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

January 14, 2018
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Small called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Thomas Small, Mayor
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Vice Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Alex Fisch, Council Member
Daniel Lee, 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 - Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Police Chief
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

CS-2 CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Buford Carter v. City of Culver City
LASC Case No. BC713618
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (1)

CS-3 CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Re: Jason Brown, et al. v. City of Culver City, et al.
LASC Case No. BC685439
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)

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Regular Session

Mayor Small reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council and convened the Culver City Housing Authority Board, and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 7:00 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

John Nachbar, City Manager, led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Seth Horowitz.

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Closed Session Report

Mayor Small indicated nothing to report out of Closed Session except that Item CS-1 had not been considered.

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Recognition Presentations

Item R-1

CC - A Proclamation in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Day 2019

Mayor Small presented a Proclamation in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Day to Reverend Carolyn Wilkins.

Reverend Carolyn Wilkins accepted the Proclamation on behalf of all of the hardworking members of the MLK Celebration Committee; discussed the Leadership Academy and upcoming events; and equality and inclusivity.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Lee wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported on his trip to Kenya and Ghana, noting interest in beginning a Sister City relationship.

Council Member Fisch reported on the passing of Chris Price, an unsheltered person who lived by the bridge near Ballona Creek, and asked that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF CHRIS PRICE.

Council Member Eriksson reported participating in the official installation of the Mayor and Lord Mayor in Sweden; he received agreement from staff to furnish a report back regarding effects of the government shutdown on Culver City; and he received City Council consensus to agendize a discussion of e-cigarettes and the no smoking ordinance.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members and the potential for subcommittee consideration after initial discussion.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells reported working with Los Angeles Public Health on legislation to ban flavored e-cigarettes; she thanked Assistant City Manager Serena Wright-Black and Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Corey Lakin for their efforts to support employees affected by the Los Angeles Unified School District strike; she thanked Fire Chief Dave White for his work to ensure the safety of residents during the rainstorms; expressed concern with the eviction of the Mayme Clayton Museum from the Courthouse by Los Angeles County and a lack of transparency regarding what is to be done with the property; and she received City Council consensus to direct the City Manager to write a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to inquire about plans for the property and the necessity of the move.

Mayor Small discussed his participation in the recent Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) State of the District event at the Frost Auditorium.

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Presentation

Item P-1

Presentation by the Public Works Department of a New City Hall Zero Waste Program

Kim Braun, Environmental Programs and Operations Manager, introduced the new Zero Waste Program at City Hall and discussed efforts to make the community sustainable.

Chanel Kincaid, Senior Management Analyst, provided details on the new City Hall Zero Waste Program and the proposed timeline for implementation.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding quantification of improvements made; diversion numbers; service levels; training; communication; the broader community and the new green bin organics program; accommodations for mobile staff; the environmental purchasing policy; the amount of plastic in the ocean; and making the program appealing to participate in.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Dr. Janet Hoult discussed things to celebrate in Culver City and she read a poem about issues within the City to address in the coming year.

Earle Hartling, Los Angeles County Sanitation District, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Manager and resident, requested a letter of support for the union in their efforts to negotiate and to avoid a strike.

Discussion ensued between the speaker, staff, and Council Members regarding information presented to the members of the Board of Directors; law firms involved; the separate issue of conflicts of interest; the upcoming meeting; and staff agreement to look into the issue.

Karlo Silbiger, Committee on Homelessness, invited everyone to volunteer for the Annual Homeless Count on January 23, and he provided background on the event.

Debbie Wallace, Committee on Homeless, discussed logistics for the Annual Homeless Count; donations received for the event; volunteer requirements; other cities participating in the Count; she indicated that additional information is available at theycountwillyou.org; and she noted that non-perishable donations were being accepted.

Council Member Eriksson encouraged people to participate noting the importance of raising awareness.

Colin Diaz, Chamber of Commerce, discussed positive feedback received on the CCUSD State of the District and he announced the 2019 Installation Gala for the Chamber of Commerce and the Labor Law Update on January 29 at JVS.

Tom Camarella expressed solidarity with the union regarding waste; expressed disappointment with the Mayme Clayton Library situation and questioned what the City was doing to help; and he encouraged everyone to vote in the election on January 27 at Culver City Middle School noting that additional information is available at progressiveslate.org.

