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AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

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 14, 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 6:02 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall and via Webex.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, announced that Government Code Section 54953 which was updated as of January 1, 2023, allows for specific ways in which a Council Member may attend a meeting remotely without other information appearing on the agenda; she indicated that Council Member O'Brien had reported needing to attend the meeting remotely with just cause; and she read the definition of just cause.

Council Member O'Brien reported testing positive for COVID.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, confirmed that a quorum of Council Members were attending the meeting in person; stated that all votes would be taken by roll call; she indicated that the member participating remotely was required to participate through both audio and visual technology which Council Member O'Brien was; and she noted that remote participants were required to state whether anyone over 18 years of age was in the room with them.

Council Member O'Brien indicated that no one was in the room with him.

Present: Albert Vera, Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Freddy Puza, Council Member
Dan O'Brien, Council Member

Absent: Yasmine-Imani McMorris, Vice Mayor

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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 COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA 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 6:06 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 (1 Item)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (2)

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Recognition Presentations

Mayor Vera reconvened the City Council at 6:50 p.m. with four Council Members present (Council Member O'Brien present via Webex and absent Vice Mayor McMorris).

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Recognition Presentations

Item R-1

Presentation of Commendations to Former Commissioners, Board Members, and Committee Members in Recognition of Their Service to the Culver City Community

Mayor Vera presented a Commendation to Carmen Ibarra for her service on the Disability Advisory Committee.

Carmen Ibarra expressed appreciation for the honor and gratitude for being able to serve.

Mayor Vera called Scott Zeidman and Ed Ogosta to receive their Commendations, but they were not present.

Council Member Eriksson presented a Commendation to Janice Ginther for her service on the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board and to Michelle Dennis for her service on the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee (EHRAC).

Janice Ginther expressed appreciation for her fellow Board Members and gratitude for being able to serve.

Michelle Dennis thanked the City for the privilege of being an inaugural member of the EHRAC; acknowledged the community for flying the Progress Pride Flag over City Hall in June; and expressed appreciation for the recognition of the LGBTQAI+ community.

Council Member Puza presented a Commendation to Art Nomura for his service on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and to Bubba Fish for his service on the Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness (ACOH).

Art Nomura thanked Culver City for their wisdom in creating the BPAC which is not a common occurrence throughout the state; expressed appreciation to staff and Committee Members for their efforts; encouraged anyone with concerns about bicycle and pedestrian safety to contact the BPAC; he discussed upcoming events for *Car Free*, the series he created; the bike valet at Fiesta La Ballona; and free distribution of bicycle helmets at Fiesta La Ballona for those who need them.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported that Stewart Bubar (Civil Service Commission), Scott Zeidman (Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission), Ed Ogosta (Planning Commission), and Raven Bradley and Jared Morgan (EHRAC) were not able to be present, but would be provided with their Commendations.

Bubba Fish thanked staff for their efforts as well as the City for their work to build new structures and new ways to house the unhoused; noted the importance of accommodating more housing in the City; he asserted that density was diversity; and he wanted to see a more welcoming City created for all people.

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Item R-2

A Proclamation Condemning the rise in Antisemitic Harassment Targeting Jewish People, and Standing in Solidarity with those Affected by Antisemitism

Council Member Puza presented the Proclamation Condemning the rise in Antisemitic Harassment Targeting Jewish People, and Standing in Solidarity with those Affected by Antisemitism.

Rebecca Rona expressed gratitude and accepted the Proclamation in honor of citizens and the EHRAC; noted that all hate statements were taken very seriously; and she pointed out that October would mark the fifth anniversary of the massacre at Parkland Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Andrew Lachman reported serving on the Board of Temple Akiva; expressed gratitude to the City Council for the Proclamation; discussed increases in the number of acts of antisemitism in southern California so far this year; the importance of making a statement as a community; adopting the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism as a set of guidelines; and he noted that an act of hate against any person is an act of hate against every person.

Jamie Wallace expressed gratitude for the recognition; discussed disappointment that things were not getting better; support for the acceptance of the IHRA definition; and she asserted that no one should be subjected to hate.

Council Member Eriksson noted that acceptance of the definition would be coming forward on a future agenda.

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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 7:18 p.m. with four Council Members present (Council Member O'Brien present via Webex and absent Vice Mayor McMorris).

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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 reported that August 17 is National Non-Profit Day; discussed community art projects by Artist Laureate, Katy Krantz; his appointment to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Community Economic and Housing Development Subcommittee; and he reported attending the successful Summer Sunset Concert series.

Council Member O'Brien expressed support for the people of Lahaina, Hawaii; expressed appreciation for the feedback received from a community input meeting regarding the 2028 Olympics he attended with Council Member Puza; discussed the Wende Community Center; the performing arts space; the affordable housing element; and care packages assembled for the Safe Sleep Village.

Council Member Eriksson thanked Council Member O'Brien for organizing the community event on Saturday, and invited everyone to support businesses at the Third Wednesdays Downtown events.

Jason Sims, Police Chief, reported on recruitment efforts for the Chief's Advisory Panel (CAP); discussed the purpose of the CAP; enhancing community policing and engagement efforts; frequency of meetings; the panel representative of the community; information available at culvercitypd.org; and he indicated that applications were due by August 17, 2023.

Jack Galanty, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), provided an update on BPAC activities; discussed unanimous BPAC support for fast-tracking pedestrian and safety improvements and bike lanes within Fox Hills, and connections from Fox Hills via Overland to El Rincon Elementary School, the tri-school area, and the Ballona Creek Bike Path; safety concerns; vehicle speeds in Fox Hills; action promised by the City to the neighborhood that has not happened; strong community support for the proposed plans; lack of funding; and the BPAC request that the City Council authorize funding to begin construction in the current fiscal year and direct Public Works staff to fast-track the construction phase.

