REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CULVER CITY CALIFORNIA

July 23, 2012
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Present: Andrew Weissman, Mayor
Jeffrey Cooper, Vice Mayor
Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember *
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Councilmember

Absent: Micheál O'Leary, Councilmember

*Councilmember Clarke arrived during closed session.

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Closed Session

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

CS-1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 12803-23 West Washington Boulevard
Agency Negotiator: John Nachbar, City Manager, Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, Todd Tipton, Economic Development Administrator, Murray Kane, City Special Counsel
Other Parties Negotiators: Axis Mundi RE II, LLC
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment or Both, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related considerations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

CS-2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 9300 Culver Blvd. (Parcel B)
City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager;
Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, and Todd Tipton, Economic Development Administrator
Other Parties Negotiators: Upper Ground Enterprises, Inc.
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment or Both, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related considerations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

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

CS-4 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Re: Lisa Lujan v. City of Culver City et al.
Case No. BC465942
Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

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Reconvene

The City Council reconvened its meeting at 7:10 p.m. with four Councilmembers present (absent Councilmember O'Leary).

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Weissman indicated nothing to report except that Councilmember Clarke arrived during closed session.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Honig.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF JACQUELINE BARNES, MOTHER OF CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE EMPLOYEE PAM GRAVES. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Marla Wolkowitz, Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc., provided background on the organization and discussed cities involved.

Barbara Honig introduced participants from Iksan City, South Korea and their host families.

Ana Booth translated a presentation given by a chaperone from South Korea.

Donna Thayer introduced Youth Ambassadors and discussed the process to become an ambassador.

Shauna Lewis, facilitator for the Culver City Lethbridge, Canada and Uruapan, Mexico groups, discussed the Youth Ambassador program.

Mayor Weissman announced the presentation of the certificates and Council Member Sahli-Wells presented certificates of recognition to program participants from Iksan City, South Korea.

Councilmember Clarke presented certificates of appreciation to program participants from Lethbridge, Canada.

Vice Mayor Cooper presented certificates of appreciation to program participants from Uruapan, Mexico.

Mayor Weissman presented Youth Ambassador certificates.

Councilmembers drew raffle tickets for prizes from the Expo Line opening and Mayor Weissman reported an increase in overall ridership since the opening of the Expo station in Culver City.

Representatives from Iksan City, South Korea presented the City Council with an appreciation gift.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Weissman invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

David VonCannon provided a neighborhood update on the Tilden Terrace project.

Paul Condran, Equipment Maintenance Manager, introduced members of his team in the Transportation Department; announced that out of 38,000 public fleets in North America, Culver City ranked third best in the nation; he discussed the alternative and natural gas programs; and he acknowledged the hard work of his staff.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor congratulated Mr. Condran and his staff and thanked them for their efforts.

Tom Camarella asked about cutouts on Duquesne and notification procedures.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers, staff and the speaker regarding clarification that the cut outs were a preview of modifications being made as part of the Safe Routes to School grants received by the City to allow input for consideration before the final project is implemented; the Safe Routes to School grant process; whether Duquesne is part of the Gateway neighborhood; other improvements in the area; notification to the Gateway Neighborhood Association; concern with issues related to having enough space on Farragut; encouragement of public comment; posting of the plans on the City website; bike racks installed next to The Conservatory and other areas; and bike corrals.

Mayor Weissman clarified that the Successor Agency had been called to order concurrently with the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1
(Out of Sequence)

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY: Cash Disbursements

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FROM JUNE 30, 2012 THROUGH JULY 13, 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Item JC-2

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY: (1) Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving the Transfer to the Culver City Housing Authority of the Rights and Obligations Under the Section 8 Annual Contributions Contract between the City of Culver City and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and (2) Adoption of a Resolution by the Culver City Housing Authority Board Approving the Transfer to the Housing Authority of the Rights and Obligations of the City of Culver City Under the Section 8 Annual Contributions Contract between the City of Culver City and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Councilmember Sahli-Wells discussed the importance of services provided through Section 8 Housing; the need for affordable housing; the Housing Authority for the City of Los Angeles; she suggested having a legislative roundtable with elected officials, state representatives, the City's Congress Member and Senators to look at possibilities for affordable housing in the post redevelopment world; she noted that help was necessary to replace redevelopment funding for affordable housing; and she received consensus to direct Tevis Barnes to look into creating a legislative roundtable for affordable housing.

