

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 25, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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Closed Session

At 6:30 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

CS-1 Conference with Existing Litigation
Re: City of Culver City, etc., et al. v. Ana Matosantos, etc.,
et al.
Case No. 34-2013-80001446
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

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Reconvene

Mayor Cooper reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:05 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that Councilmembers Clarke and Weissman joined the Closed Session at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Cooper indicated there was nothing to report from 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 Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin.

Councilmember Bonin indicated a willingness to work with Culver City on issues of common interest.

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Presentation

Item P-1

Presentation of a Commendation to the Culver City Garden Club in Celebration of its 60th Anniversary

Mayor Cooper presented the commendation.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Councilmember Clarke thanked Larry Kaufman for the reminder that November 16-23 was National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week; he commended the Homelessness Committee for their work; and he recognized audience member Essence Lynn Wilson, granddaughter of Annie Wilson of the Blair Hills Neighborhood Association.

Councilmember O'Leary reported distributing Expo Board presentations to the City Council; he discussed ridership numbers; and the Washington National property.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF ALEXIS BIRDSHAE, AMY SHILTON; AND DR. JAY GORDON.

Mayor Cooper reported on a recent meeting of the Westside Council of Governments hosted by Culver City at the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Jim Lissner expressed concern with a 40% increase in red light camera ticketing; discussed an article in the Los Angeles Times on red light camera tickets; he distributed a handout tracking ticketing at cameras in town; he discussed an increase in ticketing at certain locations and noted that ticketing in other cities had not increased; he expressed concern with quotas and fake red light tickets; and he requested support for state legislation to make notices on all tickets in English and in Spanish.

Councilmember O'Leary discussed Fines and Forfeitures in Item C-4 noting that increases to the number of red light camera citations could be attributed to construction in the previous year that resulted in closures.

Elena Sweda Neff, Food Forward, discussed their mission; noted that they were looking to expand to private properties; discussed the amendment to allow gardening in City parkways; and she provided statistics on food distributed by Food Forward.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

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

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
AGENDA ITEM: Cash Disbursements**

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2013 - NOVEMBER 15, 2013.

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Item JC-2

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Contract with Comet Electric Inc. in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$69,747.29 (with an Additional \$6,974.73 in Contingency Funding) for the Lighting Upgrade Project at the Watseka Parking Structure as Part of the City's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Administered by the Department of Energy

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD:

1. APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH COMET ELECTRIC INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,747.29 FOR THE LIGHTING UPGRADE PROJECT AT THE WATSEKA PARKING STRUCTURE; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,974.73; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY GENERAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND
4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1, C-3, AND C-5.

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that he would incorporate slight corrections to the minutes submitted by Councilmember Clarke and by Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells provided that they reflect what is in the record.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 28, 2013 AND NOVEMBER 12, 2013.

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Item C-3
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title 17, Zoning, of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC), Section 17.320.025 to Amend the Alternative Parking Provisions and Create "Parking Districts" Within the Hayden Tract and Smiley Blackwelder Industrial Areas (Zoning Code Amendment, ZCA P-2013126)

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, ZONING (THE "ZONING CODE"), OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE (CCMC), SECTION 17.320.025 TO AMEND THE ALTERNATIVE PARKING PROVISIONS AND CREATE "PARKING DISTRICTS" WITHIN THE HAYDEN TRACT AND SMILEY BLACKWELDER INDUSTRIAL AREAS (ZONING CODE AMENDMENT, ZCA P-2013126).

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Item C-5
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Culver City Municipal Code Sections 7.03.305.A.1 and 7.03.305.B.1 Relating to Parking Violations in Preferential Parking Zones

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 7.03.305.A.1 AND 7.03.305.B.1 RELATING TO PARKING VIOLATIONS IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONES.

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Item C-4

(Out of Sequence)

**Receipt and Filing of Fiscal Year 2012/2013 General Fund
Preliminary Year End Report**

Responding to inquiry, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Jeff Muir provided a Powerpoint presentation on the 2012-2013 General Fund Preliminary Year End Report; he discussed Measure Y funds; and he discussed opengov.com which provides a transparency tool that allows for easy access to the City's finances.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the predicted deficit for 2012-2013; trends going forward; the Utility Users Tax; decreased attendance at the movie theatres; areas of concern; changing technology; timing issues; updates to opengov.com; the impacts of changes at Sony on the City; tools for transparency; positive changes in the Finance Department; the demise of redevelopment; the State Department of Finance; and kudos to staff.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 GENERAL FUND PRELIMINARY YEAR-END REPORT.

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Item C-2
(Out of Sequence)

**Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City and
the Culver City Downtown Business Association (DBA) for
City-Sponsored DBA Events for Calendar Years 2013 and 2014**

Councilmember Weissman recused himself from consideration of the item and exited the dais.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CULVER CITY AND THE CULVER CITY DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION DESIGNATING THE CITED EVENT(S) AS CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2013 AND 2014; 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.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Councilmember Weissman returned to the dais.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Item

Item A-1

- (1) Discussion of the Culver City Summer Concert Series and**
- (2) (If Desired) Provide Direction Related Thereto**

Shelley Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Cooper received clarification regarding the number of concerts produced for the money available.

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Marla Koosed questioned whether the event served the efforts of the Downtown Business Association, the newly created Arts District or the efforts of the Economic Development Department; why the contract is not subject to the RFP process; whether the decision to have an RFP would yield a different result; whether changing the time or date of the concert could improve efforts to illuminate certain business districts; and she noted that the Cultural Affairs

Commission was not able to have input on any decisions related to the festival.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the last time the item went out for RFP; expressions of interest; the amount of money available for the series; the Cultural Trust Fund; reductions to the budget; support for local businesses and the work of Mr. Mandel; changes to reporting methods; clarification regarding Sony funding; in-kind contributions; negotiations with Mr. Mandel; the number of concerts for the money; the total contribution from the City; the involvement of the Cultural Affairs Commission; the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency; the conduct of cultural activities in the City; including the Commissions in the budget process; the Thursday evening schedule; marketing; reduced attendance; staff availability on Thursdays vs. Sundays; and competition for funding.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: DIRECT STAFF TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOULEVARD MUSIC TO HOLD A 2014 CONCERT SERIES WITHIN THE AVAILABLE FUNDING PROVIDED IN THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.

There was also City Council consensus to direct the Cultural Affairs Commission to review a Request for Proposals process to be potentially used for the selection of a producer for the 2015 Music Festival and to report any recommendations thereon to the City Council.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Items from the City Council

Items from Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Reported hearing concern regarding the closure of the ice arena

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the status of the ice rink; private property and City input into the decision; the historic nature of the building; an upcoming meeting regarding the ice rink; and the process for nominating a building for historic status.

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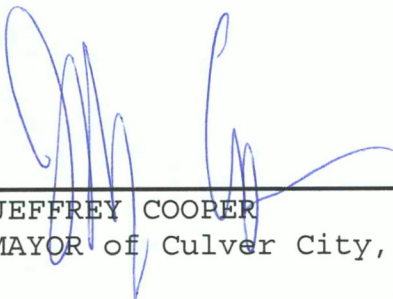
Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:28 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of Alexis Birdshae, Amy Shilton, and Dr. Jay Gordon to Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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



JEFFREY COOPER
MAYOR of Culver City, California