Mayor Vera indicated that the item would be brought forth at a future meeting.

Andrew Lachman, Finance Advisory Committee (FAC), expressed appreciation for being able to provide feedback; proposed a working day for all Commissions, Boards, and Committees (CBCs) to present to the City Council and receive feedback; and he discussed the conversation on the Economics of Affordable Housing to be hosted by the FAC on September 14.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, indicated that Council Member O'Brien was attending the meeting remotely under new Government Code Section 54953, subsection 2a1 and would be visible to the public except when videos and presentations were being shown.

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Information Items

Item I-1

CC - Update on Homelessness Emergency (Including Project Homekey, Safe Camping, and Other Housing Programs)

Tevis Barnes, Housing and Human Services Director, discussed activity within the last 30 days, and the importance of

nutrition for those participating in City programs.

Elizabeth Tulasi, EveryTable, provided background on the company; discussed the menu and programs offered; case studies; Project Roomkey and Project Homekey; the Safe Sleep Project; senior meals provided during the pandemic; partnerships with non-profits; providing food to students; and she expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be of service.

Tevis Barnes, Housing and Human Services Director, discussed food served to volunteers on service day and to Council Members; frequency of food provided; and she introduced the Director of the Project Homekey site and the Director of the Safe Sleep Village.

Jacqueline Orlow, Exodus Recovery, provided background on herself and her experience; discussed hiring; and she indicated that she could not wait to implement the successful program.

Kerry Bell, Urban Alchemy, provided background on herself and discussed her experience.

Arames White-Shearin, Assistant to the City Manager, reported that the Safe Sleep Village was officially open for business; provided a video showing the transformation of the parking lot to a Safe Sleep Village; indicated that the video was available on the City website; discussed the volunteers who helped in putting finishing touches on the project; Collaboration Through Conversation; the tough reality of homeless services; move in day; the shade structure; creating a home-like feeling; and she expressed appreciation for patience while the site was created.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the shade structure to address the heat and all of the elements; the staggered move-in process; the transition into the Safe Sleep Village; appreciation to staff and Urban Alchemy; the welcoming environment; and gratitude expressed by the guests.

Heather Baker, City Attorney, reported that Government Code Section 8630, subsection c required the City Council to review the need for continuing the local emergency once every 60 days until the emergency is terminated, and she indicated that the update provided at every meeting satisfied the requirement.

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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:

David Metzler thanked the City Council for their upcoming consideration of Fox Hills and Overland bicycle and pedestrian improvements; discussed going car-free; length of time cars sit idle; inspiring stories in Art Nomura's documentary shorts; and he invited everyone to attend the screening of *Car Free* on August 16 at Julian Dixon Library.

Bubba Fish with one minute ceded, reported that he was no longer serving on the ACOHH; indicated that he would be presenting the other half of the presentation he had begun at the last meeting; reported that the ACOHH had passed a resolution; discussed addressing homelessness and housing precarity by equitably increasing housing stock in Los Angeles; the importance of City support for current legislation pending at the state level; he referenced the book *Homelessness is a Housing Problem*; discussed studies that indicate only the median rent of a given city is the deciding factor of the rate of homelessness and lack of a strong correlation with other issues; housing restrictions; reduced economic diversity; exclusionary zoning vs. income; reduced racial diversity; data from SCAG; and bills endorsed by ACOHH and their focus.

Robert Zirgulis was called to speak but did not respond.

Dr. Suzanne Benedittis was called to speak but did not respond.

Melissa Sanders invited everyone to the Annual Fall Festival for Farragut Elementary on October 21 and she encouraged participation by local businesses with donations noting that her email is melissajillsanders@gmail.com.

Melody Hansen, Culver 878, with one minute ceded by Sarah McMahon, spoke on behalf of 300+ community members who signed a letter submitted to the City Council about the devastating impact of gun violence; discussed the distance ordinance mandating that gun businesses operate outside of 1,000 feet of schools, parks, and playgrounds; grandfathered rights; she demanded that the City end the non-conforming use at 11029 Washington Boulevard when Martin B. Redding closes their store at the end of August and impose an immediate moratorium on transfers that allow non-conforming businesses to continue in

neighborhoods while policy is developed; she indicated that they would continue to organize until gun stores have been eliminated from school zones; and she asserted that the City will have failed their children and the community if another gun store is allowed to be opened.

Council Member Puza received City Council consensus from Mayor Vera and Council Member O'Brien to agendaize a discussion of an emergency moratorium on the nonconforming use of the property on Washington Boulevard.

Patricia McPherson, Grass Roots Coalition, provided background on the organization; discussed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act; member cities; active oversight of the Santa Monica Groundwater Basin; evaluation protocol; risks of degradation; lack of protection; she asked that Sean Singletary be directed to promote the performance of a stringent ground water dependent ecosystem evaluation at Ballona Wetlands adhering to the Department of Water Resources recommended protocol; and noted money spent producing spreading grounds for water.

Tim Rege provided background on himself; asked the City Council to agendaize a discussion of Rent Registry doxing; discussed the actions of Stephen Jones outside the capacity of his position as a public servant; safety issues; concern with personal information being released without consent; inviting outside predatory developers to harass landlords; driving up rents and homelessness; the importance of tenant safety and the landlord's ability to do business; redacting information not necessary to enforce ordinances; and he proposed criminal charges and removal of Mr. Jones from the Planning Commission.

