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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 23, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Micheál O'Leary, Mayor
Christopher Armenta, Councilmember
Jeffrey Cooper, 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 Tyson Brazil.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Presentations from Public Officials and Others to Departing Councilmember Christopher Armenta

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, read a certificate of commendation to Councilmember Armenta from U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein.

John Nachbar, City Manager, presented a plaque to outgoing Councilmember Armenta.

Councilmember Armenta thanked everyone; congratulated new and returning Councilmembers; acknowledged the efforts of Scott Malsin and Stephen Murray; discussed his years as an elected official in the City and his decision not to run

for Councilmember again; and he thanked the City Manager, City staff, the community, activists and his family.

Councilmembers thanked outgoing Councilmember Armenta for his service to the City.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARMENTA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF PAUL PITTI AND CHET MALANOVSKY.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, discussed financial difficulties resulting from increased rental fees for Veterans Auditorium; requested that the City closely review how rent increases affect arts in the City; announced their next concert on May 12 at Veterans Auditorium; reported attending the open house for the refurbished auditorium; and noted their intent to ensure that classical and symphonic music is performed in the City.

Jim Lamb, Ballona Creek Renaissance, discussed the Culver City Green Space Plan; encouraging enjoyment of the open space in the City; funded improvements; and he invited everyone to attend public workshops on April 28 and May 9 at the Veterans Memorial Complex.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, read a written card from Berryman expressing thanks to the City for the new McLaughlin traffic light.

Mayor O'Leary reported attending Earth Day at the Star Eco Station and accepting a plaque to the City in thanks for recycling efforts.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on April 10, 2012 and Stating the Results of Such Election in Accordance with the City Charter

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Karlo Silbiger congratulated elected Councilmembers and expressed gratitude to Councilmember Armenta for his service to the City.

Gary Silbiger thanked Councilmember Armenta for his service and congratulated elected Councilmembers.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, presented a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARMENTA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 AND STATING THE RESULTS OF SUCH ELECTION.

Councilmember Armenta exited the dais at this time.

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Joint Action Items

Item JA-1

CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PARKING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/FINANCING AUTHORITY JOINT AGENDA ITEM: (1) Administration of the Oath of Office to the Councilmembers-Elect; (2) Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor; and (3) Confirmation by the Housing Authority/Parking Authority/Successor Agency/Financing Authority that the Mayor and Vice Mayor of the City Shall Serve as Chair and Vice Chair of these Bodies, Respectively

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, read a written comment from Steve Souter; explained procedures; and administered the oath of office to reelected and newly elected Councilmembers.

Mayor O'Leary read the policy indicating that the most senior person is meant to serve as Vice Mayor but noted that Councilmember Cooper would likely be chosen if Councilmember Malsin were still on the Council.

Councilmember Cooper nominated Councilmember Weissman to serve as Mayor of Culver City. Councilmember Clarke seconded the motion.

Councilmember Sahli-Wells indicated that she was prepared to nominate Councilmember Cooper but that she would respect his nomination of Councilmember Weissman.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ELECT COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY.

Mayor Weissman discussed the City policy and opened nominations.

Councilmember Sahli-Wells nominated Councilmember Cooper to serve as Vice Mayor of Culver City. Councilmember Clarke seconded the motion.

Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Weissman announced the closure of nominations.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ELECT COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AS VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY.

Councilmember Sahli-Wells thanked voters for electing her; vowed to be diligent in her duties; encouraged public participation; she congratulated reelected and newly elected Councilmembers; she expressed regret at the low voter turnout; wanted to work toward more diversity in the City; discussed areas to improve in the City; the L.A. League of Conservation Voters; and she thanked her campaign managers, her husband and children, volunteers and others.

Councilmember Clarke thanked those who supported him in his efforts to become a Councilmember; saluted outgoing Councilmembers; thanked fellow Councilmembers; and felt the City Council would work well together to tackle tough issues.

Councilmember O'Leary thanked his family and his campaign team; congratulated the new Councilmembers; and was looking forward to working with the City Council.

Mayor Weissman thanked his wife, children, voters, and those who supported him and he discussed the work of the City Council and challenges ahead but felt confident that they would work well together on behalf of the City.

Vice Mayor Cooper welcomed his four colleagues and quoted Shimon Peres on a recent visit he made to Culver City.

Councilmembers received their pins.

Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, West LA College, congratulated the Councilmembers; thanked the City Council, John Nachbar, Charles Herbertson and Art Ida for their support; he discussed accomplishments during his time at the College; and he invited everyone to attend the Open House on May 19.

Vice Mayor Cooper thanked Mr. Abu-Ghazaleh for his efforts to work with the City.

Jim Shanman congratulated the Councilmembers and as a member of the Bicycle Coalition was looking forward to working with the City.

Dr. Suzanne DeBenneditis congratulated Councilmembers; thanked them for their service; thanked former Councilmember Armenta for restoring civility to the City Council; discussed collaboration and community involvement; provided suggestions on important ways to help the City; proposed establishing

various committees to lessen demands on Councilmembers' time; she invited the City Manager to evaluate the costs and benefits of an engaged electorate serving on committees; she called on residents to work together; and she presented the City Council with roses from her garden.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR SERVE AS THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, PARKING AUTHORITY, SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND FINANCING AUTHORITY, RESPECTIVELY.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

There was no response.

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Items from the City Council

Items from Councilmember O'Leary

- Congratulated Jeff Muir and the Finance Department on their budget and presentation

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:40 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of Paul Pitti and Chet Malanovsky, to a meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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April 23, 2012

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

ANDREW WEISSMAN
MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California