Eric Paesel discussed the life and legacy of Chris Price, noting that there would be a memorial on the bridge by Ballona Creek on January 19.

Shona Gupta discussed the passing of Chris Price and reported that his sister was touched by the outpouring of support since his death noting that the funeral would be on January 19 at 1 p.m. on the bridge.

Robert Rachins, Westside Family Health Center (WFHC), provided background on the organization noting that they would be moving to the LA Weekly building in the fall; discussed fundraising and friend-raising for the project; participation in the Technical Advisory Committee for the Health Element;

and he distributed information to Council Members and invited everyone to participate in Friends of WFHC at Sarah the Wine Bar on January 29.

Mayor Small received clarification that WFHC was moving their entire operation to Culver City.

Robin Turner noted that fire plugs were not added to Culver Crest until 2018; discussed fires in Malibu; the risk of fires and floods in the area; the new location of the fireworks at West LA College and embers from them in her yard last year; and she asked that fireworks be moved back to the High School.

Jane Leonard, Unity for the Westside, read a statement from Karol Scotta in appreciation to the Culver City Fire Department for their response to the recent fire at the church.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that three emails had been received for Item C-9.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Consent Calendar

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that Item C-12 had been removed from the agenda.

Item C-9
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Culver City Municipal Code Section 11.20.025 to Allow Applications for the Placement of Telecommunications Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way to be Administratively Approved by the Public Works Director/City Engineer; and (2) Adoption of an Ordinance Adding Section 11.20.065, "Wireless Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way" to Chapter 11.20 to Establish the Regulatory Framework for Permitting the Installation of Wireless Facilities Within the City's Public Rights-of-Way

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Wendy Salazar, Verizon Wireless, referenced comments made previously at the December 10, 2018 City Council meeting and a letter provided to the City Council by outside counsel at that time; she reiterated the request to defer adoption of the ordinance; reported submission of a letter from outside counsel to the City Council dated January 7, 2019 in response to draft design standards from the City; and discussed contact with the Public Works Department to coordinate a stakeholders meeting to draft guidelines that work for everyone involved.

Michael Cintron, Crown Castle, provided background on the company; expressed support for efforts of the City to regulate small cell; noted portions of the code that place the City in conflict with state law; he suggested that the City consider changes at a later date; and he thanked the Public Works Director for removing the draft design guidelines from the current item in order to consider comments from the industry.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding review of comments received by outside counsel; belief that the current ordinance can move forward; time constraints; the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) order; the need to process applications; interim standards; work with the industry on the guidelines; the appeals period; an observation that the FCC gives the City very little oversight or rights; granting of extensions; stakeholder meetings; resident concerns; availability of the draft design guidelines on the City website; and the process for approval.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 11.20.025 TO ALLOW APPLICATIONS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO BE ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER; AND

2. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11.20, TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SECTION 11.20.065, WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, TO ESTABLISH THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK NECESSARY FOR PERMITTING THE INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY'S PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

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Item C-3
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Approval of Professional Services Agreement with the Willdan Group, Inc. for the Preliminary Assessment of Electric Vehicle Fleet Conversion Potential and a Facility Needs Assessment for the Transportation Facility in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$49,820

Responding to Council Member Fisch, Transit Director Art Ida clarified that the project is for the Transit Facility; he discussed the mandate to convert the fleet by 2040; providing the best infrastructure to maintain the fueling facility; police vehicles; and the facilities focus.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE WILLDAN GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE FLEET CONVERSION AND A FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$49,820; 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-6
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Consent to Allow California Professional Engineering Inc. to Withdraw its Bid; (2) Award of Construction Contract in the Amount of \$630,118 to Comet Electric, Inc., as the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder; and (3) Authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Approve Change Orders in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$94,500, for the Traffic Signal Re-Wiring Project, PZ-429, Traffic Signal Construction at Washington Boulevard and Cattaraugus Avenue, PL-003 and Left Turn Modification at Sepulveda Blvd./Jefferson Blvd./Playa St., PL-009

Responding to Council Member Fisch, Charles, Herbertson, Public Works Director, clarified funding; discussed mitigation of impacts; the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the Cumulus project; addressing traffic impacts; repurposing space; and mitigation of the traffic on Playa/Overland.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. CONSENT TO ALLOW CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING INC. TO WITHDRAW ITS BID;
2. AWARD A CONTRACT TO COMET ELECTRIC, INC. AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL RE-WIRING PROJECT, PZ-429, TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION AT WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND CATTARAUGUS AVENUE, PL-003, AND LEFT TURN MODIFICATION AT SEPULVEDA BL/JEFFERSON BL/PLAYA ST., PL-009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$630,118;
3. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$94,500, AND,
4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
5. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-1

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Cash Disbursements

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2018 TO JANUARY 4, 2019.