Judy Sherman, Fox Hills Neighborhood Association, discussed the importance of reducing the density designation in Fox Hills; the unfairness of placing the bulk of housing to meet state requirements in one neighborhood; main corridors and shopping centers as locations for housing; other proposed locations; equitable distribution of the housing requirement throughout the City; negative impacts of overdevelopment on the Fox Hills community; and she felt that Fox Hills should be considered with time and attention.

Gabriel Parhoti echoed comments made by the previous speaker regarding density; wanted to see the density at 65 units per acre or lower; noted the need to ensure that overdevelopment does not create traffic and pollution; acknowledged the high

demand and necessity for housing; wanted to see other areas considered; he asked that the City Council ensure that density is not raised to 100 units; and he reported speaking on behalf of his neighbors who indicated holding similar views.

Marci Baun thanked Council Members for their hard work; discussed the new manager at The Plunge; the need for changes to benefit users and the community; average length of swim; noted that Culver City is the only pool in the area that offers 55 minute sessions; and she wanted to see The Plunge be a welcoming facility again.

Steve Siegel was called to speak but did not respond.

Erik Paesel, Arts District resident, urged the City Council to support SB 9 (Senate Bill 9) and the ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) laws passed by the state; wanted to see 4 units of equal size allowed on each lot; and he discussed addressing homelessness.

Karim Sahli discussed the alarming rise in deadly extreme weather events as a reminder of climate impacts; the need for immediate action at every level of government; cars as the number one generator of greenhouse gas emissions in the City and the importance of reducing their number on the road; making a difference for the planet and increasing safety; creation of bike friendly infrastructure; taking actions to impact the entire planet; shared responsibility for what happened in Hawaii; and he hoped Council Members would take the opportunity to reduce the car hegemony.

Steve Siegel was called to speak but did not respond.

Ron Bassilian discussed doxing with the Rental Registry; use of information to harass landlords; inaccurate information about landlord compliance on the website created by Stephen Jones; bogus complaints against candidates; common threads in accusations; rates of compliance; federal law; clarification on what information will be used for; the responsibility of the City to let landlords know that their information has been made public; and he felt that Stephen Jones should be removed of duty with cause.

Carrie Bassilian was called to speak but did not respond.

Kathy Knight, Ballona Ecosystem Education Project, provided background on the organization; asked the City Council to direct

Sustainable Water Management Act representative, Sean Singletary, to promote the performance of a stringent ground water dependent ecosystem evaluation of the Ballona Wetlands that adheres to the Department of Water Resources recommended protocol; discussed the recognized ecological reserve as a groundwater dependent ecosystem; the natural spreading water area; preservation of water rather than draining it out to sea; potential drinking water resources; and she wanted to see the resource protected.

Jack Galanty was called to speak but did not respond.

Kalani Whittington provided background on herself; asked that the City Council pass an official resolution indicating that the City stands with the people of her home island of Maui; thanked the City for removing the road diet from Washington Boulevard; discussed climate change; appreciation for the choice to be independent and drive her own car; dangerous mass transit due to overdoses and violence; she reported losing a loved one to an overdose on August 11, 2022; and she felt that people should be mandated into drug treatment.

Ken Palmer provided background on himself; asked the City Council to remove incremental infill from housing development; wanted SB 9 maintained along with ADU law protections; discussed SB 9 vs. incremental infill; allowing 2 full sized homes on lots; protecting neighborhoods from developer investors and speculators; protections for current renters and low income residents from displacement; and he asked everyone to come to the last two weekends of the Actors' Gang Theater in Media Park for *Much Ado about Pooh*.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Order of the Agenda

Items C-3, C-6, C-7, C-9, C-10 and C-14 were considered separately; Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda was taken again during Item A-1; and Item A-4 was heard after Item A-6.

Echo Allen was called to speak but did not respond.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Cash Disbursements for July 1, 2023 to August 4, 2023

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR JULY 1, 2023 TO AUGUST 4, 2023.

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Item C-2

CC:HA:PA:SA - Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Held on July 10, 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 ON JULY 10, 2023.

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Item C-3

CC - Approval of Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for the Jackson Avenue Pedestrian Walkway Renovation Project

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

David Metzler thanked staff and the BPAC for their efforts to improve the Farragut Connector.

Karim Sahli reported meeting with Hope Parrish from the Culver City Historical Society regarding the existing gate at the Jackson/Farragut walkway; discussed potential historical significance; and he asked the City Council to allow him to have the aluminum structure if the City does not have interest in it.

Responding to inquiry from Mayor Vera, City Manager John Nachbar indicated that discussion would have to take place on how to make the request from Karim Sahli work.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE THE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE JACKSON AVENUE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY RENOVATION PROJECT, CIP NO. PS014.

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Item C-4

CC - (1) Approval of a Purchase Order with Ray Gaskin Service, Authorized Extension of Curbtender for the Purchase of a Curbtender 2023 Tomcat Model Collection Vehicle in the Amount of \$201,347.75; (2) Authorization to the Purchasing Officer to Approve Amendments to the Purchase Order in an Additional Amount of \$20,000 for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$221,347.75; and (3) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of a Related Budget Amendment Appropriating \$221,347.75 from Refuse Fund Balance

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH RAY GASKIN SERVICE, AUTHORIZED EXTENSION CURBTENDER SOURCEWELL FOR PURCHASE OF CURBTENDER PUP COLLECTION VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201,347.75; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO APPROVE AMENDMENT(S) TO THE PURCHASE ORDER IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$20,000; AND,
3. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING \$221,347.75 FROM REFUSE FUND BALANCE (REQUIRES FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE); AND,
4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO ISSUE SUCH PURCHASE ORDER.

