

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

August 28, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Vera called the regular meeting of the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall and via Webex.

Present: Albert Vera, Mayor
Yasmine-Imani McMorris, Vice Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Freddy Puza, Council Member
Dan O'Brien, Council Member

*Vice Mayor McMorris arrived at 5:42 p.m.

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Closed Session

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported no requests to speak on Closed Session items.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY, REDEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, PUZA, VERA
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: MCMORRIN

At 5:33 p.m. the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned to Closed Session to consider the following Closed Session Item:

CS-1 CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation (3 Items)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

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Regular Session

Mayor Vera reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Redevelopment Financing Authority, Culver City Housing Authority Board, and Culver City Parking Authority at 7:04 p.m. with five Council Members present.

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Recognition Presentations

Item R-1

Presentation of Recognition Certificates to Culver City's "12 and Under Girls Extra" team and the "10 and Under Boys Core" Team for their 2023 Region 19 Achievements in the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)

Mayor Vera presented the Recognition Certificates to Culver City's "12 and Under Girls Extra" team and the "10 and Under Boys Core" team for their 2023 Region 19 Achievements in the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO).

Seth Rosenzweig, with 10 and Under Boys Core, presented Council Members with AYSO 50th Anniversary pins; he acknowledged his assistant coach; and he called up team members to receive their certificates.

A representative from 12 and Under Girls Extra thanked the City for the recognition and called up team members to receive their certificates.

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Recess/Reconvene

The City Council, Housing Authority Board, Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board took a short recess from 7:15 P.M. to 7:20 P.M. to address sound issues.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Vera indicated nothing to report out of Closed Session.

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Community Announcements by Members/Updates from Commission, Boards and/or Committees/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Puza discussed the successful Fiesta La Ballona; thanked staff for their response and emergency preparations for the recent hurricane and earthquake; and he acknowledged the 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington.

Council Member Eriksson discussed Fiesta La Ballona and expressed appreciation to staff and to all who participated.

Council Member O'Brien echoed comments in appreciation for the hard work of staff in response to Tropical Storm Hilary; discussed staff efforts on Fiesta La Ballona; expressed pride in the City; and he noted the presence of people in the audience to speak on the agenda item related to gun violence.

Vice Mayor McMorris echoed thanks to staff and organizations that participated in Fiesta La Ballona; encouraged people to provide feedback on the event; discussed the anniversary of

Women's Equality Day; discrimination that women still face; acknowledgement by the White House; National Black Business Month; local Black-owned businesses; the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington; the recent murder-suicide in Jacksonville, Florida; the importance of education; the importance of acknowledging the systems that the country was founded on despite discomfort with the information; persisting conditions of hate and discrimination; public-facing engagement around equity, anti-racism, white supremacy, and feeding different kinds of hate that hurts everyone; and she indicated being excited to serve the Second District through her appointment to the LAHSA (Los Angeles Housing Services Authority) Commission Board.

Mayor Vera echoed comments acknowledging staff for their hard work with Fiesta La Ballona, and he expressed appreciation for the dedication of staff and for the foresight of the City Manager in activating emergency services for the hurricane.

Council Member Eriksson asked that when the meeting is adjourned, that it be adjourned in memory of Jozelle Smith, the second female mayor in Culver City.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported that Vice Mayor had joined Closed Session at 5:42 p.m.

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Information Items

Item I-1

CC - Update on Homelessness Emergency Including Project Homekey, Safe Camping, and Other Housing Programs (This update is made pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 8630(c) requiring a periodic review of the local emergency)

Tevis Barnes, Housing and Human Services Director, provided an update to the City Council on Storm Hilary and their response to assist unhoused neighbors; noted the lack of damage to the Safe Sleep Village; expressed appreciation for the efforts of Police, Fire, and Public Works; she presented a video on the Culver City Safe Camping Site; indicated that the site should be filled within the next week; discussed people served; the handoff from Saint Joseph Center to Urban Alchemy staff; multiple City departments that participate in the project; the visit from Mayor Bass to the Project Homekey site; the service

provider for the Project Homekey site: Exodus Recovery; LVN (Licensed Vocational Nurse) candidates; completion of the landscaping; the dining area and food provided; equipping rooms at the Sunburst with kitchenettes; permanent supportive housing provided; new systems and amenities installed; HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) compliance; the yoga and meditation room; ensuring that people feel comfortable and safe; the motel program; the Motel Master Leasing Program; security; 24/7 services; outreach services; visits by the Mobile Crisis Team; and planned weekly medical clinics.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the amount of permanent supportive housing and interim housing provided; the opening of Project Homekey; Exodus; number of people accommodated; double occupancy rooms for couples to share; accommodations for pets; families; households with dependent children; the elderly and disabled; clarification the people would not be exited until housing has been secured; the voluntary program; difficulty securing housing; the number of couples at the Safe Camping site; concerns with Urban Alchemy; ensuring that feedback from those in the program is taken into consideration; daily unannounced visits by staff; a six-month survey of participants suggested by the Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness; staffing by formerly homeless or incarcerated individuals; statistics and details coming forward in the future; priority levels; demand; meeting needs; waiting lists; guests ready to transition to the next phase; the Emergency Ordinance; the outdoor area; amenities; and the ability of the guests to personalize their space.

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Presentations

Item P-1

CC - Presentation of Mobile Medical Services for the Unhoused by Health Care in Action

Michael Hochman, Health Care In Action, provided background on the organization; discussed a possible partnership with the City; and he commended the City for their thoughtful approach in addressing homeless issues.

Robert Trench, Health Care In Action, provided background on his experience, and he expressed appreciation for the thoughtful approach taken by Culver City to get people off the streets and

into a better situation.

José Gonzalez, Health Care In Action, provided background on himself and an overview of services offered; discussed the Primary Care Street Team; existing operations; the business model; funding; CalAIM; grants; city contracts; and he shared a video success story.