Councilmembers expressed support for the legislative roundtable committee but proposed that it not be limited to just affordable housing.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY UNDER THE SECTION 8 ACC WITH HUD. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - 1) Consideration to Authorize the Acceptance and Appropriation of $24,150 in Grant Funds from the 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program for the Purchase of Three Public Safety Portable Radios; and 2) Approval of a Related Budget Amendment

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2010 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS; AND

2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING $24,150 IN GRANT FUNDS FOR PURCHASING PUBLIC SAFETY PORTABLE RADIOS; AND (A 4/5THS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT)

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.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Public Hearings

Item PH-4

(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for the Albright Avenue Street Lighting Assessment District - Fiscal Year 2012/2013 (Note: Staff Recommendation is to Continue this Public Hearing to August 6, 2012)

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: TAKE NO ACTION AND CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO AUGUST 6, 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Item PH-5
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for the Higuera Street Landscape and Lighting Assessment District - Fiscal Year 2012/2013 (Note: Staff Recommendation is to Continue this Public Hearing to August 6, 2012)

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: TAKE NO ACTION AND CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO AUGUST 6, 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Item PH-6
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for Landscaping Maintenance District No. 1 - Fiscal Year 2012/2013*

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER

SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: TAKE NO ACTION AND CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO AUGUST 6, 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

*Informational Note from the City Clerk: Item PH-6 was reconsidered on page 13

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Item PH-7
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for the Sewer User's Service Charge - Fiscal Year 2012/2013 (Note: Staff Recommendation is to Continue this Public Hearing to August 13, 2012)

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: TAKE NO ACTION AND CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO AUGUST 13, 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Vice Mayor Cooper announced that the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee is hosting a free screening of the documentary film *The Lucky Man* at the Culver City Senior Center on July 29 immediately followed by a panel discussion with Lou Gehrig's Disease medical professionals.

Item PH-1
(Out of Sequence)

Consideration of an Appeal of the Municipal Code Appeal Committee's Decision on May 16, 2012 to Require Removal of the Kitchen Cabinets Installed in an Illegal Garage Conversion as a Condition of Approval Granting Deferred Compliance

Staff distributed color photos of the project to Councilmembers and provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Weissman received clarification regarding when the illegal conversion was done and by whom.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Sabrina Jones provided background on the item; indicated cooperation and compliance with all requirements; she noted that cabinets could be considered storage; she discussed quotes from contractors; and she requested that they be allowed to build shelving.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and the speaker regarding clarification that the request is to retain the cabinets but appliances would be removed; options and allowable kitchen use; clarification that the modifications would make the area into an accessory structure; and efforts to bring the place into compliance.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding storage in accessory residential structures; concern with the ability to reconvert that area into a kitchen use; parking requirements; the process for accessory residential structures; code enforcement; costs to remove the kitchen to minimize the potential of reoccurrence vs. staff costs already expended on the item; reducing the potential for future staff involvement in the case; having a covenant run with the land; clarification that the space can not be rented out but it can be occupied; the Planning Commission recommendation; concern that the place will become a permanent living space; the proposed text amendment; concern with creating a code enforcement nightmare; re-orienting the position of the cabinets; the intent of the code; clarification that plumbing and gas futures would be capped off and covered; and clarification that removing everything below and leaving the overhead cabinets would be sufficient to meet code requirements.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers, staff and Ms. Jones regarding covenants; coming into compliance while reserving resources; conservation; concern with leaving counters in the area; a cost benefit analysis; parking issues associated with converting to a legal living space; placement of the garage; other homes in the area; parking variances; limitations to discourage use of the area as a dwelling unit; preserving zoning consistency of the neighborhood; the time frame for the project; clarification that all four options have been previously discussed and considered by the applicant; limitations of the appeal; the compliance period; a summary of the history of the issue; and City Council authority in the matter.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: DENY THE APPEAL AND AFFIRM THE MCAC'S DECISION TO REQUIRE REMOVAL OF THE KITCHEN CABINETS AS A CONDITION OF DEFERRED COMPLIANCE WITH A MODIFICATION THAT UPPER CABINETS BE RETAINED WITH EVERYTHING REMOVED BELOW THE CABINETS INCLUDING MICROWAVES, SINK AND COUNTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

