

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 3, 2013
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 5:02 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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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

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**Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information
Items From Staff**

None.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

None.

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Receipt 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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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Joint Action Items

Item JA-1

JOINT ACTION ITEM OF THE CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND THE CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY - Budget Study Session - City Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014: Presentation of the Proposed Budgets for the City Council, City Manager's Office, City Clerk's Office, City Attorney's Office, Information Technology Department, Human Resources Department, Finance Department, Transportation Department, Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Community Development [including the Parking Authority, Housing Authority and Successor Agency], and Public Works Department [including Capital Improvement Projects]

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Michael Hamill, Culver City Chamber of Commerce, expressed concern with a projected gross deficit in the 2013-2014 budget; he felt a second look should be taken at the budget; expressed concern with continued revenue growth; discussed the importance of economic development; the passage of Measure Y; increased dependence on sales tax revenue; the importance of a renewed and sustained effort to attract quality retail; increased TOT; expenditures to create economic growth; ongoing investment in community infrastructure; he provided suggestions for new revenue source enhancements; setting policy regarding the use of City funds and in-kind services to prevent unknown additional costs; he agreed to provide copies of his presentation to the City Council; and he discussed development of an economic development corporation.

John Nachbar, City Manager, introduced the item.

Mary Noller, Budget and Accounting Operations Manager, summarized changes and adjustments made to the proposed budget,

and corrections to line items in the General Fund.

Don Pederson, Chief of Police, presented an overview of the proposed Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding grant opportunities; City Council consensus to hold a parking control workshop; different departments involved in the workshop; automatic license plate readers; Smart 911; regular reports on crime statistics and parking violations; expanded recruitment efforts; monitoring Metro Rail station issues; the towing and meter collection contracts; praise for the Police Department; the Pit Fire Pizza incident; an observation that parking is a bigger issue than crime; the Culver City Unified School District Resource Officer; programs within the District; site surveys; the incident in Newton, Connecticut; CicLAvia; the recent bomb scare; the size of the Police Department budget compared with others in the City; continued wise use of resources; clarification that Metro has not appeared to increase crime rates; potential issues with nighttime street closures at Venice and Robertson; safety overtime; non-discretionary overtime; the size of the police force compared with other cities; response times; officer safety; community expectations; costs to hire an officer; pre-funded retirement; and Workers Compensation.

Chris Sellers, Fire Chief, presented an overview of the proposed Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding appreciation to staff for taking on additional duties; staff reductions; the number of employees on probation; appreciation to the department for their hard work; support for the CERT program; the significance of accreditation; the Insurance Office Rating and affects to insurance rates; overtime vs. constant staffing; discretionary overtime; staffing levels of the Fire Department as compared to other departments; support to other cities; older equipment; community concern about the oil fields; hazardous materials facilities in the City; integration of resources; the PXP emergency plan; specific resources to petroleum emergencies; staff resources necessary to achieve accreditation again; reductions and impacts to effectiveness; the auxiliary firefighter program; retirements; a future ambulance operator program; filling vacancies; EMS oversight; the nurse educator; quality improvement; the increase to fire suppression funding; reallocations; one-time funding for six recruits; increases to workers compensation; the workplan;

paramedic training; the completion of proposed tasks; ongoing tasks; response times; standards; making statistics available to the public; ISIS; the Brotman Emergency Room; the seismic upgrade; cross training and the number of paramedic officers; length of the probationary period; submission of the compliance report; amortization of equipment; workers compensation; the liability reserve fund; the growing retiree population; OPEB funding; and growing medical premiums.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, presented an overview of the proposed Public Works Department budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the closure of the Puente Hills landfill; waste diversion; outreach to the business community; business recycling; composting and food waste programs; increasing the diversion rate; grants; sale of recycled items; storm water runoff; the County's Unmet Drainage Needs Program; the consolidation of residential permit parking; trash/recycling split receptacles; National Pollutant Discharge Eliminations (NPDES); compliance with state standards; economic impacts; environmental mitigations vs. infrastructure mitigations; participation in major capital projects; achieving the goals set; development of an enhanced watershed management plan; recommendations by the agencies that write the regulations; plan review; public input; the scope of the responsibilities of Public Works; appreciation to the department for their response to the community; quality of life in the City; graffiti abatement; street sweeping contract revisions; the capital budget; the total Capital Improvement Program (CIP); an explanation of the Other Contractual Services category and Other Expenses; facilitating plan check reviews; plan check fees; one-time expenditures; the CIP budget vs. the Operating budget; expansion of wireless services; the work plan; Blair Hills Park drainage; discretionary funds that can be applied to projects; the work plan for on-street parking; meter installations; community outreach; items scheduled for completion for the fourth quarter of 2011-2012; the sustainable communities plan; the traffic study on Braddock; expansion of food-waste recycling; the temporary roundabouts; traffic calming measures; placeholders; the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; wording to clarify that projects are not being put off a year; targeting specific projects; sharrows; signage regarding bicycles in lanes; staff reductions and workload; metering loading zone parking spots; storm water fees; reclassification of the Pest Control Tech to Urban Forester; retiring medical pre-funding; and shifting postal costs to cost allocation.

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Recess/Reconvene

Mayor Cooper called a brief recess from 7:52 p.m. to 8:06 p.m.

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Art Ida, Transportation Director, presented an overview of the proposed Transportation budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the line-by-line comprehensive analysis; feedback from riders; runcutting; timing of the actions; proposed changes; increased ridership; aspirations to be the best fleet in the nation; increased training expenses; the transit administration budget; the incentive program; concern with increases to absenteeism; efforts to maintain quality; potential fare increases; the TAP program; inter-agency transfers; gate locking; fare structure; bus advertising; paratransit; effects of EXPO on ridership; rail to bus interfaces; Phase 2; service planning; the downtown shuttle; the Hayden Tract; areas with the greatest need; hours of operation; the limited budget; branding for the shuttle; transit operations management software; smartphone technology; congratulations to staff for the hard work and the awards; accessibility; money saved by using CNG buses; electric vehicles; Bike to Work Week; the needs of the Hayden Tract vs. the needs of the Downtown Business Association; other funding sources; and appreciation for the dedication of staff.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

There was no response.

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Items from the City Council

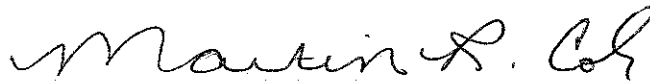
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Adjournment

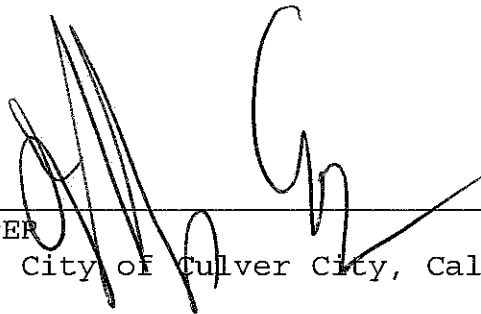
There being no further business, at 8:51 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to a meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

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Martin R. Cole

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JEFFREY COOPER
MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California