

City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 09/10/07		Item Number: <u>A-5</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Approval and Authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to Execute the Amended and Restated Westside Cities Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority Exercise of Joint Powers Agreement.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Westside Cities COG Executive Director, Westside Cities COG staff, and Master Notification List (09/05/07).			
Department Approval:		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Iker) (09/04/07)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (09/04/07)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (09/05/07)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the amended and restated Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) Joint Powers Authority Exercise of Joint Powers Agreement. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The WSCCOG joint powers authority is a voluntary, cooperative effort among five cities to forge consensus on policies and programs of regional significance that enhance the quality of daily life, sustain the environment and enrich the future. The WSCCOG was formalized in 2006 and represents a combined population represents over 710,000 individuals and 50,000 businesses. Member cities are Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica and West Hollywood (who had been meeting regularly for more than fifteen years), and the City of Los Angeles. City of Los Angeles participation and representation is focused on its western Council Districts, principally Districts 5 and 11. This organization provides a forum for discussion and communication as well as formalized representation and advocacy on behalf of the Westside subregion with regional, state and federal agencies. Priority issues are: transportation and improved mobility, and homeless issues. Other priority areas include: economic health of the subregion, environmental issues/sustainability, housing, homeland security/safety and land use. The WSCCOG's primary objective is to keep informed and take action on issues that are of mutual interest, working together in partnership to preserve and enhance the			

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quality of life in the subregion. The organization works as a clearinghouse, sharing information on items such as grants, regulations, legislation and rule making and undertakes training and research to develop policy positions through established COG Committees and Working Groups. In the future, the WSCCOG is also anticipated to respond to funding opportunities from regional, state and federal sources to maximize limited public funds through a multi-city approach.

DISCUSSION:

To further subregional planning and advocacy efforts, the WSCCOG Governing Board authorized the former Chair to reach out to Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (Third Supervisorial District); Supervisor Yvonne Burke (Second Supervisorial District); and Supervisor Don Knabe (Fourth Supervisorial District), to ascertain the County's interest in joining this council of governments. (These three Supervisors' districts are immediately adjacent to other WSCCOG member cities.) The County is a member or is in the process of becoming a member of several other Southern California councils of governments.

By action of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on July 17, 2007, the County responded affirmatively to this outreach authorizing membership on the same terms as existing members, including: payment of annual dues, \$15,000 for FY 2007-08; that each member organization shall have one vote; and that formal votes may only be cast by elected officials. The BOS also determined that Supervisor Yaroslavsky shall be the Representative to the WSCCOG Governing Board; Supervisor Burke the Alternate; and Supervisor Knabe shall the "stand-in" representative should both the Representative and Alternate be unable to attend a meeting.

The name of the organization is not proposed to be changed. Instead of referring to "Member Cities" the document and in operation/conversation it is proposed we simply refer to participants as "Members."

In addition, the City Managers, WSCCOG Executive Director/Facilitator and Counsel to the COG recommend the Members take this opportunity to include two other "clean up" changes in the revised document. These changes were previously approved by Member Cities and the WSCCOG Governing Board or the Governing Board respectively:

- Section 5. E. - Each member may choose to establish a procedure to provide for "stand in" voting representation should both the Representative and Alternate be unable to attend a meeting; and

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- Section 12.- To improve efficiency and provide for easier accounting and auditing processes, the position of Treasurer to the WSCCOG shall rotate every three years (instead of every year).

In consultation with County Counsel, Counsel to the COG Michael Jenkins, has prepared an “amended and restated” Exercise of Powers Agreement (Joint Powers Authority Agreement or “JPA”) and related By-laws. The revised JPA document is being presented to all members and the County for execution at this time. (The By-laws will subsequently be presented to the WSCCOG Governing Board for approval.)

Redline versions of both documents as well as the proposed final versions including all proposed changes have been included with the agenda materials for review.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

In the FY 2007-08 Budget, adequate funding has been budgeted for the related expenses in participation of WSCCOG.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement-Westside Cities Council of Governments (A Joint Powers Authority) - Redlined Version
2. Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement-Westside Cities Council of Governments (A Joint Powers Authority) - Proposed Final Version
3. By-Laws - Westside Cities Council of Governments - Redlined Version
4. By-Laws - Westside Cities Council of Governments - Proposed Final Version

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the amended and restated Westside Cities Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority Exercise of Joint Powers Agreement.