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

February 22, 2016
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor O'Leary called the meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 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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Closed Session

The City Council recessed to Closed Session to consider the following items:

CS-1 CC - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Re: Karen Gibson Roc v. City of Culver City
Case No. BC 531502
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

CS-2 CC - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Re: Culver City Residents for Responsible Development, et al. v. City of Culver City, et al.
Case No. BS 159614

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

CS-3 CC - Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 9400 Culver Boulevard
City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager
Other Parties Negotiators: Mrs. Maya Mallick
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

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Reconvene

Mayor O'Leary reconvened the City Council and convened the Culver City Housing Authority Board and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board at 7:08 p.m. with all Members present.

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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 Planning Commissioner David Voncannon.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor O'Leary indicated nothing to report out of closed session.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Presentation to the City Council from the West Basin Municipal Water District Regarding the District's Free Rain Barrel Program

Scott Houston, Board Member of the West Basin Municipal Water District, thanked the City for its assistance with the Rain Barrel Distribution event; he discussed the partnership with the Rotary Club; reported distribution of 380 rain barrels at the Culver Studios; he expressed gratitude to Cathi Vargas of the City's Public Works Department, the Police Department, Golden State Water Company, the Culver Studios, and Council Member Sahli-Wells; he discussed the importance of conservation; concern with future water supply; meeting needs going forward; and he issued proclamations to Carmela Raack and Daryl Menthe of the Rotary Club, Michael Goldfarb of The Culver Studios, Sergeant Emery Eccles of the Culver City Police Department, Rich Mathis from Golden State Water Company, and the City Council.

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Item P-2

Presentation to the City Council from the Producers of IndieCade: International Festival of Independent Games

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that the item would be presented to the City Council at a later date per the request of IndieCade representatives.

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Item P-3

Presentation of a Commendation to Economic Development Project Manager Elaine Gerety-Warner of the City's Community Development Department

Mayor O'Leary presented the Commendation.

Elaine Gerety-Warner thanked staff and the City Council for the Commendation and indicated that it was her honor to work for the City.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/ Information Items from Staff

Council Member Sahli-Wells reported attending a Friends of the Library special event and the grand re-opening of the Julian Dixon Library on February 20 noting that the library is the very first Net Zero County building; she discussed the celebration of the relationship with the City's Sister City of Kaizuka, Japan; and she noted that the Japanese Garden at the library was a gift from Kaizuka when the partnership began.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF MARGUERITE WILD.

Mayor O'Leary reported attending a Board of Supervisors meeting to show support for the County program dedicating significant resources toward the region's homelessness problem; he discussed money spent on the issue; entities involved; spending additional money to address issues; the regional nature of the issue; and he reported attending other meetings including the Commission of Alcohol and Other Drugs, the Sanitation Board, and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission meeting.

Police Chief Scott Bixby introduced four new police officers to the City Council: Officers Michael Kutylo, Mason McCormick, James Gladden, and Andrew Gazdik.

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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:

Dr. Janet Hoult read a poem about the reopening of the Julian Dixon Library.

Charles Hoult discussed the Zika virus; noted that many ficus trees in the City collect stagnant water around their roots; and he asked the City to fill in those spaces to prevent that from occurring.

David Metzler presented a picture of a tree being moved at the corner of LeBourget and Motor due to development; he expressed concern with notice regarding the removal of an old growth tree; asked that neighbors be involved in the process when a tree is removed that affects their property; he discussed his experience with the removal of a neighbor’s tree; replacement; impacts to neighbors’ views; and he asked that the City Council come up with a notification process for neighbors in the building permit or planning phase.

Council Member Sahli-Wells suggested that Mr. Metzler discuss the matter with the Public Works Director, and she expressed support for adding an item to a future agenda.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the process; neighbor input; the ability to affect the outcome; clarifying the process; changes to the process of tree removal; the education opportunity; trees removed for development purposes; replacement trees; the Master Tree Plan and Parkway Study; clarification that the trees being discussed are street trees; and the difficulty of removing a street tree in the City.