Michael Hochman, Health Care In Action, discussed the number of patients who have gained housing; the potential partnership with Culver City; getting people into permanent supportive housing; launching a new mobile team; grant funding for start-up costs; operating hours; outreach; Year One Costs; revenue generated; and costs to the City to fill in gaps.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding addressing those with severe mental health issues; coordination with the Mobile Crisis Team; clarification that the response would be unarmed; tracking moving populations to provide services; relationships with communities in surrounding areas; longitudinal services provided; comprehensive outreach; collection of data over time; getting to know daily routines; addiction services; measuring success; the need to spend time with people to find out what they need; overlap with other service providers in the City; the proposal submitted to staff; City Council review; partnerships; ensuring that services are not duplicated; the Coordinated Entry System; the need for repeated visits with clients; efficiency; safety training; the importance of building trust; increased numbers of people being housed; successful city partnerships; and clarification that consideration of the contract would be agendaized for a future City Council meeting.

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Joint Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Sebastian Hernandez with one minute ceded by Kelly Lytle-Hernandez, reported being a victim of a crime but noted that he did not want the story to be a narrative to support police power; discussed the inability of the police to prevent the crime; the incomplete report of the event; fearmongering narratives of violent predators; he indicated that he wanted those who hurt him to know what they did was wrong, but he did

not want them to suffer the justice system which he did not trust; he did not want the incident used for justification for additional funding for more military grade weapons; and he felt that every violent incident should be examined with funding diverted from CCPD (Culver City Police Department) to help the homeless.

Melissa Sanders expressed appreciation to all who made Fiesta La Ballona a success and she expressed disappointment with broken promises for new crosswalks and signage.

Jim Clarke, Leadership Culver City, provided background on the organization; indicated that applications were being accepted at leadershipculvercity.org; discussed the Working Group consisting of the Exchange Club, West LA College, The Chamber of Commerce, and the Center for Non-Profit Management; he requested City Council consensus to agendize consideration of the City officially becoming a part of the Leadership Culver City Working Group with a City representative designated to participate; and he encouraged interested people to register for this year's session.

City Council consensus was achieved to agendize consideration of the City officially becoming a part of the Leadership Culver City Working Group and designating a City representative to participate.

Richard Glaser was called to speak but did not respond.

Candance Pilgrim-Simmons accompanied by Maria Jacobo and Brita Eriksson from Culver City Chamber of Commerce Women in Business, discussed the mission to support women who lead through professional and community endeavors and influence Culver City and beyond, and she encouraged everyone to nominate amazing women in business before September 15, 2023 to be recognized at the 8th Annual Luncheon on October 26.

Robert Zirgulis received clarification that the closing of the gun store was an agenda item; reported buying a gun at the store that saved his business and his life during the Rodney King riots; he referenced studies regarding the use of firearms for personal protection; and he asked how one defends a family without a firearm.

Melissa Stucky thanked the City Council for their efforts to address homeless issues; reported that Superintendent Tran had been released from his duties and expressed hope that would

bring about positive change for the school system to benefit students and staff; discussed a recent Letter to the Editor written by former Mayor Alex Fisch about the need for a tax bond; Measure K; and she asked Culver City residents to do their research and not to vote for any future school bonds.

Eric Sims requested sponsorship to allow use of street pole banners for *Dogman, the Musical* at the Kirk Douglas Theater; discussed the timeframe; challenging times for Center Theater Group (CTG); he clarified that they were not requesting any financial sponsorship or fee waivers; and he stated that there would be economic uplift to the neighborhood for the holidays.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the requirement of \$1,000 for in-kind assistance to be provided in order for the City to sponsor the event with street pole banners, and City Council consensus was achieved from all Council Members to agendize consideration of the request.

Margot Bennett discussed the use of mode vs. average in terms of length of time people have been homeless in the City; she proposed giving careful consideration as to whether the City Council was leading senior staff, or vice versa; expressed concern with the tone of staff reports toward the City Council; and she expressed discomfort with an outburst directed toward a Council Member by a senior staff member at a City Council meeting.

Ruben Honig, Breeze, provided background on the company; discussed difficulties related to lack of enforcement of unlicensed operators; aggressive taxation; and he requested that the City Council agendize a discussion of reducing their City Distribution taxation to 0% as other cities have done.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding consideration of the issue by the Finance Advisory Committee; previous consideration by the Cannabis Subcommittee; having an agendized discussion of the matter to determine how to proceed; and City Council consensus was achieved from Mayor Vera, Vice Mayor McMorrin, and Council Members O'Brien and Puza to agendize a discussion.

Mary Daval, Bike Culver City, discussed the Bike Valet at Fiesta La Ballona; number of people served; cargo bikes; the spatial layout; fencing for the valet perimeter; appreciation for the allotment of additional space; gratitude to Art Nomura for

procuring helmets for distribution from Southern California Council of Governments and to Dia Turner from Transportation for assistance with signage; she thanked the volunteers who made the Bike Valet possible; expressed appreciation to City staff; and thanked everyone who walked, biked, or took transit to attend Fiesta La Ballona.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Order of the Agenda

Items C-4, C-5, C-6, C-8, C-9, C-10, C-11, C-12, and C-13 were considered separately and Item C-4 was considered after Item C-5.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Cash Disbursements for August 5, 2023 to August 18, 2023

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR AUGUST 5, 2023 TO AUGUST 18, 2023.

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Item C-2

CC:HA:PA:SA - Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Held on August 14, 2023

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, PARKING AUTHORITY, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 14, 2023.

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Item C-3

CC - Approval of Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for Basketball Court Replacement at Blair Hills Park and Culver West Alexander Park, PZ-640

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE THE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BASKETBALL COURT REPLACEMENT AT BLAIR HILLS PARK AND CULVER WEST ALEXANDER PARK, PZ-640.