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Item C-5

CC - Approval of an Extra Work Change Order, in the Amount of \$12,217.21, to the Existing Contract with MMJ Contracting, Inc. for the Fire Station #1, (Located at 9600 Culver Boulevard), Phase 1 Build-Out of Three New Dormitory Rooms, Project, CIP No. PF-013

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN EXTRA WORK CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,217.71, TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH MMJ CONTRACTING, INC., FOR THE FIRE STATION #1, (LOCATED AT 9600 CULVER BOULEVARD), PHASE 1 BUILD-OUT OF THREE NEW DORMITORY ROOMS, PROJECT, CIP NO. PF-013, AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE THE EXTRA WORK CHANGE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-6

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Granting an Alcohol Use Permit to the Exchange Club to Conduct a Beer and Wine Garden in Veterans Memorial Park During the 2023 Fiesta La Ballona

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Karim Sahli expressed appreciation for the efforts of The Exchange Club; felt it was time to change the practice of the Exchange Club be the sole beneficiary of the Beer Garden at Fiesta La Ballona; discussed allowing other deserving nonprofits in the community to participate; causes that resonate with community values; enhancing offerings; inclusivity and community spirit; and he wanted to see staff directed to explore ways to make the fundraising opportunity more accessible to a broader range of nonprofits next year.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification that the Beer and Wine Garden was not restricted, but it had not been opened up as an application process; comments

from the Ad Hoc Vendor Subcommittee about experience and ability to run the Beer and Wine Garden; future plans to create an application process; criteria; and where the money goes to.

Nancy Barba was called to speak but did not respond.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN ALCOHOL USE PERMIT TO THE CULVER CITY EXCHANGE CLUB TO CONDUCT A BEER AND WINE GARDEN IN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK DURING THE 2023 FIESTA LA BALLONA.

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Item C-7

CC - Approval of a License Agreement with 9449 Jefferson Owner LLC to License Property Located at 9405 Jefferson Boulevard for an Initial Period of 12 Months and Month-to-Month Thereafter

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Karim Sahli asserted that the agenda item did not provide sufficient information; discussed unanswered questions; and the importance of understanding to provide transparency.

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, indicated that the City currently leased a property on Jefferson Boulevard to store large roll-off bins at the Environmental Programs and Operations Division; discussed leasing of the property from Caltrans; the 90 day notice to vacate in May; identification of a new property to lease and store equipment; and money saved with the new lease.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH 9449 JEFFERSON OWNER LLC TO LICENSE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9405 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS AND MONTH-TO-MONTH THEREAFTER; 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-8

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Applications for all CalRecycle Grants for which the City may be Eligible for a Five-Year Term

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALL CALRECYCLE GRANTS FOR WHICH THE CITY IS ELIGIBLE FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM.

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Item C-9

CC - Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Agreement with RCS Trucking for Transport Services and On-Call Roll-Off Collection Services to Extend the Term to August 31, 2025 and Increase the Rates per Load Up to 15 Percent Each Year

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Karim Sahli expressed concern with alarming increases in the proposed agreement with RCS Trucking; discussed projected costs; the cost prohibitive nature of the amendment; lack of an explanation; he requested that the City Council vote no on the item and engage in further negotiations for a more sustainable agreement; and he felt that the community deserved fiscal transparency.

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, indicated that RCS was already providing services that the City was pleased with; felt that the rates reflected the cost of doing business; discussed increased costs with the trash hauling and recycling business that contribute to the rise in fees the City has to pay for services; compliance with rules and regulations from the state and federal government; he indicated that RCS was the only company that had provided a proposal; noted that Santa Monica would absorb some of the costs as they regularly bring some of their refuse to the Transfer Station; and he reported engagement in active negotiations on the contract with Los Angeles.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding increased costs indicated in the staff report; money allocated in the budget; and real costs.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH RCS TRUCKING FOR TRANSPORT SERVICES AND ON-CALL ROLL-OFF COLLECTION SERVICES TO EXTEND THE TERM TO AUGUST 31, 2025 AND INCREASE THE RATES PER LOAD UP TO 15 PERCENT EACH YEAR; 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-10

CC - Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) through June 30, 2024, with an Option of Two Additional One-Year Extensions, to Provide Funding toward CCUSD's Establishment and Management of an Agreement with All City Management, Inc. for Crossing Guard Services in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$184,090 for the First Year of the MOU, with Additional Funding to be Approved as Part of the City's Annual Budget Process

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Melissa Sanders thanked the City for working with the School District; wanted to see discussion regarding placement of crossing guards; indicated that she had not seen promised crosswalk markings installed; and she expressed appreciation for collaboration with the School District.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the time frame for implementation; the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and School District responsibility for allocating crossing guards.

Marci Baun thanked the City for providing the funding for the school crossing guards; discussed the importance of the crossing

guards; and she encouraged parents dropping off their children to be aware of everyone trying to get to school safely.

Karim Sahli expressed agreement with the two previous speakers and support for the item; proposed a clause in the memorandum to ensure that the crossing guards are paid a living wage; he noted that they were essential to the safety of the children and deserved fair compensation; and he felt that the need for crossing guards was indicative of the failure of the design of the streets.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (CCUSD) THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, TO PROVIDE FUNDING TOWARD CCUSD'S ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT, INC. (ACM) FOR CROSSING GUARD SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$184,090 FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE MOU, WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO BE APPROVED AS PART OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS OF THE MOU; 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-11

CC - (1) Approval of an Agreement with Cobblestone Software for Software Licensing and Professional Services to Implement the Contract Insight Enterprise Software to Support the City's Contract Management Process in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$100,000; and (2) Authorization to the City Manager to Extend the Agreement for Four Additional One-Year Periods

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH COBBLESTONE SOFTWARE (PRINCETON, NJ) FOR SOFTWARE LICENSING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTRACT INSIGHT ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE TO SUPPORT

THE CITY'S CONTRACT MANAGEMENT PROCESSES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$100,000; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT, AND SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION; 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-12

CC - Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation, in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$38,112 for Additional Construction Management Services on City Owned Property at 3860 and 3900 Sepulveda Boulevard

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KOA CORPORATION, (KOA) IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$38,112 FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 3860 AND 3900 SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD; 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-13

CC - Approval of a Purchase Order with Western Office, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$125,000

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH WESTERN OFFICE, INC. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$125,000; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO ISSUE SUCH PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-14

CC - Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for the Police Department Restroom Renovation Project, CIP No. PF02

Council Member Puza expressed appreciation for the remodeling and update to gender neutral locker rooms and restrooms.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE THE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RESTROOM RENOVATION PROJECT, CIP NO. PF020.