Daniel Lee reported on the last meeting of the season for the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, he discussed a proposed event for the Centennial; he encouraged the City Council to follow up with L.A. Works regarding the National Day of Service for Martin Luther King’s birthday in Culver City next year; and he appealed for increased funding for next year’s celebration in order to facilitate the screening of a documentary about United States Representative John Lewis and gain his involvement.

Council Member Sahli-Wells discussed the expanded budget process; work plan sessions; and she encouraged Martin Luther King Jr. Committee representatives to bring up the matter again during those meetings.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that correspondence received by the City Clerk’s Office until 4:00 p.m. had been distributed to Council Members and is made part of the official record of tonight's meeting.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

CC:HA:SA – Cash Disbursements

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR JANUARY 16, 2016 – FEBRUARY 11, 2016.

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Item C-2

CC:HA:SA - Meeting Minutes

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016.

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Item C-3

CC - Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing the Culver City Arts District Business Improvement District and Approving the Levy of the District Assessment for 2016

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CULVER CITY ARTS DISTRICT BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND APPROVING THE LEVY OF THE CULVER CITY ARTS DISTRICT BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENT FOR 2016.

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Item C-4

CC:SA - Adoption of Respective Resolutions Adopting Fees for City and Successor Agency Board Owned and Operated Public Parking Facilities (Parking Structures and Surface Parking Lots) in the Commercial Downtown Zoning District

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD:

ADOPT RESPECTIVE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING PARKING FEES FOR CITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY OWNED AND OPERATED PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES (PARKING STRUCTURES AND SURFACE PARKING LOTS) IN THE COMMERCIAL DOWNTOWN (CD) ZONING DISTRICT.

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Item C-5

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Examination Materials in the Human Resources Department Which Are More than Two Years Old

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF EXAMINATION MATERIALS IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT WHICH ARE MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD.

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Item C-6

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute Any Actions Necessary for the Purpose of Obtaining Financial Assistance Provided by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Under the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Proposition 1B California Transit Security Grant

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 PROPOSITION 1B CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM NUMBER 6861-0002.

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Item C-7

CC - Authorization to Release a Request for Proposals for the Replacement of On-Vehicle Compressed Natural Gas Tank Cylinders

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ON-VEHICLE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS TANK CYLINDERS.

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Item C-8

CC - Authorization to Release a Request for Proposals for the Installation of Additional Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations at the Transportation Facility

Council Member Clarke questioned whether there had been any consideration to giving the public access to the charging stations.

Paul Condran, Fleet Services Manager, indicated that for safety reasons, the public would not be given access to the charging stations.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AT THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITY.

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Item C-9

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Payment Programs

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY (CALRECYCLE) PAYMENT PROGRAMS.

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Item C-10

CC - Award of a Contract to New Vision Construction as the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $145,387 ($132,170 Base Bid and $13,217 in Change Order Authority) to Purchase and Install Approximately 282 Water Efficient Fixtures at 24 City Facilities

Mayor O'Leary discussed his experiences with waterless urinals and specific cleaning processes required.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer, indicated that the City would work with maintenance staff and the janitorial contractor.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AWARD A CONTRACT TO NEW VISION CONSTRUCTION AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 282 WATER EFFICIENT FIXTURES AT 24 CITY FACILITIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $145,387 ($132,170 BASE BID AND $13,217 IN CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY); AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE; 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-11

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Time Warner Cable for Fiber Optic Telecommunication Cable in the Public Right-of-Way Adjacent to 5150 Overland Avenue

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER FOR 139 LINEAR FEET OF PROPOSED FIBER

OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATION CABLE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 5150 OVERLAND AVENUE; 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-12

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving and Issuing a Report on City Actions Taken in Relation to Interim Ordinance No. 2015-002, Extending the Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of any New Permit, License, Approval or Entitlement Pertaining to New Massage Establishments or the Location or Relocation of Existing Massage Establishments within the City and Declaring the Urgency Thereof

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ISSUING ACTIONS AND MEASURES TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE CONDITIONS WHICH LED TO THE ADOPTION OF INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 2015-002 EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY NEW PERMIT, LICENSE, APPROVAL OR ENTITLEMENT PERTAINING TO NEW MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS OR THE LOCATION OR RELOCATION OF EXISTING MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF.