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Item C-2

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting on November 27, 2018 and the Regular City Council Meeting on December 10, 2018

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 27, 2018 AND THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2018.

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Item C-4

(Out of Sequence)

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Crown Castle for Use of the Public Right-of-Way to Install 3,129 Feet of Aerial Telecommunication Cable at Three Locations: 1) Crossing Lucerne Avenue (Northeast of Duquesne Avenue) and then Running Northeasterly Along Jefferson Boulevard (Terminating Near the City Boundary); 2) Starting on Lucerne Avenue and Running Northeasterly, Crossing Van Buren Place and Terminating Mid-Block Between Van Buren Place and Ince Boulevard; 3) Starting on Hayden Avenue and Running Northwards and Terminating on the Northeast Corner of Hayden Avenue and Warner Drive

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE FOR USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY TO INSTALL 3,129 FEET OF AERIAL TELECOMMUNICATION CABLE AT THREE LOCATIONS: 1) CROSSING LUCERNE AVENUE (NORTHEAST OF DUQUESNE AVENUE) AND THEN RUNNING NORTHEASTERLY ALONG JEFFERSON BOULEVARD AND TERMINATING NEAR THE CITY BOUNDARY; 2) STARTING ON LUCERNE AVENUE AND RUNNING NORTHEASTERLY, CROSSING VAN

BUREN PLACE AND TERMINATING MID-BLOCK BETWEEN VAN BUREN PLACE AND INCE BOULEVARD; 3) STARTING ON HAYDEN AVENUE AND RUNNING NORTHWARDS AND TERMINATING ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HAYDEN AVENUE AND WARNER DRIVE.;

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-5

CC - Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Culver City Downtown Business Association (DBA) for City-Sponsored DBA Events in Calendar Years 2019-2020

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CULVER CITY DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION DESIGNATING CERTAIN EVENT(S) AS CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2019 AND 2020, 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-7
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Approval of a Purchase Order with Los Angeles Truck Centers for the Purchase and Delivery of One New and Unused Refrigerated Truck in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$164,450.00

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH LOS ANGELES TRUCK CENTERS FOR PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ONE NEW AND UNUSED REFRIGERATED TRUCK IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$164,450.00, INCLUDING ALL FEES AND TAXES; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO ISSUE SUCH PURCHASE ORDER.

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Item C-8

CC - (1) Rejection of All Proposals Received for Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 1920, Vehicle Lift Replacement, and (2) Authorization to Release New RFP for the Replacement of In-Ground Vehicle Lifts

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. REJECT ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 1920: VEHICLE LIFT REPLACEMENT; AND
2. AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FOUR IN-GROUND VEHICLE LIFTS PER REVISED SPECIFICATIONS.

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Item C-10
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Rejection of All Bids Received for the West Washington Boulevard AIP Phase III Lighting and Upgrades, PF-1923; and (2) Authorization to Publish a New Notice Inviting Bids for the Project

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AIP PHASE III LIGHTING AND UPGRADES, PF-1923; AND,
- 2) AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NEW NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE PROJECT.

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Item C-11

Approval of a Three-Year Professional Services Agreement with Keyser Marston Associates for Financial Analysis Services with the Option of Two Additional One-Year Terms in an Aggregate Amount Not-to-Exceed \$75,000

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A THREE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KMA FOR FINANCIAL ANALYSIS SERVICES WITH TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR OPTIONS IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$75,000; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE FINAL AGREEMENT DURING THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS, PROVIDED SUCH MODIFICATIONS DO NOT RESULT IN AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT PRICE BEYOND THE CITY MANAGER'S PURCHASING AUTHORITY; 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-12

CC - Four-Fifths Vote Requirement: (1) Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Engineering to Expand the Scope of Service to Include Contract Building Official Services and Increase the Aggregate Not-To-Exceed Amount by an Additional \$180,000; and (2) Approval of a Related Budget Amendment (Requires a Four-Fifths Vote)

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-11.