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Item C-15

CC-Approval of an Application for \$15,583 in Grant Funds through the FY 2023 US Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Local Solicitation for the Purchase of Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) Data Collection Software

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,583 THROUGH THE FY 2023 US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, LOCAL EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT (RIPA) DATA COLLECTION SOFTWARE; 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-16

CC - Approval of a Blanket Purchase Order with Logicalis Inc for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$250,000 for the Purchase of Replacement Hardware

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER WITH LOGICALIS INC FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT HARDWARE AND NETWORK COMPONENTS; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO EXECUTE SUCH PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-16.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

CC - Appeal of the Administrative Approval of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Encroachment Permit to Crown Castle for 11317 Washington Place, Culver City Permit Number U22-041

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, provided a summary of the material of record and he noted that the letter from the appellant had been shared with the City Council and was part of the record.

Council Member Eriksson received clarification regarding proximity of the pole to the building.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

Sammy Romo, Senior Civil Engineer, indicated that the appellant had not been able to be present but had submitted a letter instead.

Brad Laudwell, Crown Castle, indicated being present to answer questions and reported following guidelines which resulted in approval of the application.

Echo Allen was called to speak but did not respond.

Patricia McPherson was called to speak but did not respond.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding acknowledgement of concerns regarding exposure to radio frequencies; agreement that the applicant had followed the process in place; lack of evidence of harm to human health or reasons for decrease to property values; and lack of a reason to approve the appeal.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. DENY THE APPEAL AND APPROVE CROWN CASTLE'S WIRELESS ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FOR 11317 WASHINGTON PLACE, CULVER CITY PERMIT NUMBER U22-0413, BASED ON THE FINDINGS SET FORTH IN THE MAY 3, 2023 NOTICE OF APPLICATION APPROVAL (ATTACHMENT 1) AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL SET FORTH IN ATTACHMENTS 5 AND 6 OF THE REPORT. (NOTE: IF THE CITY COUNCIL DETERMINES TO MODIFY OR SUPPLEMENT THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, THOSE SHOULD BE ARTICULATED IN THE RECORD.) AND,

2. DIRECT PUBLIC WORKS STAFF TO PREPARE AND ISSUE, PURSUANT TO CCMC SECTION 11.20.065.G.2, A WRITTEN NOTICE OF DECISION, SIGNED BY THE MAYOR, CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY COUNCIL'S FINDINGS AND DECISION SET FORTH IN THE AUGUST 14, 2023 RECORD. THE NOTICE SHALL BE ISSUED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 16, 2023.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, PUZA, VERA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MCMORRIN

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC - (1) Discussion of and Possible Direction Regarding Proposed Incremental Infill Land Use Designations; and (2) Other Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Mark Muenzer, Planning and Development Director, introduced the item and thanked staff for their efforts.

Troy Evangelho, Advance Planning Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mark Muenzer, Planning and Development Director, discussed a map illustrating recent introduction of density into neighborhoods with ADUs; average number of ADUs built per year; inconsistencies with SB 9 and ADU law; incremental infill; compliance with SB 9; similar unit capacity associated with incremental as with staying with current zoning designations; adequate sites inventory; RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) requirements; and community outreach and presentations related to the General Plan Update.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding furthering fair housing; demographic studies; the analysis of the adequate sites inventory; available programs associated with affirmatively furthering fair housing; SB 9 ADU laws; and the inability to require that the fourth unit have an affordability requirement.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones provided background on the issues and the process; thanked the City for being willing to grow on the issue; discussed ending single-family zoning; the importance of retaining the incremental infill name; and he agreed with statements by Culver City Neighbors United that SB 9 ends single-family zoning.

Bubba Fish echoed comments made by the previous speaker; expressed appreciation for the change of heart by Council Members to embrace the importance of creating more affordable housing in the City; he encouraged Council Members to look into ways to leverage the incremental infill designation in the Housing Element to keep opportunities for home ownership; discussed allowing for more homeowners on a single parcel; allowing middle class families to afford to live in the City; and he expressed support for AB 1033 (Assembly Bill 1033) allowing for homeownership for ADUs.

Jamie Wallace with one minute ceded by Lorri Horn, Culver City Neighbors United, expressed appreciation for the words of support; noted one reference to SB 9 in the Housing Element regarding preserving anti-displacement protections; discussed rezoning the neighborhoods to be multi-family; clarification that SB 9 only applies to single-family residential neighborhoods noting that if incremental infill is implemented there would be no SB 9 protection; removal of residency requirements that address speculators and investors; protections included within SB 9; she asserted that SB 9 encouraged homeowners to add residential units to their own properties, not investors; and she asked the City Council to take out incremental infill and maintain SB 9 protections.

Robert Zirgulis did not want to see Culver City turned into Palms; discussed preserving home ownership as it is; preventing speculators from destroying the City; concern that the City Council had done nothing to address homeless individuals in the City; and he felt that if one could not afford to live in the City, they should not live here.