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Item C-13

CC - FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: (1) Approval of a Third Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with BonTerra Psomas for Environmental Consulting Services for the Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report for the Inglewood Oil Field Specific Plan Project in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $167,400; and (2) Approval of a Related Budget Amendment

Mayor O’Leary invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Gary Silbiger discussed the request for additional time and money by BonTerra Psomas; the need for a health study; he expressed support for additional research and review; he acknowledged the complicated nature of the work; he discussed the need for additional time to be added to the 60-day circulation period for the draft EIR; timing; the upcoming election; he asserted that the two community meetings scheduled were insufficient; he noted that the oil wells affected the entire City and necessitated additional outreach; and he asked that the residents be given the chance to learn about the draft EIR.

Heather Baker, Assistant City Attorney, indicated that the current timeline would be adjusted.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding City Council discretion as to whether deadlines would be shifted or extended; clarification that the City is not trying to cater to the oil company and that 60 days is double the usual minimum time for review; efforts of Council Members serving on the Oil Drilling Subcommittee to ensure transparency, adequate input and additional community outreach; clarification that the community meetings already exceed what is required; assurance that if additional community meetings become necessary they will be recommended; getting protections in place; ensuring that the document is working for the City; exceeding outreach requirements; the election and candidate knowledge of the issues; and clarification that the budget increase is meant to facilitate more consideration of concerns and comments from the public.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BONTERRA PSOMAS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $167,400; AND,

2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING $167,400 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE TO ACCOUNT 10150200.619800 (FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIRED); 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.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-13.

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Order of the Agenda

Mayor O'Leary requested that items A-6, A-7 and A-8 be moved forward on the agenda.

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Action Items

Item A-6
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Consideration of a Request from Mr. Winston Clinton to Approve a Special Permit to Reptacular Animals, Inc. to Allow Animals in Culver City Park for Entertainment or Exhibition Purposes, at a Private Party on March 5, 2016, in Picnic Area #2 (Clinton Party, Picnic Permit #17632); and, (2) (If Desired) Direct the City Manager Regarding Options for Amending Culver City Municipal Code Section 9.10.055(A), to Give the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Direct Approval Authority of Special Permits for Animals in Parks for Entertainment or Exhibition Purposes at Private Functions

Mayor O'Leary invited public input.

No card were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE A SPECIAL PERMIT TO REPTACULAR ANIMALS, INC. TO ALLOW ANIMALS IN CULVER CITY PARK FOR ENTERTAINMENT OR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, AT A PRIVATE PARTY ON MARCH 5, 2016, IN PICNIC AREA #2, (CLINTON PARTY, PICNIC PERMIT #17632).

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the policy request; streamlining the process for all involved; guidelines for the humane treatment of animals; policies of the City of West Hollywood toward animal protection; and City Council consensus that staff move forward to consider streamlining the approval process.

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Item A-7

CC - Receive and File the Municipal Financial Benchmarking Study from the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, provided a summary of the material of record and he commended Senior Budget Management Analyst Erica McAdoo and the FAC for their efforts on the item.

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Goran Eriksson, Chair of the FAC, discussed the efforts of staff and FAC members in putting together the Benchmarking Study; teamwork; the normalization of numbers to make them comparable between cities; and clarification that there is no qualitative judgment in the numbers.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding FBI crime statistics indicating that Culver City has the highest violent crime rate and property crime rates among cities studied; the math used for the comparison; the population used; General Fund expenditures for Public Works; differing ways that each city reports data; different classifications between cities; the challenging nature of the benchmarking process; statistics that are readily available; the creation and purpose of the FAC; and appreciation to the Committee for their hard work.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: RECEIVE AND FILE THE MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL BENCHMARKING

STUDY.