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

CC - Introduction of an Ordinance Approving Zoning Code Amendment P2018-0191-ZCA Relating to Event Centers, Amending Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) Title 17: Zoning Code; Section 17.220.015 - Commercial District Land Uses and Permit Requirements, Section 17.230.015 - Industrial District Land

Uses and Permit Requirements, Section 17.260.035 - East Washington Boulevard Overlay, Section 17.320.020 - Number of Parking Spaces Required, Section 17.520.010 - Applicability, Section 17.520.015 - Allowed Temporary Uses, Special Events, and Temporary Events, Section 17.520.035 - Development and Operating Standards, and Section 17.700.010(C) - Definitions

William Kavadas, Assistant Planner, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the business park exemption; commercial zones; parking; whether changes could impose hardships on existing businesses; securing parking independent of normal operations; partnerships with surrounding properties for evening and weekend uses; commercial/industrial uses that have morphed into event centers; ensuring that there is not a pre-destined code enforcement problem for the surrounding neighborhood; origin of the text amendment; locations that have exhausted their allocation of special event permits; addressing a use that was not well defined in the zoning code; noise as the number one complaint; mitigating potential impacts; including a green compostable bin in the waste requirements; integrating operational conditions into the permit application process; alternative parking provisions; flexibility; Administrative Use Permits; the time frame for compliance with the building code; safety issues; entertainment uses; the lack of youth activities in the City; California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis; Reimagine Fox Hills; complimentary uses to reactivate the space; serving the entire community; and addressing issues in the General Plan Update.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mayor Small invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding youth uses; parking requirements for bowling alleys and upcoming discussions on parking.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: INTRODUCE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE, APPROVING ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT P2018-0191-ZCA RELATED TO EVENT CENTERS.

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Item PH-2

CC - PUBLIC HEARING: Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC), Title 17, Zoning Code, Chapters 17.550 - Variances, Administrative Modifications, Reasonable Accommodations and 17.610 - Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Parcels

Jose Mendivil, Associate Planner, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding legal non-conforming parcels; administrative modifications; allowing for latitude; the 10% margin; allowing a buyer to build what was existing when the loan was financed; rule resets in the event of a major earthquake; the General Plan Update; up-zoning; community input; and appreciation to the Planning Commission for their work.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mayor Small invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS RELATED TO NONCONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES, AND PARCELS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION REQUESTS.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Adoption of a Resolution in Support of the Bayard Rustin U.S. Postage Stamp Campaign

Shelly Wolfberg, City Manager's Office, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Small invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE BAYARD RUSTIN NATIONAL STAMP CAMPAIGN.

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Item A-2

CC - Presentation regarding Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator (LACI) and Discussion about Joining LACI

Shelly Wolfberg, City Manager's Office, introduced the presenters.

Michael Swords, Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator, provided an overview of the company.

Michelle Kingman, Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator, invited Culver City to join the Transportation Electrification Partnership; provided a presentation on the public/private partnership; discussed the Zero Emissions Roadmap; the Energy-Transportation Nexus; pilot projects; grants; she invited Culver City to participate in the advisory group; and she discussed levels within the advisory group.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding working in a neutral space toward common goals and solutions; participating cities; benefits related to joining; facilitation between cities and bus companies; pilot programs; conducting a fiscal analysis; necessary environmental innovations; next steps in the process; staff time; the

commitment necessary; the role of Culver City; the designated representative for the City; input into the points of focus; guiding principles; expediting the process; the budget discussion; and City Council agreement to direct the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee to consider the item and formulate a recommendation, with the City Council to vote on an allocation of funds.

Mayor Small invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Item A-3

CC - Discussion and Direction Relative to the (1) Naming of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) District; and (2) Potential Expansion of the Arts District Business Improvement District (BID) to Include Portions of the TOD District

Elaine Gerety-Warner, Economic Development Project Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Michael Russell, Culver City Arts District Board, provided background on himself; discussed the Wilshire Corridor Improvement District; the recent Art Walk N Roll event; plans to connect the neighborhood; and he noted the desire to do more without raising the assessments.

Ken Mand expressed support for the expansion of the Arts District BID to include the properties toward Robertson; he felt that the signage package should be revised pending analysis; discussed the desire to have more of a unified area; ensuring that the branding encompasses the collaboration; and the need for stakeholder outreach prior to printing the signs.