Melissa Sanders stated that the issue was unnecessary for achieving RHNA numbers; discussed the argument that more affordable housing is needed, but affordable housing is not defined; she encouraged the City Council to take out incremental infill, ensure that stakeholders are the homeowners who want to

be in the City, and to keep SB 9 protections to support affordable ADUs; she proposed creating a low interest loan program and examining empty commercial buildings to create fair housing; and she asserted that infill would be the destruction of the City.

Disa Lindgren echoed comments made by Stephen Jones and Bubba Fish regarding state law that requires the City Council to affirmatively further fair housing; discussed planning decisions; ending exclusionary zoning; segregation that exists and persists; exclusionary, racist land use policy and zoning; she hoped the City Council would uphold state law noting that ADUs would not solve the problem; and she emphasized the importance of more units over time in all neighborhoods, particularly those currently zoned for low density.

Marci Baun urged the City Council to strike incremental infill from the General Plan; she did not support SB 9 but felt that it provided a measure of protection from displacement; and she expressed confusion with the characterization of exclusionary or racist housing.

Steve Siegel asserted that the vast majority of residents believed that single family housing should remain in the City; discussed Council Member positions; putting 5 units on one lot; cars added; parking issues; increased pollution; infrastructure issues; ensuring that Council Members act on behalf of residents; residency requirements; and he felt the racist argument was ridiculous and insulting.

Erik Paesel echoed comments made by Disa Lindgren and Bubba Fish; was pleased that the City Council had come around to support SB 9; expressed support for keeping incremental infill in the name; and noted advantages in the pursuit of more affordable housing.

Suzanne Debeneditis asked how equity and the environment could be maintained moving forward; noted the need to maintain greenspace; urged the City Council to provide incentives to build up rather than out; discussed climate disruption; equity; preventing gentrification; diversity; important concerns to consider; support for work done to provide housing for the unhoused; building over transit oriented corridors; providing incentives for "mom and pops"; and carbon released by breaking down a building.

Bryan Sanders was called to speak but did not respond.

Karim Sahli discussed a historical structure on Lafayette Place; infill; and fitting more people on the same amount of land.

Greg Maron discussed the success of density and diversity in his neighborhood, and he asked the City Council to support infill and SB 9.

Khin Khin Gyi discussed meeting RHNA numbers; the need to identify 604 low income units; legislative infrastructure; AB 2345; bonus incentives; application to areas already designated as infill; reconfiguring unviable commercial buildings that already have infrastructure; preserving tree canopies and sustainable ecosystems built over the last century; and heeding warnings from Mother Nature.

Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin discussed incremental infill; SB 9; concern with going against state law; determining affordability; residency requirements for building; speculators; and she asked the City Council to take out infill and just follow SB 9.

Nancy Barba asserted that SB 9 and ADU law were the bare minimum; stated that both laws restrict the size or configuration of additional units in ways that limit the types of housing that can be built; discussed perpetuating the exclusion of families who cannot fit into a studio or one bedroom apartment; asked that the 4 units be allowed to be attached and of equal size; noted the importance of addressing the housing crisis; asked that staff be directed to expand on state law to welcome more diverse neighbors to the community; and emphasized the need to affirmatively further fair housing.

Ken Mand discussed the General Plan Update and indicated being a member of the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) which had not met in a long time; noted the purposefully assembled Committee; concern with being locked into an inconsistent land use map; and he asked the City Council to take a nuanced approach before making any adjustments.

Daniel Young echoed comments made by Nancy Barba; asserted that SB 9 should be considered a minimum and he hoped that the City would expand upon the state mandate and allow units of equal size; he noted that many units did not facilitate housing for families or anyone other than a bachelor; observed large new single family homes being built; and he supported the development of fourplexes.

David Metzler, GPAC Member, echoed disappointment that the GPAC had not met in a long time; hoped to continue the conversation about what new developments could look like; discussed other cities that did not approve any lot splits in 2021, but approved a large number of ADUs; asserted that SB 9 by itself had failed to yield much housing; discussed developers building 4,000 square foot houses in his neighborhood; providing houses for multiple families rather than for one mega-millionaire; and he felt the City needed to encourage the development of smaller, more affordable units to preserve the heart of Culver City and allow new homeowners to come into the City.

Philip Lelyveld felt that ADUs were unlikely to be improved over time, and he asked that the consultants be directed to research whether incremental infill fails in terms of maintaining affordable housing in the City.

The following item was considered out of sequence.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)

Mayor Vera invited public comment noting that Ms. Benedittis had not been heard earlier.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Suzanne Debenedittis discussed the Ground Water Plan; the need for the water study requested earlier in the meeting; the plant in Carson to clean toilet water for drinking; the importance of City control over the groundwater table to be able to stop it from being thrown into the ocean; and she asked that staff be directed to conduct the study.

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Item A-1
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CC - (1) Discussion of and Possible Direction Regarding Proposed Incremental Infill Land Use Designations; and (2) Other Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the public comment and for the work done by staff; time spent on the process; clarification that affirmative

housing programs would be maintained and incremental infill is not included as an action item; the Certified Housing Element; the GPAC; the legacy of redlining in the City and past history of being a Sundown Town; inclusionary zoning; limiting access to housing; work to do with regard to racial and economic justice; an article in the Los Angeles Times about how million dollar homes are the new norm; increased costs of housing; supply restrictions; the need to loosen density restrictions; determining who lives in ADUs; limits with ADUs; the goal to increase access; and support for a motion to increase General Plan land use designations as necessary to comply with state law and allow the full extent of SB 9 and ADU projects throughout the City.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding comparisons of incremental infill vs. SB 9 and ADU laws; the potential for more units by sticking with SB 9; affordable housing; projected number of units; required number of units; maintaining current zoning designations for residential zones; commercial and industrial use properties; separate ownership of split lots; and support for keeping zoning as it pertains to residential and obeying SB 9 and ADU laws with a diverse array of housing along with future rezoning of commercial and industrial corridors.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding control put into SB 9 to include ownership requirements to stop speculators; representation of constituents; overreach with regard to taking away local control with SB 9; the importance of following laws; support for the elimination of incremental infill in all sections of the General Plan and living by SB 9 and ADU law; state law that has forced allowance of McMansions; and the importance of local control.