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Item A-8

CC:HA:PA:SA - FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - (1) Receipt and Filing of the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Mid-Year General Fund Budget Monitoring Report, (2) Receipt and Filing of the General Fund Financial Forecast, (3) Provide Notification to the Public Inviting Comment and Input for the Upcoming Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, and (4) Approval of Proposed Budget Amendments

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification that the General Fund is within a few percent of where revenues were expected to be; savings against budget; General Fund reserves programmed toward ongoing capital investment; storm water urban runoff improvements; the Water Utility Users Tax; decreasing revenue sources; the sunset of Measure Y; the increase in PERS projections; discrepancies between state figures and City figures; the global Citywide view of all funds; ongoing litigation with the state; General Fund property tax; Redevelopment Agency Tax Increment; the 30% reserve target; filming in Culver City; the loss of permitting revenue; the installation of the municipal fiberoptic network; attracting digital media components; and upcoming budget workplan sessions.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

(1) RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL 2015/2016 MID-YEAR REPORT AS PROVIDED IN ATTACHMENT 1; AND,

(2) RECEIVE AND FILE THE GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL FORECAST AS PROVIDED IN ATTACHMENT 3; AND,

(3) PROVIDE NOTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC INVITING COMMENT AND INPUT FOR THE UPCOMING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017; AND,

(4) APPROVE THE REVISED SUMMARY OF BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS AS PROPOSED IN ATTACHMENT 4; AND,

(5) APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS PROPOSED IN ATTACHMENT 2.

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Item A-3
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Discuss the Proposal of the Naming of the City Hall Inner Courtyard in Honor of Former Culver City Chief Administrative Officer Dale Jones and (2) (If Desired) Approve Such Proposal and Provide Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Mayor O'Leary invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Paul Jacobs discussed the work of Dale Jones and felt it would be appropriate to name the inner courtyard of the building after Mr. Jones as he was always at the center of government.

Vice Mayor Weissman discussed his experiences with Dale Jones and the many accomplishments of Mr. Jones.

Council Member Cooper suggested that the word "inner" be taken out of the motion to allow for flexibility.

Council Member Clarke received assurance that he did not need to recuse himself though he worked as a consultant for Mr. Jones 38 years prior.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: NAME THE CITY HALL COURTYARD IN HONOR OF FORMER CULVER CITY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DALE JONES.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/Deputy City Clerk, indicated that staff would work with family members to create appropriate wording for the plaque.

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Item A-4

CC - (1) Consideration of the Naming of a City Facility in Honor of Former Culver City Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commissioner Rick Hudson; and (2) If Desired, Direct the City Manager Regarding Such Naming as Deemed Appropriate

Mayor O'Leary asked whether there were any speakers in the audience present to speak in opposition to the item, and hearing none, he moved to approve the item.

Vice Mayor Weissman discussed his experiences with Rick Hudson; he felt that Mr. Hudson deserved recognition; expressed concern that the City would run out of facilities for recognition; and he suggested that the City needed to formulate a policy for recognition.

Council Member Sahli-Wells asked those that came to speak for Mr. Hudson stand to show their support for the item.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, clarified that Field Number 2 would be named for Mr. Hudson.

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

No speakers came forward.

MOVED BY MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE THE NAMING OF FIELD NO. 2 AT BILL BOTTS BASEBALL FIELD IN HONOR OF FORMER CULVER CITY PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONER RICK HUDSON.

Council Member Clarke requested that during budget discussions, consideration be given to posting information on who the individual is that the facility is named for.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/Deputy City Clerk, indicated that staff would work with family members to create appropriate wording for the plaque.

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Item A-1
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Approval of the Washington/National Transit Oriented Development District Streetscape Plan

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, provided a summary of the material of record and clarified that the plan presented was a conceptual plan and information depicted would not necessarily all be replicated.

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

David Haake provided background on himself; expressed appreciation for the first transit oriented development on the Expo line; expressed concern with a flaw in the plan; and he asked that best practices be included by protecting the bike lanes.

