED DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY.

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Item C-6

Receive and File the Measure Y Sales Tax Status Report as Approved by the Finance Advisory Committee

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: RECEIVE AND FILE THE MEASURE Y SALES TAX STATUS REPORT.

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Item C-8

Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application in the Amount of \$778,500 of Baldwin Hills Conservancy Proposition 1 Grant Funds

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$778,500 OF BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 1 GRANT FUNDS.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-9.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Receipt and Filing of the Culver City Centennial Celebration Committee's Quarterly Report and Direct the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Council Member Clarke recused himself and exited the dais.

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Jim Clarke, President of the Culver City Centennial Celebration Committee, discussed contributions and corporate commitments; exceeded goals; he thanked specific sponsors; discussed removing financial burdens from the City; volunteer time; he introduced committee members; presented the website for the Centennial; discussed upcoming events; he thanked Mayor O'Leary for inviting the Sister Cities to the Opening Ceremonies; and he asked that the Centennial website be linked to the City website, to which the City Council consented.

Discussion ensued between Council Members and Mr. Clarke regarding support for linking the websites; appreciation to Mr. Clarke and the Committee for their hard work; photo credits and permission for use; and the parade route and staging areas.

Council Member Clarke returned to the dais.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from the City Council

Council Member Sahli-Wells reported speaking with the interim president of West Los Angeles College who

requested feedback as to whether the action to dim the sign by 25% had addressed the issue sufficiently; she indicated that Mayor O'Leary had given a presentation at the West Basin forum; she discussed the drought and solutions; storm water capture and urban runoff; the storm water mandates; and she questioned whether the City was pursuing money being made available through the water bond to address storm water mandates and water scarcity.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer, reported that the Public Works Department was pursuing two separate grants; he discussed the work involved for that; and he encouraged City Council Members to alert him to any additional grants that they would like to see pursued.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:51 p.m., the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned the meeting in memory of Leah Nico, Marla Osband, and Bob Clarke.

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Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council and SECRETARY of the
Culver City Housing Authority Board and Successor Agency
to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board
Culver City, California

MICHEÁL O'LEARY

MAYOR of Culver City, California and CHAIR of the Culver City Housing Authority Board and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board