George Montgomery, Arts District BID Board, noted that the Arts District can signify design and innovation; discussed arts districts in other cities; the banner program; the mix of businesses; support by the City; the annual budget; typical

size of BIDs in Los Angeles County; expansion to allow the BID to accomplish more; and sponsorships.

Seth Horowitz, Culver Hotel, suggested that the conversation should include expansion of the downtown area; he discussed businesses coming in the City; and elimination of the TOD district.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding different parts of the issue; whether to maintain the Transit District label; bisecting the existing space between the Arts District and Downtown; the need for public facing identity; branding; addressing signage without reference to districts; creating a concept of downtown that includes both BIDs; the Olympics; thinking bigger; planning within the next ten years for two districts meeting in the middle; addressing problems associated with success; the Robertson Transit Hub; leaving in references to the Arts Districts but removing references to the Transit District; adding references to Metro Parking; the Helms reference; leaving the naming of the Districts for the future; private real estate interests competing for wayfinding references; naming ideas already established and embraced by the public; using reference points; the sense of place; Creative Economy companies moving in the City; outreach; the formal process; increased foot traffic when Ivy Station opens; maintenance; Metro branding of the Robertson Transit Hub; the importance of wayfinding; bicycle options; budgeting for operations and maintenance, including name changes; the Helms Bakery District within the Arts District; the historic designation; communication with Wally Marks; confusion created by Ivy Station and Ivy Substation; differentiation; input from different agencies; a suggestion that an independent, objective consultant examine everything rather than creating things piecemeal; the process; the consultant that did the design; copy and content created through stakeholder meetings; engaging an environmental graphics firm; whether Metro would allow an extension of the grant; outreach to the lowest responsive bidder; costs and process; length of the RFP process; the intent to fast track; getting information from Metro on their re-naming; City Council facilitation of communication with Metro; providing clarification quickly; scope of the task for the environmental graphics firm; upcoming changes through Metro; ensuring coherency; interaction with dynamic parking signs; time frame; stakeholder opinions; the process for business-based BIDs; the need for more study; City Council agreement to look into expanding the BIDs; City Manager budget approval; and

agreement that staff request an extension of the grant and select a firm to study and facilitate outreach for the wayfinding system.

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Item A-4

CC - (1) Creation of a City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Work with City Staff to Review the City's Regulations and Policies Pertaining to the Service of Alcohol at Special Events Held in City Parks and Other Public Property and on Public Rights-of-Way; and (2) Appointment of Two City Council Members Thereto

Shelly Wolfberg, City Manager's Office, provided a summary of the material of record.

Heather Baker, Assistant City Attorney, noted that the code is very specific as to where alcohol can be consumed on public property; discussed broadening available options; language to provide City Council authority; input from departments involved in special events; and input from a smaller group of the City Council before the item comes before the entire City Council.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding timeframe; expediting the process; the Car Show; and the City Council Policy subcommittee.

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Seth Horowitz, Culver Hotel, discussed changes to public areas including The Steps and Culver Station; activities that include the consumption of alcohol; and including those parties in the conversation.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. CREATE A CITY COUNCIL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO WORK WITH CITY STAFF TO REVIEW THE CITY'S REGULATIONS AND POLICIES PERTAINING TO THE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL AT SPECIAL EVENTS HELD IN PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY AND ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND

2. APPOINT VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON THERETO.

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Item A-5

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Revised Salary Schedule for Non-Benefited City Employees Effective January 1, 2019

Serena Wright-Black, Assistant City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Small invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED SALARY SCHEDULE FOR NON-BENEFITED CITY EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Small 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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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells noted that landlords are not incentivized to find tenants; asked that staff take a look at ways to incentivize landlords to fill up the empty storefronts; and suggested conducting an economic analysis.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding lease holders; ways to address the issue; legal constraints; encouraging pop-ups in empty spaces; dedicated funds for small business development from some of the larger businesses; adding a General Plan Workshop to discuss neighborhood-serving retail and vacancies; and the current economic development study.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHRIS PRICE.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:52 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, and Culver City Housing Authority Board adjourned in memory of Chris Price to January 24, 2019.

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Jeremy Green
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, and Culver City Housing Authority Board
Culver City, California

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