Councilmember Clarke suggested that the applicant could donate the materials that have to be removed rather than throwing them out.

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Item PH-2

Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for West Washington Benefit Assessment District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

There was no response.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING THE LEVY FOR THE WEST WASHINGTON BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Item PH-3

Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for West Washington Benefit Assessment District No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

There was no response.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHALI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING THE LEVY FOR WEST WASHINGTON BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

Vice Mayor Cooper indicated that he needed to recuse himself from PH-6.

Mayor Weissman reopened the item for reconsideration.

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Item PH-6
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for Landscaping Maintenance District No. 1 - Fiscal Year 2012/2013

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: TAKE NO ACTION AND CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO AUGUST 6, 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	CLARKE, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	O'LEARY
RECUSED:	COOPER

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of 1) a Request to Designate an Upcoming Hydraulic Fracturing ("Fracking") Symposium as a City-Sponsored Event; 2) a Fee Waiver and Use of the Mike Balkman Council Chambers and 3) the Recording, Broadcast, and Rebroadcast of the Event and Placement of the Recording on the City's Website

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Tom Camarella expressed concern that letters he had sent to the City from PXP were not included in the staff report; received clarification regarding timing of inclusion of attachments to the staff report; he indicated that PXP was invited to the symposium and declined; he emphasized the importance of the issue and public involvement; discussed questions previously asked by the City Council; he indicated that the City Council had the authority to require that PXP attend the symposium and testify under oath; he discussed disadvantages that the City and residents have vs. the advantages that PXP has; he suggested establishing an ad hoc committee to investigate the situation; and he wanted to provide the City Council with an opportunity to refute the information provided by PXP.

Councilmember Sahli-Wells disclosed that she had been an organizing member of Transition Culver City but had stepped back from it since becoming a Councilmember and had not been a part of organizing the event.

Discussion between Councilmembers and staff ensued regarding the importance of additional information; support for the symposium; compelling the presence of PXP; the importance of participation by PXP and their presentation; the importance of keeping the community discussion open and accessible; a suggestion to postpone the symposium until September when PXP might be able to participate and perhaps there could be greater public participation; the issue before the City Council; the fracking study; the oil drilling ordinance; the peer review of the fracking study; the search for a fracking expert to review the study with the City's environmental consultant; association of the experts with the oil companies; adding value to the symposium; public discussions with PXP once the revised drilling ordinance is complete; a suggestion to defer the symposium until the fracking study has been vetted; providing justification for the use of the Council Chambers; the community education process; the importance of a two-sided discussion; support for a discussion by both parties involved; the nature of what the Council wants to do; the power to compel someone to come before the City Council; charter provisions; consensus to discuss creation of an ad hoc citizens committee; maximizing staff resources; and utilizing the public.

