

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY,  
CITY OF CULVER CITY,  
CALIFORNIA

May 20, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

The meeting of the Agency was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Andrew Weissman, Agency Chair  
Christopher Armenta, Agency Vice Chair  
D. Scott Malsin, Agency Member  
Michaél O'Leary, Agency Member  
Gary Silbiger, Agency Member

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**Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

This was done during the City Council meeting.

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**Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda**

None.

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None.

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MOVED BY MEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER SILBIGER AND  
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO APPOINT CITY CLERK MARTIN COLE TO ACT  
AS SECRETARY PRO TEM FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

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**Joint Item**

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**Budget Study Session – Fiscal Years 2008-09 & 2009-10 Proposed Budget:  
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department, Information  
Technology Department, and City Attorney's Department**

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Department presentations commenced:

**Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department:**

Bill La Pointe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services introduced staff and gave a summary of the proposed budget for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

Discussion ensued between the Agency Council and staff regarding a budgetary amendment for additional park personnel; the age and deterioration of Veterans Memorial Auditorium and other park facilities; putting money toward improving facilities; parks patrol; improving the revenue stream; possible coordination with the school district; the status of the inquiry regarding an unpermitted event at the Skateboard Park; drainage and retaining wall issues at the Dog Park; past and present staffing levels; safety issues; vending machines; naming rights; a suggestion to install parking meters on the streets by Culver City Park with revenue to go to Parks and Recreation; and using two part-time positions to fill a full-time position to save money.

Further discussion ensued regarding feasibility of allowing dogs in small sections of City parks; nutrition programs for seniors; increasing publicity efforts for programs; placing a higher priority on youth services; competitive salaries and benefits; the next salary survey due in 2010; use of chemicals in the parks; recycling and other efforts to minimize impacts to the environment; a request for a short narrative to highlight changes; a suggestion to outsource Skateboard Park operations; agendizing a discussion of a name change for the Parks and Recreation Commission; environmental education signs; drought tolerant landscaping; increasing the presence of recreation leaders in the parks; youth sports programs and praise for the ongoing efforts of the department.

**Information Technology Department:**

John Richo, Information Technology Director, introduced staff and provided a summary of the proposed budget for the Information Technology Department.

Discussion ensued between the Agency and staff regarding the accuracy of and procedures for compiling the master email notification list; duplicate mailings; the City's website; erratic streaming of Council meetings; possible sites for the expansion of free WiFi; vendor use of the master notification list; procedures for handling City Council requests; procedures for getting items posted on the website; archiving of agenda attachments online for City Council and City Commissions; the Fire Department communications system; and the telephone replacement system.

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Further discussion ensued regarding notification procedures for people who submit speaker cards; whether email is considered legal notice; Culver City's public notification practices as compared to other cities; the Economic Development website; the Code Enforcement hotline; investments in technology to improve efficiency; the need for improvements to technology in Council Chambers; improving the appearance of notification postcards; and praise for the ongoing efforts of the department.

**City Attorney Department:**

Carol Schwab, City Attorney introduced staff and provided a summary of the proposed budget for the City Attorney Department.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the proposed municipal code update; preventative maintenance issues; the anti-scavenging ordinance and enforcement issues; tracking the use of outside counsel; training for new Commission members; and feasibility of hiring additional attorneys for the City Attorney Department.

Further discussion ensued regarding concerns over proposed oil drilling and PXP; mineral leases; taxicab licensing; ways to minimize litigation; limiting intervention on civil matters; and praise for the ongoing efforts of the department.

MOVED BY AGENCY CHAIR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER ARMENTA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE AGENCY RECEIVE AND FILE THE BUDGET REPORTS PRESENTED.

Discussion ensued between the Agency Council and staff regarding upcoming agendas, feasibility of limiting the length of meetings, a suggestion to postpone the community benefit issue; public notification; and scheduling of items.

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**Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)**

None.

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**Receipt of Correspondence**

None.

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**Items from Staff**

None.

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**Items from the Agency**

**Items Presented by Member Silbiger:**

- Requested consideration to allocate money from the Council Discretionary Fund to support the Santa Monica Legal Aid Foundation, which helps domestic violence victims, including those from Culver City.

**Items Presented by Member O'Leary**

- Expressed concern about the length of City Council meetings
- Requested that appointments to City Commissions and Boards, which are scheduled for the Council Meeting of May 27, 2008, be deferred to another date.

Following discussion, the City Council concurred to defer the appointments to the Council Meeting of June 2, 2008.

- Received clarification regarding City policy preventing paid City employees from holding positions on a City Commission, Committee or Board.

**Items Presented by Member Armenta**

- Received clarification on procedures for appropriating funds

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 11:59 p.m., the Agency adjourned to an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers.

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Alice Prasad  
SECRETARY of the City of Culver City Redevelopment Agency, California

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Andrew Weissman  
CHAIRPERSON of the Redevelopment Agency, City of Culver City, California