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Item C-5
(Out of Sequence)

HA - Approval of Certification and Submission of Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP)

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding increasing participation in the Section 8 program; program participants; new voucher holders; Small Area Fair Market Rents; and efforts to attract and retain current owners.

THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD:

1. APPROVE THE CERTIFICATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE SECTION 8 MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SEMAP) TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD); AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE SEMAP CERTIFICATIONS.

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Item C-4

CC - Authorization of Payment to Culver City Hospitality, Inc. DBA Rodeway Inn for Costs Incurred Relating to Occupation by and Eviction of Former Internal Motel Voucher Program Clients, including Holding Client's Belongings, Room Repairs, Room Downtime, and Legal Services in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$97,392.64

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding a confidential memo submitted to the City Council, and staff agreement to furnish the City Council with information on where people went.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO CULVER CITY HOSPITALITY, INC. DBA RODEWAY INN FOR COSTS INCURRED RELATING TO OCCUPATION BY AND EVICTION OF FORMER INTERNAL MOTEL VOUCHER PROGRAM CLIENTS, INCLUDING HOLDING CLIENT'S BELONGINGS, ROOM REPAIRS, ROOM DOWNTIME, AND LEGAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$97,392.64; 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

CC - Authorization of a Task Order for Traffic Engineering Services for the Signal Synchronization Project in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$151,601 Pursuant to the Terms of the City's On-Call Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Melissa Sanders discussed signal synchronization; pedestrian crossings; misalignment of signals when someone hits a walk button; prioritization of pedestrians; and she questioned the need for the study.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding evaluation of specific corridors in the City; prior synchronization as part of the adaptive system; consideration of cross traffic; cross coordination on multiple corridors; clarification that pedestrian buttons do not override timing; the never-ending traffic signal synchronization process; the need for fine-tuning and follow-up to keep the system running properly; benefits of the underlying investment to the City; and adjustments once speeds are changed.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: AUTHORIZE A TASK ORDER FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$151,600 PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE CITY'S ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL.

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Item C-7

CC - Authorization of a Task Order for Traffic Engineering Services for the Traffic Signal Fiber Upgrades Project in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$54,285 Pursuant to the Terms of the City's On-Call Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: AUTHORIZE A TASK ORDER FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL FIBER UPGRADES PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$54,285 PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE CITY'S ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES.

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Item C-8

CC - 1) Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. for Development of the City's Complete Streets Design Guidelines in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$499,897.46; and 2) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of a Related Budget Amendment Appropriating the \$500,000 Caltrans Grant to CIP PS030

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Andrew Flores applauded staff for their efforts to secure the grant; noted that Items C-8, C-10 and A-3 were all interrelated; discussed isolated efforts; how items come together; and he questioned whether there was a larger management program.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding other bidders on the project; reasons for choosing Alta Planning + Design; Complete Streets Guidelines; the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; and providing a more unified path forward for separate City policies and documents.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN, INC. FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY'S COMPLETE STREETS DESIGN GUIDELINES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$499,897.46; AND,
2. APPROVE A RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING THE \$500,000 CALTRANS GRANT TO CIP PS030 (REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE): 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

CC - Approval of a Purchase Order with Stryker for Four Automated Chest Compression Devices in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$107,530.00

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Melissa Sanders proposed coordination of a group purchase with the School District to help children as soon as possible.

Ken Powell, Fire Chief, clarified that the compression devices were not available for use by unlicensed individuals.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH STRYKER FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR AUTOMATED CHEST COMPRESSION DEVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$107,530.00; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-10

CC - (1) Ratification of Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Safe Routes to School Striping Project; (2) Award of Construction Contract to Superior Pavement Markings Inc., as the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, in the Amount of \$396,792.32 for the Safe Routes to School Striping Project, PZ-941; and (3) Authorization to the Public Works Director to Approve Change Orders to the Contract in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$39,700 to Cover Contingency Costs (10%)

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding completion of the crosswalk project; a request that the crosswalk in Fox Hills where the accident occurred be examined; and staff willingness to address requests.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. RATIFY THE APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL STRIPING PROJECT; AND,
2. AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO SUPERIOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS INC., AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$396,792.32 FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL STRIPING PROJECT, PZ-941; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS TO THE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$39,700 TO COVER CONTINGENCY COSTS (10%); 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-11

CC - (1) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Revised Salary Schedule for City Employees Effective Retroactive to July 1, 2023; and (2) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Salary Schedule for City Manager Effective Retroactive to July 31, 2023

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding metrics utilized to provide an impetus for increased staff salaries; non-classified staff; contract types; employment agreements; the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding); CPI (Consumer Price Index); negotiations; the City Manager's salary based upon an employment agreement; and new positions to the City that were not previously included as part of standard increases.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 2023; AND,
2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY MANAGER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY MANAGER EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVE TO JULY 31, 2023.

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Item C-12

CC - Approval of an Agreement with Turbo Images for Vehicle Wrap Services in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$640,000 (\$250,000 Base Proposal Plus \$300,000 for Three Optional Years and \$90,000 in Contingency Authority)

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding costs; the Enterprise Fund for bus operations; and clarification that the project is federally funded.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH TURBO IMAGES FOR VEHICLE WRAP SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$250,000; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THREE ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR OPTIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$300,000 (\$100,000 ANNUALLY); AND,

3. AUTHORIZE TO THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGREEMENT FOR UNANTICIPATED COSTS UP TO A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$90,000; 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-13

CC - Waiver of Refuse Penalty Incurred by Possible Productions Inc. and Assessed on January 1, 2023 in the Amount of \$6,014.81