Council Member Eriksson moved to replace the proposed incremental infill A, B, and C in the General Plan Land Use designation with existing land use designations and live by SB 9 and current ADU law.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding incremental infill before SB 9 and ADU laws were enacted; inconsistencies; the importance of consistency with the state; surpassing RHNA numbers; protections afforded through SB 9; protecting against speculation; and the importance of retaining ownership and retaining housing in a City.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO REPLACE THE PROPOSED INCREMENTAL INFILL A, B, C GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATIONS WITH EXISTING RESIDENTIAL LAND USE DESIGNATIONS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-2

CC - (1) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Results of the 2023 Engineering & Traffic Survey; and (2) Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Culver City Municipal Code Section 7.02.005 to Determine and Declare Updated Prima Facie Speed Limits on Certain City Streets

Andrew Maximous, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, introduced the item and provided an update on the Safe Routes to School Markings Project.

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification that adjusted speed limits from 2013 had not been posted due to an administrative oversight; assurances that staff will work with the Maintenance and Operations Division to implement City Council approved changes; AB 43; reductions supported by people driving slower on the street; safety corridors and streets adjacent to land use that generate high concentrations of bicyclists and pedestrians; application of AB 43 to 30% of the streets to avoid speed limit increases; and rounding down rather than rounding up.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones expressed disappointment that in many cases speed limits were recommended to be increased compared to 2013 recommendations; discussed the failure to install sufficient traffic calming infrastructure; increases to pedestrian

fatalities; he asked that staff be directed to decrease speed limits and round down speed limits in every case; felt that any lower recommendation from 2013 should be implemented along with the installation of traffic calming infrastructure to ensure that people actually slow down; and he asserted that public safety meant protecting pedestrians.

David Metzler was called to speak but did not respond.

Bubba Fish expressed appreciation for staff efforts; reported that speed was a defining factor as to whether a pedestrian hit by a car survived; discussed effectiveness of reduced speed limits vs. traffic calming measures; concern with recommendations to increase speed limits on certain streets; the small number of streets recommended to have reduced speed limits; he expressed support for creating a timeline to reduce speeds to 15 miles per hour (mph) in school zones and 20 mph in residential and business activity districts, and use of traffic calming measures; he felt that the community and BPAC should be consulted on speeds; and he discussed use of AB 43 to designate safe routes for seniors.

Disa Lindgren echoed remarks made by previous speakers in support of reducing speeds on all streets studied; expressed surprise that recommendations were only followed on 30% of streets; discussed the importance of protecting pedestrians, and those driving cars; protecting vulnerable community members; safe routes for seniors; and she asked the City to please lower speed limits.

Marci Baun was called to speak but did not respond.

Erik Paesel echoed comments made by Disa Lindgren and Bubba Fish urging the City Council to reduce speed limits where possible.

Karim Sahli noted that the study indicated that drivers determined the speed on City streets; pointed out that impacted residents had not been consulted; discussed the relationship between speed and pedestrian fatalities; speeds in other cities; concern that the speed on Slauson would be increased by 10 mph; the deadly and unconscionable car culture in the country; and he asked that speeds be reduced.

Michelle Weiner reported sending a detailed email to Council Members; discussed the experience of the BPAC; wasted resources; concern with accepting the report without looking at the individual segments; the adoption of the Complete Streets Policy

and Vision Zero; and instances where it is warranted and legal to reduce speeds.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the value of soft knowledge; slowing things down without data; enforceability; laws and requirements; the inability to set speed limits arbitrarily; thorough review of each segment; the Vehicle Code; AB 43 that allows for an arbitrary reduction of speed; the baseline; the practice of rounding down rather than up; speeds that could have been increased but are remaining the same; streets that have had speeds increased; areas where the posted speeds had not been updated; bringing down speeds to reduce the likelihood of fatalities; the ability to revisit the issue in one year when speed limits can be reduced via AB 43; and allowing an opportunity for the BPAC to provide feedback in the future.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding instances where speeds could have been rounded down, but were not; unintended consequences with blanket use of a policy; standard practice; consideration of traffic calming measures by the Mobility Subcommittee; and support for reducing speeds and rounding down where possible.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding trust in the solution proposed by the experts; using AB 43 to designate areas of a certain character; and traffic calming devices to lower speeds and allow for new measurements to warrant reductions in the future.

