REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

May 14, 2012
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

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Closed Session

At 5:31 PM, the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Re: Lisa Lujan v. City of Culver City et al.
Case No. BC465942
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

CS-2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 9300 and 9400 Culver Blvd. and 9099 Washington Blvd.
City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director and Murray Kane, City Special Counsel
Other Parties Negotiators: The Culver Hotel/Century Wilshire Inc.
Under Negotiation: Both Price and Terms, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related considerations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 9290 Culver Boulevard and 9099 Washington Boulevard
City Negotiators: John M. Nachbar, City Manager, Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, Todd Tipton, Economic Development Administrator and Murray Kane, City Special Counsel
Other Parties Negotiators: Trader Joe's

Under Negotiation: Both Price and Terms, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related considerations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-4 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 9300 Culver Boulevard.
City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Administrator; Murray Kane, City Special Counsel
Other Parties Negotiators: Combined Properties Inc./Hudson Pacific Properties Inc.
Under Negotiation: Both Price and Terms, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related considerations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-5 Conference with Labor Negotiators
City designated representatives: City Attorney Carol Schwab and Human Resources Director Serena Wright
Employee Organization: City Manager
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

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Reconvene

The City Council reconvened its meeting at 7:04 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Closed Session Report

Mayor Weissman indicated nothing to report from closed session except that item CS-1 was pulled prior to going into 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 John Cohn.

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Presentations

Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, reported that item P-1 would be deferred until a representative could be present; that item P-2 would be pulled as the individual could not be present and recognition would be given via the Transportation Department, and that item P-4 would be rescheduled for later in the summer.

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Item P-1

Presentation to the City Council from the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office

The item was deferred until a representative could be present.

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Item P-2

Presentation of a Commendation to Transit Operator Manuel Flores, 2011 Earl Barr Culver City Bus Operator of the Year

This item was pulled.

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Item P-3

Presentation of a Proclamation Designating May as Older Americans Month

Councilmember Clarke presented the proclamation.

Kay Heineman, Culver City Senior Center Association, thanked the City for the recognition and invited everyone to come to the Senior Center.

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Item P-4

Presentation to the City Council from Southern California Edison Related to the City's Participation in the Energy Leadership Program

This item was to be rescheduled later in the summer.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Councilmember Sahli-Wells thanked the Fox Hills Neighborhood Association for the gift of mugs so that the City Council could be waste-free, and she reported attending the Educational Foundation fundraiser and thanked them for their efforts.

Councilmember Clarke reported on the many activities over the weekend including the Education Foundation event; the Fire Fighter breakfast; the Car Show; the Culver City Symphony Orchestra performance at Veterans Auditorium; he discussed increased fees; and he encouraged support of the Culver City Symphony Orchestra.

Councilmember O'Leary commented on Councilmember Clarke's Caribbean dancing at the Sheroes event, and reported a request of certificates of recognition for Culver City Girl Scouts.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Weissman invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Seth Horowitz, Culver Hotel, reported that the hotel was graded a 4-star hotel by Expedia and was rated #1 by Trip Advisor.

John Cohn, The Exchange Club, thanked the Culver Hotel for their help with the Car Show; reported distributing Car

Show posters to Councilmembers; and discussed the success of the event.

Cary Anderson reported having a car in the Car Show; discussed the Car Show violation of the Special Event permit due to their lack of public notification in the local paper; noticing regarding parking; past violations; and the failure of the City to follow up despite his notifications.

A discussion ensued between Councilmembers regarding support for the event; challenges of parking downtown; the lack of signage and notification; concern regarding adherence to agreements; new permit parking in the downtown area; the conditions of approval; the review meeting; the Committee on Permits and Licenses; achievable conditions; creating a checklist and schedule of things to be done for the Car Show; and concern that the same issues occur each year.

Ken Spiker pointed out that the franchise towing company for the Police Department had not gone out to a public bid in over 20 years; the City is behind the curve in the franchise fee and in release fees; he discussed practices of surrounding cities; and he requested the matter be investigated.

A discussion ensued between staff and the City Council regarding the process for the towing contract; Police Department jurisdiction over the matter; whether there is a towing franchise in the City; a request for additional information; a request that all areas where the City can gain revenue be examined in all departments; and clarification that the City does in fact charge a release fee.

Terry Avila and Ruth Hollensteiner, La Playa Cooperative Nursery School, provided background on the school and welcomed the new City Councilmembers with a gift from the children.