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Melissa Stucky asserted that a large corporation should not have their late fees waived as they could afford them.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the process for equitable evaluation of fee waivers; providing the same opportunities for working class families to come before the City Council to have the opportunity to have fees waived; availability of annual administrative fee waivers for all customers; the requirement for City Council approval for amounts over a certain threshold; the one-time request; payment history; invoices to businesses; and property taxes.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE PENALTY WAIVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,014.81; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO WAIVE THE PENALTY.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-13.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC - Approval of the Implementation of the Motel Master Leasing and Nutrition Program Including: (1) A Long-Term Occupancy Agreement with Culver City Hospitality, (dba Rodeway Inn) in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$1,620,600; (2) A Long-Term Occupancy Agreement with Deeros LLC, (dba Paradise Inn and Suites) in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$2,118,825; (3) A Professional Services Agreement with Everytable in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$490,984 for Program Meals; and (4) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of a Related Budget Amendment Appropriating \$2,275,966 from the Unassigned General Fund Balance

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding length of time people are allowed to stay in the program; clarification that there are no time limits and no one would be exited to the streets; contract renewals; the LAHSA Cold Weather Shelter; difficulty with excessive heat; addressing the possibility of consistently empty rooms; whether to have the rooms ready to place people immediately or waiting for rooms to become available; difficulty relying on LASHA and the county due to lack of shelters available; unwillingness of people to travel far away; occupancy rates for motel contracts; renting excess rooms to other cities to recoup money; evaluation of the program as it goes along; addressing excess capacity; ensuring that there is some amount of vacancy to be able to provide a place to stay when needed; use of Culver City facilities by Los Angeles during extreme weather events last year; hotels that do not want to assist with unhoused neighbors; ensuring facilities are available to assist with extreme weather events; number of people in the motels; people in the motels who are on the list for Project Homekey; condition of the motels; the number of licensed clinicians available; similar master leasing approved by LAHSA; the importance of providing paths toward housing, centering the needs of unhoused individuals, and building trust; the perception that homelessness services investing in care are a large amount of the budget; familiarity with City allocations; clarification that money spent supporting people saves money by preventing punishment; past practices of not caring for people in society; the importance of the nutrition program; and appreciation to staff.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones expressed support for the item as an effective harm reduction tool; acknowledged the efforts put into the program; discussed concern with plans to enforce the ordinance that criminalizes the unhoused with no housing to offer; the challenge of permanent housing; the need to pursue another Homekey grant; projected lack of turnover in the program with no housing available; and he asserted that until permanent housing is offered, homelessness would not be addressed.

Jeanne Black commended staff for their efforts; discussed short term fulfillment of providing care first; costs that are more than were estimated for interim motel shelter that does not provide permanent housing; the fact that motel leasing and services are costing more than annual operating costs for Project Homekey; concern that the City is not going to apply for round three of the Project Homekey grants; increased expenses with the use of motels rather than apartments provided for people who have recently fallen into homelessness; the need for a comprehensive housing plan that balances development of long term solutions with interim programs in a fiscally responsible manner; and concern that after a few years money will run out for first class interim solutions and people will be swept out of Culver City.

Robert Zirgulis was called to speak but did not respond.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding lack of an application for Project Homekey; key components for competitiveness; the need for site control; a property looked at that was not feasible due to costs; the need for direction from the City Council to spend additional monies for operating services; competitiveness of the original application with capital dollars from the Housing Asset Fund and a grant from Sydney Kamlager; potential support from representatives; direction from the City Council to explore additional housing options for Project Homekey; the Housing Element; the next opportunity to apply; Notice of Funding Availability; Letter of Intent; the motel reuse study; identification of someone who is willing to sell; the need for Council support to provide capital and operating funding; waiting until programs are stabilized before moving forward with an additional program; exploration of participating in the next round of grants; funding and support for housing available at the state level; and City Council consensus was achieved from Mayor Vera, Vice Mayor McMorrin, and Council Members O'Brien and Puza to explore permanent affordable housing opportunities and funding.

Council Member Puza received clarification regarding transitioning those currently housed at The Paradise Inn to other housing options.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMEBR PUZA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMEBR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOTEL MASTER LEASING AND NUTRITION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE INTERIM TEMPORARY HOUSING TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN CULVER CITY; AND,

2. APPROVE A LONG-TERM OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH CULVER CITY HOSPITALITY, DBA RODEWAY INN LOCATED AT 11933 WEST WASHINGTON BLVD., CULVER CITY, CA 90066 FOR 37 ROOMS AT AN AVERAGE DAILY RATE OF \$120 FOR A PERIOD OF 12-MONTHS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, TO AUGUST 31, 2024, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,620,600; AND,

3. APPROVE A LONG-TERM OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH DEEROS LLC, DBA PARADISE INN AND SUITES LOCATED AT 11750 WEST WASHINGTON BLVD., CULVER CITY, CA 90066 FOR 27 ROOMS AT AN AVERAGE DAILY RATE OF \$107.50 FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, TO AUGUST 31, 2025, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$2,118,825; AND,

4. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EVERYTABLE TO PROVIDE 3 MEALS, 7 DAYS/WEEK FOR UP TO 64 PERSONS FOR THE PERIOD OF 12-MONTHS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, TO AUGUST 31, 2024, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$490,984; AND,

5. APPROVE A RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING \$2,275,966 FROM THE UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO ACCOUNT NO. 10135100.619830 (HOUSING ADMINISTRATION - OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES UNHOUSED) (REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE); AND,

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

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

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Item A-2

CC - (1) Discussion of a Potential Urgency Ordinance on Transfers of All Legal Non-Conforming Uses (or on Transfer of Legal Nonconforming Firearms Uses); (2) (If Desired) Creation of an Ad Hoc City Council Subcommittee and Appointment of Two Council Members thereto; and (3) Direction to City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Jesse Mays, Assistant City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, indicated in Spanish that she was available to act as a Spanish language interpreter in person or via Webex if needed.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Megan Oddsen-Goodwin, with one minute ceded by Todd Goodwin, discussed assurances that the gun store in the community was harmless; number of calls to the police made to or from the location; neighbors unaware of threats actively unfolding next door; lockdown drills; violations uncovered during the last ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives) inspection in 2015; transfer of firearms to prohibited purchasers; new activity brought with a new gun store; the need to end the non-conforming use with no possibility to transfer; submission of the letter with 300+ signatures gathered from people across all different ideologies who do not want to see another gun store opened; she refused to accept that the one issue that people can come together on is the one issue that the City cannot do anything about; and she asserted that the City could find a way.