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Item A-2

Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Argument in Favor of the Question Designated as Measure Y -- Enactment of a Half-Cent Sales Tax (which Automatically Expires after 10 Years) to be Considered by the Voters at the Special Municipal Election of November 6, 2012

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Gary Silbiger expressed concern with the ballot statement laying blame solely on the state despite the fact that other factors were involved; suggested looking within the City to make further cuts and providing detailed information on the use of consultants; discussed public bidding processes; the rate of recovery for City fees; areas of financial concern; the high amount of a variety of benefits for City supervisors; creation of a public finance and budget committee to study revenues and expenditures to make recommendations to the City Council; a separate oversight committee appointed by the City Council to monitor the tax increase; and he indicated that he would be watching to see whether the City would be looking at all possible sources of revenue or relying on the tax increase.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding clarification that the language of Measure Y had been previously adopted and had been tested in the survey developed by FM3; the proposed ballot argument; wording changes proposed by Mayor Weissman; concern that the tactic of laying the blame on Sacramento could be alienating; timing of the item; the tone of the ballot argument; the naming of the measure; language used, facts cited, the legally permissible limit, and softening the tone of the language used in the ballot argument; ongoing losses; the sales tax initiative; ongoing efforts to cut expenses and look at ways of saving money; creation of a public finance committee and an oversight group to monitor how money is spent and make recommendations to the City Council; and incorporating efforts to cut expenses as part of the message.

Additional discussion ensued between Councilmembers regarding support for keeping the original language; acknowledgement that many people are angry; different ways to soften the tone of the original language; the word count; and the desire to make it clear that the City sustained three distinct hits to funding.

Councilmembers agreed to the following language: But since the recession of 2008, the City has lost $4.5 million in state funding, plus $6 million in local revenues, and $40 million annually through Sacramento's elimination of redevelopment, thereby threatening our successes.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE QUESTION DESIGNATED AS MEASURE Y -- ENACTMENT OF A HALF-CENT SALES TAX (WHICH AUTOMATICALLY EXPIRES AFTER 10 YEARS) TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE VOTERS AT THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 6,

2012 WITH THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY MAYOR WEISSMAN AND THE LANGUAGE AGREED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Item A-3

Consideration of a Policy Position on Assembly Bill 298 - Solid Waste: Single-Use Carryout Bags

Staff provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the recommendation of the sustainability subcommittee; original authors who took their name off the bill; editing done between April and June; organizations in support of the bill; clarification that no opposition was on file and if the bill is signed into law the City would not need to take action; and plans by the City to come forward in September with a measure if this does not pass.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. TAKE A POLICY POSITION TO SUPPORT AB 298; AND,

2. DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE A LETTER FOR THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY POSITION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Item A-4

Consideration of a Policy Position on Assembly Bill 1446 - The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: Transactions and Use Tax

Staff provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding status of the bill; the need to fast track the item so it can get on the ballot; concern that the item could compromise Measure Y; the importance of the campaign in favor of the local tax measure; fully understanding all of the other tax measures and explaining them; and the sunset clause for Measure Y.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. TAKE A POLICY POSITION TO SUPPORT AB 1446; AND,

2. DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE A LETTER FOR THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY POSITION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: O'LEARY

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

There was no response.

John Nachbar, City Manager, expressed appreciation to Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commissioner Catherine Yanda for facilitating the collaboration with the Police Department in conjunction with Project Child Safe to make free gun locks available to the community, and he announced that the Culver City Plunge would be hosting the Southern California Lifeguard competition on July 27.

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Items from the City Council

Items from Councilmember Sahli-Wells

- Hoped to see everyone at the summer concert series on Thursdays in the City Hall Courtyard.

Items from Vice Mayor Cooper

- Thanked David VonCannon for noticing and addressing a potential issue with Ramadan, the Mosque and the developer, Tilden Terrace

Items from Councilmember Clarke

- Requested copies of City Council meeting minutes oOo

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:37 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of Jacqueline Barnes to a meeting on Monday, August 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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Martin R. Cole

Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK of the City of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council, City of Culver City, California

ANDREW WEISSMAN
MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California