Councilmember Sahli-Wells expressed appreciation for the school.

Florina Rodov, Innovotory School for Professional Youth (I SPY), discussed the Charter school; reported petitioning the School District; requested community support and the support of the City; reported that students would be looking for professional community mentors and internships; pointed out that a free school did not exist that addresses the needs of child professionals; and reported a public hearing at the School Board on May 22.

Jessica Jacobs presented a video providing information on the school.

A discussion ensued between staff and the City Council regarding previous consensus that staff develop a strategy for addressing schools or non-profits that seek to expand or come into the City; The Help Group; The Willows School; whether a moratorium should be instituted; and when a policy might come forward.

Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, read comments submitted by:

Jeremy Owen on behalf of Sofie

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-13.

Item C-1

(1) Acceptance of Grant Funds in the Amount of $182,182 from the Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services - Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to Fund the Culver City Senior Nutrition Program in Fiscal Year 2012/2013; and (2) Approval of a Grant Agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services for a Four Year Cycle Commencing July 1, 2012 and Ending June 30, 2016

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $182,182 AWARDED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES - AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) TO FUND THE CULVER CITY SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013; AND,

2) APPROVE A SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES FOR A FOUR YEAR CYCLE COMMENCING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND,

3) AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

4) AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-2

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.01, Benefit Assessment District, of the Culver City Municipal Code by Amending Sections 15.01.025 Through 15.01.105 and Adding a New Section 15.01.110 Relating to Benefit Assessment Districts

Councilmember O'Leary provided corrections to typographical errors; received clarification regarding language in the document; and questioned the location where the ordinance would be posted.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.01, BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 15.01.025 THROUGH 15.01.105 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 15.01.110 RELATING TO BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS.

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Item C-3

Adoption of a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for

the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments for the Higuera Street Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District and Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report Thereon for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

Councilmember Sahli-Wells received clarification that the assessment district was perpetual in order to maintain landscaping; clarification regarding resident fees; clarification that more detailed information would be available in the engineer's report when the item returns, clarification that the same applied to items C-5, C-6, C-7 and C-12; and clarification regarding costs of preparing the engineer's reports.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HIGUERA STREET LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT THEREON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

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Item C-4

Award of a Construction Contract to Pavement Coatings Co. as the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder for the 2012 Residential Slurry Seal Program, P-863

Councilmember Clarke received clarification regarding procedures to encourage contractors to bring projects in under budget and early.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO PAVEMENT COATINGS CO., AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF $359,550 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2012 RESIDENTIAL SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM, P-863; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS TO PAVEMENT COATINGS CO.'S CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF $71,450; AND;

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

4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-5

Adoption of a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments for the Albright Avenue Streetlight Assessment District and Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report Thereon for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

Councilmember Clarke received clarification regarding the language for the fiscal analysis of item C-5 vs. items C-6 and C-7.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ALBRIGHT AVENUE STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT THEREON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

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Item C-6

Adoption of a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments for the Landscape Maintenance District Number 1 and Ordering the Preparation of the Engineers Report Thereon for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 1 AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT THEREON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

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Item C-7

Adoption of a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments for the Sewer User's Service Charge and Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report Thereon for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

Councilmember Clarke received clarification regarding a statement regarding cost effectiveness from 1980 and revenue anticipation notes.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SEWER USER'S SERVICE CHARGE AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT THEREON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

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Item C-8

Award of a Construction Contract to California Professional Engineering, as the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, for the Construction of the Sepulveda Boulevard Widening Project (Phase II), Street Lighting Upgrade, P-881

Councilmember Sahli-Wells received clarification that the newer lights were more energy efficient.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF $232,600 FOR THE SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT (PHASE II), STREET LIGHTING UPGRADE, P881; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS TO CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING'S CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF $46,400; AND;

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

4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-9

(1) Acceptance of Work Performed by Damon Inc., (2) Authorization to File a Notice of Completion; and (3)

Authorization to Release the Retention Payment after the Expiration of the 35-day Lien Period, for the Veterans Memorial Building Renovations Project, P-876

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) ACCEPT THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE CONTRACTOR, DAMON INC., FOR THE WORK PERFORMED FOR THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING RENOVATIONS PROJECT, P-876, AND,

2) AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE FOR RECORDATION; AND,

3) AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF $21,205.88 IN RETENTION FUNDS TO DAMON INC., FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THE THIRTY-FIVE DAY LIEN PERIOD.