Melody Hansen provided background on herself; begged the City Council to stop another gun retailer from moving to Washington Boulevard; discussed threats of gun violence; families who have lost their loved ones to gun violence; the need to protect all children; efforts by the schools to keep students safe; the need for the City to do all possible to prevent a local tragedy; the job of the City to end the non-conforming use of the property; and she asked the City Council to make a difference in the safety of the City.

Huong Nghiem-Eilbeck with one minute ceded by Richard Eilbeck, reported that firearms were the leading cause of death in the United States for those 24 years old and under; discussed the sharp increase in gun deaths since 2019; statistics regarding guns from a California Department of Justice Report; crime guns; Los Angeles Department of Public Health; Culver City as a top ten supplier of guns in the state; number of identified crime guns sold in Culver City; the importance of building political will; and action plans as part of the Los Angeles County 2023 Public Health Platform to prevent gun violence.

Sarah G. McMahon reported comments from her 7 year old son expressing concern with someone buying a gun at the gun store and coming to La Ballona Elementary School to threaten them; she felt that the City Council could find a way to prevent another gun store from moving in; discussed the need for a better option; the constant anxiety of having a gun store so close to the elementary school; she indicated that they would not give up; and she asked that the City Council approve a 45 day moratorium, with that time used to come up with a safe option for Culver City.

Christine Bornacelli provided background on herself; discussed proximity of La Ballona Elementary School to a prominently advertised gun store; increased risk; the Columbine High School shooting; life-long trauma of school shootings; the need to prevent a school shooting from happening; she asserted that no more time could go by without taking action; noted the opportunity to keep children safer; and she urged the City Council to call an emergency meeting as soon as possible to vote on the ordinance.

Stephen Jones requested support for the moratorium; acknowledged the legal risk, but felt it was worth taking; discussed those who got money from the gun store when they were elected; evidence that the store sold handguns under the table, lost weapons, and sold to people who are not allowed to own guns; findings by the California Department of Justice that guns sold by Martin B. Redding have been used to hurt people; fear of frivolous litigation from conservative activists; and he asked the City Council to have courage.

Brian McMahon requested support for the moratorium; discussed respect for a business that has lasted 65 years; allowing the business to sell at an appropriate price and retire in peace; having the next owner put the location to a different and better

use; site control required by Project Homekey; and he proposed that the City take control of the site.

Summer McBride shared concerns of previous speakers; she asked that the City restrict the opening of new gun stores within the City; discussed recent events; the reality of gun violence in the country; the urgency of addressing the issue; innocent lives at risk; schools and places of worship; valuing the safety and wellbeing of community members; acknowledging the legitimate right of gun ownership but ensuring that guns do not fall into the wrong hands; making a difference by taking action at the local level; standing together against the proliferation of gun stores; ending the cycle of gun violence; serving as an example; and far-reaching consequences of decisions.

Maria V. provided background on herself; asked the City Council to convene an emergency meeting to enact a temporary halt to authorization of the new gun store; discussed the opportunity to make history and enhance community safety; legal concerns; the need to seek creative solutions; staff resources; she asked the City Council to support the proposed moratorium; and she related her personal experience living next to the school and to the gun shop.

John Murphy was called to speak but did not respond.

Margaret Peters, Culver 878, with one minute ceded, discussed concerns with unintended consequences cited in the staff report; a suggestion to modify the moratorium to include all non-conforming business uses; work during the 45 day period to creatively solve the issue; consultation with a land use attorney; the job of the City to produce a legal solution to address community concerns; other nonconforming businesses that might be looking to sell within the 45 day period; zoning already under consideration as part of the Housing Element in the General Plan; California Government Code Section 65858; assessment of impacts; likelihood of the small group of impacted businesses to transfer rights in the next 45 days; the opportunity to take action to make a difference; she wanted to see an emergency meeting scheduled immediately; and she asked the Reddings to not sell the business to another gun store.

Jeanne Black expressed support for approving a 45 day moratorium applied to all non-conforming business uses; asserted that while selling firearms at the location might be legal, it was wrong; discussed collective trauma from a seemingly endless epidemic of gun violence; infamy of the Redding gun store around the

world; further traumatizing children, their parents, and those going to places of worship; the dire shortage of housing; and she felt that staff should use the moratorium period to identify a beneficial usage of the property and prevent firearms from ever being sold at the location again.

Jessica Harwood echoed previous comments regarding the opportunity to put safety first; discussed unification of the City in opposition to allowing another gun business to open at the location; constant anxiety with schools being a target; and she asked that the safety of the community be put first.

Melissa Sanders echoed previous comments; discussed the moratorium related to the mansionization issue; creation of a community land trust to create affordable housing; she wanted to see the City make an above market offer to buy the property; proposed a Go Fund Me to buy the business; suggested thinking out of the box to make the important decision for the City and the children; and noted the ability to find a win-win solution.

Doug Osborne provided background on himself; discussed concern for the children, potential new business owners, and new residents; frustration with the signage; the fact that more guns are not needed, but housing is; proximity to the school, mosque, residential neighborhood, and visibility from the freeway; and he asked that the City Council support the moratorium.