Mark Mallare expressed support for protected bike lanes and creating a seamless route; suggested a four-way crosswalk; discussed pedestrian safety; and he expressed support for the project.

Bill Feldman, Culver Crossings, indicated that he is one of the original stakeholders that decided to work together with the City in an advisory capacity for the plan; he discussed the goal of a single identity in name and appearance; branding; and he expressed support for the plan.

Tom Wulf, Lowe Enterprises, discussed the process; the plan; mobility; bike lanes: the widening of National Boulevard; safety paint for the bike lanes; and efforts made within the confines of the project.

Alex Fisch discussed the effect of bike lanes to cities; circulation elements; the Complete Streets Act; and state grants.

Daniel Lee expressed support for the plan and for dedicated bike lanes, and he wanted to make sure that the bike lanes make it all the way to the Expo Station.

Kristin Pawling thanked the City for pursuing an aggressive transit oriented development approach for the Culver City station; expressed support for housing near transit; she wanted to see a protected bike lane noting that would encourage more women to cycle; felt that "sharrows" should be discouraged; she encouraged the City Council to google Judgmental Maps LA; and she emphasized safety.

Evan Gillespie provided background on himself and wanted to see connected and protected bike lanes.

Jeremy Green, Deputy City Clerk, read written comments submitted by:

Steven Rose
David Metlzer

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the inclusion of bicycles in the project; bioswales; pedestrian amenities; trees; shading; addressing mobility before the streetscape and plantings; integrating landscaping into protected bike lanes; making family friendly biking options; gaps in the plan; concern that the link in the report was not working; confirmation from the City Manager that the link was repaired earlier in the day; project illustrations depicting cars in bike lanes; the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; ensuring proper representations of the plan; entertaining multiple options for intersections in the area; the need for a Mobility Coordinator; concern with the disconnect in the project; the approved Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan; the Streetscape Plan; challenges with implementing protected bike lanes; the need for additional right of way; raised lines to differentiate the bike lane; green bike lanes; curbs; rumble strips; development moving forward; existing policy; missed opportunity; concerns of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Committee that have come to pass; connectivity; the need to make the plan stronger; refinements to the streetscape plan; future refinements; acknowledgement of the numbers of people driving cars; traffic issues; safety hazards created by gaps in the streetscape plan; shading of seating areas; tree size; Silver Cell structures underground; allowing trees to thrive; adoption of the streetscape plans within the TOD district; implementation of the plan moving forward; trash/recycling receptacles; street furnishing solutions; creativity vs. uniformity; the graphic identity program; budget; funding; grants; maintenance; capital improvement programming; prioritization; problems with bike lanes in Los Angeles; film locations; and bollards.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STREETSCAPE PLAN.

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Item A-2

CC - (1) Discussion of Retaining Consultant Services to Conduct Follow-Up Studies and Prepare Recommendations for R-1 Neighborhood Development Standards for Certain Single Family Residential Neighborhoods to Address Larger Single Family Homes; and (2) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification that if approved, staff would prepare an RFP and evaluate responses; concerns of the Carlson Park neighborhood; the potential to expand the scope of work; work scopes of surrounding cities; the time frame for completion; adopted Zoning Code changes that will be applied City-wide; previously approved projects; length of time to study one neighborhood; the way the scope of the RFP is written; defining the focus; those areas most susceptible to change; and the length of time to consider each neighborhood.

Mayor O'Leary invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Bert Bochner expressed appreciation for the Zoning Code updates; he asserted that an outside consultant should still be brought in; and he expressed concern with the length of time for the process.

Iain Gulin applauded attention to studying the R-1 zone; he felt that retention of an unbiased, outside expert consultant was necessary; he discussed the diversity of neighborhoods in the City; he felt that R-2 properties adjacent to R-1 properties should be included in the study; and in response to inquiry from Council Member Clarke, he felt that the process should not be rushed and that the time frame would likely get shorter with each neighborhood studied.