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Item C-10

Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Applications through June 30, 2013 for Grant Funding Associated with the Purchase of Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Other Emission Control Technologies

Vice Mayor Cooper received clarification that Culver City had been recognized as a leader in alternative fuels.

Paul Condran, Equipment Maintenance Manager, reported that the Culver City Equipment Maintenance and Fleet Services Division had been named fifth in the country and he provided an overview of the program.

Councilmembers commended the department for their work and discussed the new buses.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH APPROVED FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE BY THE AQMD AND THE MSRC THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND OTHER EMISSION CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES.

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Item C-11

Adoption of a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments for the West Washington Benefit Assessment District Number One and Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report Thereon for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE WEST WASHINGTON BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT THEREON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

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Item C-12

Adoption of a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments for the West Washington Benefit Assessment District Number Two and Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report Thereon for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE WEST WASHINGTON BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NUMBER TWO AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT THEREON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

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Item C-13

Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company for Transit Bus Tire Leasing for Five Years

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A NEW FIVE (5) YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY FOR LEASED TIRE SERVICES; AND,

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

3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

Adoption of a Resolution to Vacate a Portion of Ocean Drive From the East Side of Overland Avenue Extending Approximately 110 feet East to its Easterly Terminus

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Weissman invited public comment.

There was no response.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and the City Council regarding whether there are any plans to change the property; use of the property; maintaining the City easement; clarification that the Redevelopment Agency built the lot back in the 1970s; use of the lot by other than tenants of 5000 Overland; a request to confirm that the parking lot meets current codes before vacating; anticipated costs to the City; and updating Google maps.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF OCEAN DRIVE FROM THE EAST SIDE OF OVERLAND AVENUE EXTENDING APPROXIMATELY 110 FEET EAST

TO ITS EASTERLY TERMINUS.

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Item PH-2

Adoption of a Resolution 1) Establishing and Amending Various Fees and Charges for Services Provided by the City and 2) Rescinding Prior Fee Resolution No. 2011-R027 and Portions of Resolution Nos. 2000-R074, 2003-R023 and 2009-R052

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES.

Nick Kimball, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding cost recovery amounts by department; proposed revenue; and estimated subsidies.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Weissman invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Goren Eriksson, Chamber of Commerce, addressed increased fees; the business tax certificate and other business fees; gross revenue business taxes; and how the total cost of doing business in Culver City compares to Los Angeles.

Alan Levy, La Ballona Valley Bromeliad Society, expressed concern with fee increases to use the facility; drawing visitors to the City; free entertainment for local residents; and he noted that the money raised stayed within Culver City.

Donald Mizumi, La Ballona Valley Bromeliad Society, noted that they are a non-profit and consider themselves Culver City-based; he discussed attendance for their free annual show and sale; expressed concern with increased fees; discussed the transition fee; he noted that they would be losing money with increased fees; he observed that the City was conscious of the environment; discussed civic events to enrich residents; and he requested City Council consideration of the fee hikes which could force them to find a different venue.

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, noted that orchestras did not make money but did enrich the community; discussed family events and classical music; expressed concern with increased fees; and discussed upcoming concerts.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and the City Council regarding the subsidy for PRCS programming; the five-year phase in; when the new fee schedule kicks in; clarification that Veterans Auditorium is not included in the subsidy; business fees; facility use fees; reasons for increased fees; vehicle impound fees; development related fees; fire inspection revenue; business inspections; advantages for small businesses; preferential parking districts; developer commitments and mitigations; a suggestion to create a price structure for residents and a price structure for businesses; charging market rates at Veterans Auditorium; clarification regarding subsidies; fees for adult softball groups vs. AYSO fees; cost recovery; the 2007 fee study; clarification that there is not an official police department sanctioned towing company; competitiveness of fees; revenue generating sources; fees for Veterans Park; the oil wells and permits; the moratorium; the new oil drilling ordinance; revisions to the oil permit fee structure; free calculations; environmental impacts; evaluating all potential avenues for revenue; additional training of Fire Department personnel to be able to respond; indirect costs; how fees and cost recovery goals relate to other cities; community input into setting cost recovery goals; policy decisions established by the City Council; concern with remaining a full service City; issues of equity; supporting and protecting non-profit organizations providing a public benefit; City Council direction; the phased in Veterans Auditorium fee increases; examining City sponsorship; grandfathering groups with regular events at the auditorium; grant funding; regular users and annual users; addressing lack of documentation; determining whether groups are designated as Culver City groups; clarification regarding ministerial projects; water monitoring; visitor permits; incentives for zero or low waste events; a request to postpone fees to allow time for additional public input as well as more time for consideration; individual requests for blue curbs painted in front of residences; criteria to receive a placard; acute vs. chronic conditions; annual review; the 2012-2013 budget; fee implementation; fair and equitable treatment of long term users; concern with driving non-profits out of the City; balancing costs; approving the fee structure as part of the budget; the date of effectiveness; and a request to consider fees as an action item.