Dr. Luther Henderson voiced his opposition to the potential implementation of an urgency ordinance on the transfer of all legal non-conforming uses; commended staff for the coherent and astute staff report presented based on pertinent information referencing City code, California case law, and United States Supreme Court rulings; discussed Constitutional Amendments; ensuing lawsuits against the City; and the responsibility of the City Council to not waste public funds and to uphold the Constitution.

Darryl Cherness was called to speak but did not respond.

Ron Bassilian was called to speak but did not respond.

Andrew Lachman provided background on himself; discussed a friend killed as part of a robbery while parking his car; the right to transfer a business; best use for the property; the need for mixed use housing; evaluation of the continued use; whether the current use offers other opportunities to help property values and make the community safer; whether there is

a public policy reason for not extending the usage; and creating a suggested process for how to approach the issue.

John Bellas expressed support for previous comments made; noted that the right thing to do was to not allow the continued sale of guns close to a school, park, and house of worship; discussed the adoption of code provisions to establish separation distances by the City Council in 2005; conservative legal advice to minimize the risk to the City; the community request to take a risk to pursue a moratorium or urgency ordinance to do what is right; and he requested establishment of an ad hoc committee to craft a legally defensible ordinance to get rid of the gun store in proximity to schools and other sensitive uses.

Khin Khin Gyi discussed recent shootings; mental health impairment; concealed carry for retired police officers; those with anger management issues; disqualifications to legal possession of guns for specific issues; and she asked that the City Council enact a moratorium to consider better land use applications for the site in close proximity to schools and places of worship.

Robert Zirgulis discussed the Second Amendment; the number of times guns have saved people's lives; he questioned how people would defend themselves if someone broke into their house; and he expressed opposition to demonizing people for the Second Amendment.

Melissa Stucky discussed the 45 day moratorium to protect the health, welfare, and safety of residents; politics; the family-run business; the recent robbery at the Big 5 store; she questioned whether there had been any direct harm caused by the location of the gun store in the City and where the voices were when people were being beat up, stabbed, or raped at the schools; and she did not want to see the property given away to investors.

Andrew Flores provided background on himself; discussed a conversation with his second grader about the issue; gun violence over many decades; finding a better aligned use of the location; and he asked the City Council to direct staff to find a creative solution.

Margot Bennett, Women Against Gun Violence, provided background on the organization; expressed strong support for the passage of an urgency ordinance to pause transfers of all legal non-conforming use properties; discussed the hysteria of some gun owners; proposed that people buy their guns elsewhere; did not

want to see the action delayed by a lack of City staff support and possible obstruction of the issue; and she urged the City Council to be as brave as other local jurisdictions that have taken action and shown leadership with solution-oriented actions, and as brave as the students who go to school.

Disa Lindgren provided background on herself; discussed lack of safety drills related to gun violence when she was growing up in Culver City; the large sign that frightened her as a child and still stands; she noted that the City had the power to address the issue by voting for the moratorium; asserted that staff and the community were filled with creative and resourceful people; pointed out that society had changed radically since the store opened; and she felt it was wrong for children to be growing up with traumatizing fear.

Suneal Kholluri discussed the presence of a gun store next to an elementary school; noted that when the City cares about an issue, such as a bus/bike lane, they act quickly; wanted to see the City propose a solution; and asked that the City care about their children as much as they cared about their cars.

Kenny Stevenson provided background on himself; asked the City Council to enact an emergency moratorium on transfers of non-conforming uses; noted the important opportunity to correct the major issue of having a gun store near a school, park, and place of worship; discussed local law that is meant to buffer sensitive receptors from the specific type of usage; active shooter drills at schools; consistent refusal to address issues related to guns; taking the chance to enact change; the need to protect kids, schools, and the future; allowing children to feel safe at school; he asked the City Council to not allow a gun store near the school; and he wanted to see the City enact a moratorium and also to refuse to allow another gun store at the location.

Ron Ostrin with one minute ceded by Leslie Ostrin, discussed the sincerity of the parents asking for the moratorium; declared that the moratorium would not make their kids safer; asserted that Martin B. Retting enforced gun laws fastidiously; stated that AR15s were not sold in California, and the store did not sell illegal guns; he felt that the building would probably not be a gun store as that would not be the highest and best use and it would be sold to a developer; expressed concern with violation of the Second Amendment and property rights; he proposed eminent domain or inverse condemnation to address the

issue; and noted the importance of applying the law in a smart way.

Denise Neal provided background on herself; discussed the need for good people with conceal and carry permits to address random situations; protecting the freedom to worship; the officially declared housing crisis; agreed with comments from Mr. Ostrin in support of eminent domain; and she proposed that the City buy the land to use to address issues without violating the rights of the Redding family.

Melissa Fischer was called to speak but did not respond.

Bubba Fish discussed the importance of protecting children; statistics regarding the leading cause of death for those under 18 years old and the number of crime guns sold in the City; the urgency of the moment to act on removing an ever-present danger from the City; ensuring that a gun store does not open at the location close to so many sensitive uses; the threat of a lawsuit vs. the threat to nearby communities adjacent to the store; the need to address gun violence as a national public health crisis; he expressed support for comments made by Summer McBride regarding enacting a permanent ban on gun sales in the City; he asked that the City institute a moratorium on nonconforming use transfers without delay and work on a plan to eradicate gun stores in the City, especially near sensitive areas; and he suggested that the City buy the land to develop public and on-market housing projects as soon as possible.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the number of businesses that fall under legal nonconforming in the City; updating zoning during the process; spot-zoning; proposed rezoning of the parcel as part of the General Plan process; changing the current commercial general designation to mixed use corridor; the legal non-conforming usage designation for the site; the posted agenda item and the inability of the City Council to enact a moratorium or urgency ordinance; the discussion item to provide direction to City staff; and the need to come to solution quickly.

