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SPECIAL BUDGET STUDY SESSION MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD,
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REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

May 30, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order
at 4:08 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Jeffrey Cooper, Mayor
Thomas Small, Vice Mayor
Jim B. Clarke, Council Member
Göran Eriksson, 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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Item A-1

**CC:HA:PA:SA - Budget Study Session - City Manager's
Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018: Presentation of
the Proposed Budget for Each City Department by its
Respective Department Head**

Scott Bixby, Police Chief, provided an overview of the Police Department and a summary of the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Police Department budget.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding increases in the liability surcharge; the Five-Year Experience Rate for all departments; offsetting deductions for Worker's Compensation; the total increase overall; frequency of uniform purchases; the adjustment list; overtime; the Vigilant System; increasing case clearance; prevention; potential impacts of sanctuary city status on the budget; the duty manual; training; special permits; FilmL.A.; the drone request; the Regional Communications Center (RCC); increased bike patrols; Los Angeles County Mental Health; lab accreditation; increased costs; furniture purchases through asset forfeiture; drone pilots; Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) licensing; equipment costs; ongoing maintenance costs; policy discussions regarding privacy issues related to surveillance cameras; license plate recognition; facial recognition; actions of other agencies in area cities; cameras vs. drones; additional funding for the Communications Authority; Police Department software; integration; independent platforms; data coordination; Vision Zero; cell phone enforcement; taking a proactive approach to prevent accidents; violations that trigger accidents; problem intersections; coordination of law enforcement on the Ballona Creek Bike Path; multiple jurisdictions; recruitment; redirected duties for the Communications Sergeant; communication between the Vigilant System and the parking camera; the recent incident at the Creek; shared data with other cities; current policies when aerial assets are needed; advantages and limitations of drones; things on the horizon that could be needed by the Police Department; cost increases due to salaries; and City Council appreciation for the efforts of the department.

Dave White, Fire Chief, provided a summary of the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Fire Department budget; discussed workload; and he encouraged everyone to follow the department on social media.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the consultant for the cost recovery plan; software programs and equipment purchases; drones; security cameras for the fire station; the Records Management System; the Basic Life Support (BLS) program;

the paramedic school scholarship program; the Reserve Program; correcting the reference to Smart 911 in the budget; Sentinel Peak Resources; a suggestion that staff meet with the Oil Drilling Subcommittee; using smaller vehicles for ELS; Rapid Response Vehicles; best practices; increased call volume with increased development; challenges for the Fire Department; billing for BLS and ambulance services; ambulance transport fees; personnel costs; Medicare and MediCal reimbursements; the change of the payer mix; offsets to anticipated increased revenue; the changing population of the City; ambulance fees vs. actual costs for the ambulance services; comparisons with transportation revenue; County allowable rates for ambulance fees; CalFire; the mutual aid system; support for the RCC System; continuous improvement; development permit inspections; contingency; contracting out services; overtime; shifting of personnel to fill vacancies; and types of vehicles used.

Mayor Cooper received clarification on the timing of agenda items to be considered.

John Nachbar, City Manager, discussed the budget for the City Manager's Office.

Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a slide presentation on the communications effort.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding measuring the effectiveness of communication; surveys; the TOD Visioning Project; additional posting; NextDoor; concern with misinformation and best practices for addressing it; the inability of the City to monitor NextDoor; efforts to engage the public; putting out design questions on a boosted post on the website; consistent use of organizational tools; making a cultural shift; compiling notification procedures; educating the public; transparency; accessibility; opening up to more input from a more diverse audience; developing the culture of communication; using tools to ensure that everyone feels that they are heard; regulating marijuana and oil field operations; the contingency fund in the City Manager's budget; accurately reflecting what is spent annually; grant opportunities; budget amendments; having an allowance for each Council Member; League of California Cities functions; conferences; ways to save money; whether the budget has been exceeded in the past; current

expenses; Council Member memberships to organizations; the level of activity for each organization; reflecting flexibility for each person's priorities; bringing back pertinent information to the City; the communication budget; the budget summary; availability of Commission input on the budget to the City Council; concern with loss of funding for Section 8 Housing; the amount owed to the Housing Authority when money was borrowed under Redevelopment; denied interest by the Department of Finance in the most recent Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule; property tax shifts; future Housing Authority funding; shade structures for The Plunge; clarification between Safe Routes to School and Walk n' Rollers, and agreement to adjust language used in the budget; retirement and labor negotiations; rising personnel costs; City Council involvement in determining cuts; conservative estimates; the unpredictable nature of the economy; and appreciation for the efforts of the City Manager.

Serena Wright, Administrative Services Director, reviewed requested enhancements in the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year budget for Administrative Services.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding Granicus; clarification on a typographical error; costs for the municipal election; increasing funding for contract Cultural Affairs personnel; development of a standard email signature for all City employees; passport processing; support for revitalization of the Cultural Affairs department; internships; the Historic Preservation Ordinance; the Creative Economy Report; the Cultural Corridor; Public Art; and appreciation to staff for their efforts.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from Council Members

None.

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Adjournment

At 6:59 p.m., the City Council, Financing Authority Board, Housing Authority Board, Parking Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned to June 5, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

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Jeremy Green
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