Council Member Eriksson moved to accept the staff recommendation.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the ultimate goal to reduce speeds; requirements of state laws and legislation; consideration and recommendations from the BPAC; AB 43; support for traffic calming measures and returning in one year to see where speeds can be reduced; the legality and ability to enforce arbitrarily reduced speeds that deviate far from the 85th percentile; taking certain factors into consideration while determining whether to round speeds up or down; and the ability to enforce rounded speeds.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESULTS OF THE 2023 ENGINEERING & TRAFFIC SURVEY; AND,

2. INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 7.02.005 TO DETERMINE AND DECLARE UPDATED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, PUZA, VERA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MCMORRIN

Council Member Puza proposed a motion to direct the BPAC to conduct an analysis of speeds in the interim.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding sending to the matter to the BPAC once AB 43 is in effect; implementation; requesting that BPAC explore the item now; and direction to the BPAC to examine the establishment of safety corridors.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT THE BPAC TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF ESTABLISHING SAFETY CORRIDORS AND GENERALLY CONSIDER TRAFFIC SPEEDS IN THE CITY.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, PUZA, VERA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MCMORRIN

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Item A-3

CC - Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Johnson Favaro, LLP for a Bill Botts Fields and Veterans Memorial Park Feasibility Study in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$298,939

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

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Karim Sahli stated that usage of the parks should be governed under the purview of the General Plan; he asserted that the current action was unnecessary, a waste of money, and a pet project by Council Member O'Brien; he felt the City should be more strategic and consider equity for all parks in the City; and he asserted that the action was problematic.

Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin, Cultural Affairs Commissioner speaking on behalf of herself, expressed excitement that the project was moving forward, and asked that Cultural Affairs be included in the recommendations phase noting existing cultural programming in the parks.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern with the need for a more equitable process; assessing the needs of all parks; development of a plan and timeline for work; prioritization of two parks over others; the designation of the two parks as regional parks serving the entire City; the Parks Master Plan; the outdated community center at Veterans Park; lack of pool space in the City; looking at the situation with fresh-eyes; building facility locations that serve the entire community; completion in time for the Olympics; and support for the choice made by the subcommittee.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON FAVARO, LLP FOR A BILL BOTTS FIELDS AND VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$298,939; 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: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, VERA
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: MCMORRIN
ABSTAIN: PUZA

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CC - (1) Discussion of a Recognition Event for Assembly Majority Leader Isaac Bryan, District 55; and, if Desired, (2) Direction to Allocate City Funds and Other Resources Needed in the Planning and Implementation of the Event; (3) Direction on the Invitation Process and Participation at the Event; and (4) Other Direction to the City Manager as Desired

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

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones expressed support for Isaac Bryan.

Jesse Nuñez, Culver City Chamber of Commerce, expressed support for a recognition event for Isaac Bryan.

Jamie Wallace questioned whether the City had ever had a City-sponsored, City-funded event for an Assembly Leader, and she felt that Isaac Bryan's office should be putting on the event and the City should be acknowledging Mr. Bryan with a resolution.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the purpose of the event; whether an Assembly Leader for the City has ever served as a Majority Leader; reasoning for the special event; the proposed date in October; hosting by the Wende Museum; co-sponsorship by the Chamber of Commerce; the event open to the public; maximum occupancy; the budget; concern with the City putting money behind an elected position; support for a congratulatory proclamation; concern with setting a bad example by allocating City funds to the event; representation of the entire City; the partisan position; and support for providing a commendation.

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Item A-6
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Designation of the City's Voting Delegate and up to Two Alternate-Voting Delegates for the 2023 League of California Cities Annual Conference

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding availability to serve and whether voting would be necessary.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. DESIGNATE MAYOR VERA TO SERVE AS THE VOTING DELEGATE; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE VOTING DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE, AS APPLICABLE, TO CAST A VOTE EXERCISING REASONABLE DISCRETION AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, PUZA, VERA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MCMORRIN

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Item A-4

CC - Discussion and Direction Regarding the Adoption of a Statement of Support for Union Workers Currently on Strike, including but not limited to Writers Guild of America and Unite Here Local 11 (Hotel Workers)

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding support for the right of union workers to strike; the power of bargaining; fairness and respect; the importance of unions; affirming commitment for a society where the pursuit of the living wage and safe working conditions is a fundamental right; support for including SAG-AFTRA in the statement of support; union membership; solidarity with those affected by the strike; ensuring that the City does not insert itself into negotiations; agreement for a statement of support; the feeling that the City Council is not elected to take a position on such issues; and making a statement in support for solving the conflict as soon as possible due to people affected in the City.

Mayor Vera invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones asked that the City Council support the striking workers; felt that a letter suggesting that the producers be reasonable was a good idea; and he did not feel the unions needed to be told that as they were already being reasonable.

Disa Lindgren expressed appreciation for remarks about the importance of the item; noted that the issue was important for everyone; pointed out that the community depends on all kinds of workers; felt that the workers brought forward the strike for legitimate reasons; and she asked that the City Council support the item as it is important to stand with the union workers.

Jesse Nuñez, Culver City Chamber of Commerce, asked that the statement of support be modified to a statement of encouragement to all parties in the labor dispute to engage in good faith bargaining to bring the disputes to a close, and he noted the benefits of a resolution to those who have been impacted by the ramifications of a strike by labor.

Karim Sahli expressed support of a proclamation with a strong affirmation in favor of the union.

Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin indicated being a proud member of the Screen Actors Guild for 32 years; wanted to see support for their right to strike; and she invited everyone to join them as allies or honk when they drive by.

Jack Galanty was called to speak but did not respond.

Nancy Barba as called to speak but did not respond.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding making a statement of support for a union's right to strike and encouraging both sides to work toward a speedy resolution; support for acknowledging the historical relevance of unions and what they have done for labor in America; and clarification that the City Council would be able to review a draft before it is approved.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)

None.

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Items from Council Members

None.

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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

Mayor Vera received City Council consensus from Council Members Eriksson and Puza that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Colleen Jones, daughter of Dale Jones.

Council Member O'Brien requested that the City Council agendize consideration of a letter of support from Safe Streets regarding a feasibility study for the 90 freeway from Culver City's border to Marina del Rey.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 11:24 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 in memory of Colleen Jones to a meeting to be held on August 28, 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: _____