Council Member Puza moved to create an ad hoc subcommittee and to call a special meeting to come up with viable solutions quickly including the possibility of an urgency ordinance. Vice Mayor McMorrin seconded the motion.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding timing; subcommittee authority to work with staff

regarding timing and options; crafting something meaningful; support for the worthwhile effort; concern with the level of gun violence in the country; the importance of getting illegal guns off the street; compelling arguments from speakers; unprovoked violence; health and safety issues; the difficulty of making a finding that there is an emergency specific to the City; ensuring that the Constitution is not violated; a letter sent to the City indicating that if a moratorium is passed, the City will be sued; staff indications that the City would lose the suit; ensuring that someone buys the property who will not use it for a gun store; support for moving forward with a subcommittee; finding a financial solution that the owner thinks is better; clarification that the statement about the removal of the bus/bike lane was incorrect; eminent domain; quality of the preparation time; crafting a strong ordinance; whether rushing the work would provide an advantage; issues with dictating a timeline; working with the subcommittee to determine a schedule; the spirit of the law in 2005 to not have gun stores in close proximity of sensitive receptors; another retailer who is considering the space; the opportunity to make a difference; using the moratorium to buy time to explore options; clarification that guns would still be able to be purchased; hope that the City would be allowed the time; susceptibility of those in close proximity to the gun store; the need to responsibly protect tax dollars; risks; optimism that solutions can be identified; using language to indicate that action be taken as soon as possible; ensuring that any proposal is fully examined; the track record of Martin B. Redding vs. a new retailer; and disappointment that training is not required to own a gun.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the public comment and staff report; shared concerns for communal safety; the urgency of keeping children and the community safe; work done with former Council Member Fisch on the issue; selection of subcommittee members; offering a potential timeline to the public; collaboration between staff and the subcommittee to develop a proposal with enough substance to schedule a special meeting; the need for additional research of ideas proposed that were not in the staff report; providing flexibility to bring the item back as soon as possible once the item is fully realized; agreement to provide updates to the public; calculated risks; Constitutional issues; belief that a solution can be found; dealing with a lawsuit if necessary; and the importance of supporting the children.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. CREATE AN AD HOC CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE; AND,
2. PROVIDE THE SUBCOMMITTEE WITH THE AUTHORITY TO WORK WITH STAFF TO DETERMINE THE TIMING AND CONTENT AND SCHEDULE A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS INCLUDING A POTENTIAL EMERGENCY MORATORIUM; AND,
3. APPOINT VICE MAYOR MCMORRIN AND MAYOR VERA THERETO.

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Item A-3

CC - Discussion and Direction Regarding Expediting Implementation of the Fox Hills Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan and Bikeways Project

Thomas Check, Senior Civil Engineer, provided an overview of the staff report.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding identified substantive improvements compatible with a full implementation; curb extensions; interaction with the Overland Project and MOVE Culver City; establishment of logical connection points; street parking; sightlines; evaluation of conflict points; the proposed road diet on Green Valley Circle; collection of traffic counts when school is in session; backlash to MOVE Culver City; the ability to make adjustments; changing behavior; the budget; total and location of speedhumps; raised crosswalks; timing; the two options presented; taking action during the calendar year; accessibility of parking lots for office space; opportunities for the neighbors to lease the Fox Hills parking lots in off-peak hours; communications with property owners; the parking assessment being conducted as part of the project; and neighbor concerns with parking.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Travis Morgan expressed appreciation for the item and for staff efforts; observed that no money had been put behind the project; suggested that paint be put on the ground so that the community can see that action has been taken; noted the length of the

process; he did not want to see authorization of funds delayed for the entire project; discussed community support; taking a phased approach; getting the entire quick-build done; and he asked that the Overland project be fast-tracked to allow access from Fox Hills to all parts of the City.

Judi Sherman echoed comments made by Travis Morgan; felt that the project needed to be started and funded; she expressed appreciation to Andrew Maximous and staff for the community outreach; and she asked that the project be fast-tracked.

Andrew Flores expressed support for expediting the project; wanted to see consideration of integration with Safe Routes to School and Complete Streets; and he proposed continued investment after the quick build with program and project evaluation.

Denise Neal discussed the Fox Hills Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan and Bikeways Project; asked whether the Fox Hills project would be considered a continuation of MOVE Culver City; and she noted the need for circulator service in the area.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding support for fast-tracking the project; taking a phased approach; El Rincon; routing; curb cuts; crosswalks; inclusion of Hannum in the Overland project; the Transit Center; and use of the easement by the Sony lot for a bike walkway to connect to Slauson.

Council Member Eriksson moved to approve option 1 in the staff report.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the importance of educating neighbors about what is going on and why the changes are important; the Community Conversation about the project; concern that the City will make the investment and neighbors will organize, protest, and the changes will be rolled back; cars as the number one killer of children under 14 years old in Los Angeles county; resistance to change; cutting emissions; helping the environment and sustainability; infrastructure investments to keep everyone safe; and data collection.

Council Member Eriksson amended his motion to include extensive outreach and engagement to the area early on in the process.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEDITE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOX HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN AND BIKEWAYS PROJECT WITH PHASED QUICKBUILD OPTION 1 INCLUDING EXTENSIVE ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH TO THE AREA EARLY ON IN THE PROJECT.

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Item A-4

CC - Authorization to Staff to Engage in Negotiations with Private Property Owners to Advance Planning for Potential Construction of an Entrance to the Ballona Creek Bike Path Connecting to Ince Boulevard

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Travis Morgan indicated speaking on behalf of himself; reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) had unanimously approved the item with the caveat that the project not jump the line in front of other projects in the City; and he acknowledged the valuable access.

Andrew Flores was called to speak but did not respond.

Darryl Menthe was called to speak but did not respond.

Denise Neal discussed connectivity; MOVE Culver City; and additional circulators in the area.

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, indicated that staff would be communicating with properties in the area.