Marla Koosed thanked the City Council for their attention to updating R-1 zoning codes; she felt there was much more work to be done; discussed the length of the process; and she wanted to see a consultant brought in.

Ron Smoire wanted to see a plan for the City overall, and he noted that while Carlson Park was vocal, the issue is City-wide.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, read a written comment submitted by:

Philip Lelyveld

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the City-wide nature of the issue; length of the process; the responsibility to do a comprehensive job; applying the findings for Carlson Park to other neighborhoods; breaking the RFP into one specific to Carlson Park and also having a City-wide option; concern with one-size fits all; being precise for different neighborhoods; addressing closeness between houses; hillside areas; targeted public outreach; areas that could be excluded; different characteristics within a single neighborhood; writing a multi-faceted, broad RFP; consultant input; a suggestion to bring the item back once more information is gathered; information already gathered; impacts to different housing models within the City; mapping the hot spots; characterizing the various neighborhoods; base data; fine tuning information; creation of a draft scope; bifurcating the motion; hot spots particular to certain schools; the desire for a global approach that is tailored on a neighborhood basis with individual outreach; examining existing houses that are targets for mansionization; applying new standards to the old houses and predicting impacts to the neighborhood; utilization of graphic tools; style issues vs. location issues; zoning envelope issues; making sure neighborhoods are not left behind; the R-2 issue; agreement that staff bring the RFP back for review; the time frame for bringing back an RFP: the West Hollywood study; and whether additional City Council meetings are needed.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE A DRAFT RFP FOR SUCH SERVICES FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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Item A-5
(Out of Sequence)

CC - FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - (1) Consideration of a Request to Include Banners as Part of the City's Voter Education and Outreach Campaign, Culver City Counts, and (2) (If Desired) Approval of a Budget Amendment Not-to-Exceed $7,600 for Production and Presentation of Such Banners

Mayor O'Leary invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Debbie Wallace and Judy Sherman, Fox Hills Neighborhood Association, expressed support for Culver City Counts noting that they want to include the program in all voter education outreach and on banners; discussed the aim of the Association to get residents out to vote; challenges to precinct walking in the area; posters in area parks; and other ways to encourage voter registration.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding banner locations; brackets for pole signs; issues with expanding the program City-wide; increased production time for the banners; timing; posters; the goal of improving voter turnout; expanding the program for the future; appreciation to the Fox Hills Neighborhood Association for their enthusiasm and support; areas of low voter turnout; opportunities to test the banner program on selected streets in the Fox Hills area; street poles that would qualify for banners; the ability to hang banners for City programs; appreciation to Madeleine Ehrlich for bringing the item to the City Council; and a suggestion to place banners in Fox Hills rather than in certain downtown locations.

Madeleine Ehrlich suggested asking Westfield Mall to broadcast Culver City Counts messages.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding broadcasting Culver City Counts messages on the video screen in the mall; placing three banners in the regular downtown locations and 25 banners in Fox Hills; and the recommended budget amendment.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. INCLUDE BANNERS AS PART OF THE CULVER CITY COUNTS CAMPAIGN; AND,

2. INSTALL THREE BANNERS AT THE REGULAR DOWNTOWN LOCATIONS WITH 25 ADDITIONAL BANNERS TO BE PLACED IN THE FOX HILLS AREA AND,

3. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING UP TO $7,600 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (ACCOUNT 10111100.517300) TO INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT THE GENERAL ELECTION.

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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 Council Members

Council Member Sahli-Wells announced the Gala Dinner with the Friends of the Library at the Julian Dixon Library on February 26 and the launch of the Otis Report on the Creative Economy on February 25.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that the City's own Creative Economy Report had been approved as part of the budget and is currently in progress.

Mayor O'Leary apologized to Friends of the Library for missing their event, and he offered up an extra copy of *Evicted* given to him by the California Chamber of Commerce.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 11:08 p.m., the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned its meeting in memory of Marguerite Wild.

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

February 22, 2015

MICHEÁL O‘LEARY
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