Vice Mayor Cooper proposed returning with a discussion of a policy for long-term users of the facilities.

Further discussion between Councilmembers and staff ensued regarding voluntary cat license fees; establishing benefits related to licensing and a penalty for not licensing; the amount of subsidy for the animal control program; the fee for storing, selling and displaying explosives; the open flame burning fee; smoke inhalation; compliance; neighbor to neighbor disputes; and rounding numbers to even dollar amounts.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION 1) ESTABLISHING AND AMENDING VARIOUS FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY; AND 2) RESCINDING PRIOR FEE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R027 AND PORTIONS OF RESOLUTION NOS. 2000-R074, 2003-R023 AND 2009-R052 WITH A REQUEST THAT STAFF REPORT BACK AT ITS EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY FOR A DISCUSSION OF A POLICY REGARDING FEES FOR LONG-TERM FACILITIES USERS.

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Councilmember O'Leary discussed Culver City residents killed in action in the Vietnam and Iraq wars.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM KRAWLICK, JACK GORTON, MICHAEL MINCO, TED MILLS, JIMMY PHILLIPS, LAWRENCE COVER, GORDON BYRON BLACKWOOD, WILLIAM BAYLES CAUTHORNE, WILLIAM TIMOTHY DIX, ERIC SCOTT MOUNSEY, AND GEORGE PEYTON.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Approval of an Amendment to Exhibit "B" of the Employment Agreement of the City Manager Clarifying and Implementing the Residency Incentive

Mayor Weissman reported that an updated agenda item had been prepared.

Councilmember O'Leary corrected a typographical error on the agenda report.

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson questioned whether the updated agenda item had been posted online; discussed the base salary of the City Manager; the residential incentive; and he was pleased that the City Manager would not have to commute and would gain a vested interest in the City.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO EXHIBIT "B" OF THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT CLARIFYING AND IMPLEMENTING THE RESIDENCY INCENTIVE; AND,

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

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Egon Monostory discussed the staff report for item PH-1 regarding the parking lot on Ocean Drive; the fact that the Planning Commission did not allow the conversion of that portion of Ocean Drive to a parking lot; confusing language; concern with a cover up of a bootleg private parking lot on City property; lost revenue to the City; and he suggested that the City keep the property and charge for the parking.

Mayor Weissman clarified that the City did not own the property but rather the City had an easement that was vacated, no title was given up, and he reported that the parking lot was originally built by the Redevelopment Agency in the 1970s.

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Items from the City Council

Items from Councilmember Sahli-Wells

- Discussed the letter read earlier in the meeting regarding a woman who had been attacked noting that the Police Chief indicated that he would get back to her with additional information and she questioned what City resources were available for victims of sexual assault

A discussion ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding additional information to come back to the City Council; whether the crime occurred within the City; the article in the Culver City Crossroads; and jurisdiction of the Culver City Police Department.

Items from Councilmember Clarke

- Reported visiting bike friendly Long Beach with Councilmember Sahli-Wells to observe their forward thinking bike plan; discussed their funding; their incorporation of the bike plan into the downtown bike community as an integral part of maximizing revenue and patronage; and he encouraged downtown businesses to visit Long Beach to observe what they are doing

Egon Monostory discussed elderly personal injury victims injured by uneven Culver City sidewalks; intimidation; a Culver City settlement; the general release; and he requested that the City make changes to the agreement so his wife could sign it oOo

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:16 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of William Krawlick, Jack Gorton, Michael Minco, Ted Mills, Jimmy Phillips, Lawrence Cover, Gordon Byron Blackwood, William Bayles Cauthorne, William Timothy Dix, Eric Scott Mounsey, and George Peyton to a meeting on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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Martin R. Cole

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CITY CLERK of the City of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council
Culver City, California

ANDREW WEISSMAN
MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California