Vice Mayor McMorris proposed adding language to incorporate the concern of the BPAC regarding priority.

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, clarified that pursuit of the project would not impact any other projects that are in process.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR MCMORRIN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG BALLONA CREEK TO PROVIDE AN ACCESS CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BALLONA CREEK BIKE PATH AND INCE BLVD IN ORDER TO ADVANCE PLANNING FOR POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION OF AN ENTRANCE TO THE BIKE PATH, AND THEN RETURN TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT A FUTURE DATE TO DISCUSS OPTIONS.

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Item A-5

CC - Adoption of a Statement Supporting Union Workers' Rights to Strike, Acknowledging the Historical Relevance of Unions and What They Have Done for Labor in America, and Encouraging All Sides to Quickly Resolve the Current Strikes

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification regarding AMPTP (Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers).

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Andrew Flores was called to speak but did not respond.

Denise Neal asked about dialogue sessions to discuss ideas on how to help train non-union people to fill in the gaps during the strike; she expressed interest in helping solve issues; and she inquired about who she could speak to.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding reasonable asks being made by the unions for the workers; labor negotiations; making a statement about coming together; those who have the power to say yes or no to working class demands; the power imbalance; the importance of collective action and bargaining; the fine line necessary in making a statement addressing the power imbalance; those who have been out of work for a long time vs. those with a lot of money who make statements about waiting until people striking are evicted; people who want to be paid for the work that they do that enriches other parties; concern with reflecting the agendized item; appreciation for

the item being brought back for consideration expeditiously; providing a show of general support; the need to spell out acronyms; drafting a composite statement reflecting the views of all Council Members; acknowledgement of the benefits of unions; support for inclusion of additional comment to acknowledge that working people have to fight for better conditions; the importance of recognizing the ongoing battle for working class people who are struggling to pay rent; working for the betterment of the economy; adding language to acknowledge "the power imbalance between workers and employers throughout America's history"; and the fact that the power imbalance continues.

Council Member Eriksson moved to support the recommended statement from the staff report and Mayor Vera seconded the motion.

Council Member Eriksson clarified that the motion did not include the proposed amendment to acknowledge the power imbalance and Mayor Vera withdrew his second. The motion died for lack of a second.

Vice Mayor McMorris moved to adopt the statement drafted by staff with an amendment acknowledging "...the power imbalance between workers and employers, throughout America's history and today..."

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR MCMORRIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT THE AMENDED STATEMENT SUPPORTING UNION WORKERS' RIGHTS TO STRIKE, ACKNOWLEDGING THE HISTORICAL RELEVANCE OF UNIONS AND WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR LABOR IN AMERICA, AND ENCOURAGING ALL SIDES TO QUICKLY RESOLVE THE CURRENT STRIKES.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VTOE:

AYES: MCMORRIN, O'BRIEN, PUZA, VERA
NOES: ERIKSSON

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding agreement to disseminate the statement via press release.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Denise Neal questioned whether the City would be working with Cultural Affairs, Sister Cities, and other entities to plan for FIFA and the Olympics to create participatory programs that could be monetized.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the work of the subcommittee; community engagement; and agreement to provide available information to Ms. Neal.

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Items from Council Members

None.

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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

Council Member O'Brien discussed a proposal to transform the 90 freeway from Culver City to Marina Del Rey into a park with affordable housing; support from Caltrans; preliminary studies; letters of support received; available grants; grant application deadlines; he requested City Council consensus to agendize consideration of a letter of support for a federal Reconnecting Communities grant to pay for a feasibility study and agendize discussion of being a lead sponsor for a state Reconnecting the Communities grant to pay for a feasibility study.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern with being a lead sponsor; the amount of money designated for the state; being a co-applicant with Caltrans; coordination of grant funding between the City and Caltrans; and the backup for the federal grant.

City Council consensus was achieved from Mayor Vera, Vice Mayor McMorris and Council Members O'Brien and Puza to agendize consideration of a letter of support for a federal Reconnecting Communities grant to pay for a feasibility study and agendize discussion for being a lead sponsor for a state Reconnecting Communities grant to pay for a feasibility study.

Council Member Puza reported on a recent tour of the Senior Center, and he received City Council consensus from Mayor Vera, Vice Mayor McMorris and Council Member O'Brien to agendaize consideration of City organization of a prom including a resource fair with funding from outside sources.

Vice Mayor McMorris discussed Suicide Prevention Month; the mental health crisis; the importance of raising awareness; increased numbers of suicides among those under 20 years old; and she received City Council consensus from Mayor Vera and Council Members O'Brien and Puza to agendaize consideration of joining Santa Monica, Culver City High School, the School District, and other high schools to support a Suicide Prevention LA Walk on October 21.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding whether there had been a special events application, and agreement to forward information to staff.

Mayor Vera discussed the life and legacy of Jozelle Smith, Culver City's second female mayor, and he received consensus to present a proclamation in her memory to Ken Smith.

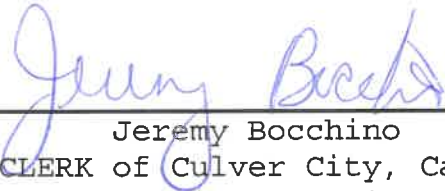
MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURN THE MEETING IN MEMORY OF JOZELLE SMITH WITH A PROCLAMATION IN HER MEMORY TO BE PRESENTED TO KEN SMITH.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 12:26 a.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2023, the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned in memory of Jozelle Smith to a meeting to be held on September 11, 2023.

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Jeremy Bocchino
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, Redevelopment Financing Authority, Culver City Housing
Authority Board, and Culver City Parking Authority, Culver
City, California



ALBERT VERA
MAYOR of Culver City, California and CHAIR of the Successor
Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board,
Redevelopment Financing Authority, Culver City Housing
Authority Board, and Culver City Parking Authority

Date: _____