

MEETING DATE:

July 23, 2012

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration of a Request to Designate an Upcoming Hydraulic Fracturing (“Fracking”) Symposium as a City-Sponsored Event; 2) Approval of a Fee Waiver and Use of the Mike Balkman Council Chambers and 3) Approve Recording, Broadcast, and Rebroadcast of the Meeting and Placement of the Recording on the City’s Website.

ATTACHMENTS

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1. E-Mail Proposal from Mr. Camarella

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Subject: Symposium Request for Co-Sponsorship

Date: July 16, 2012 4:06:01 PM PDT

To: Culver City City Council

From: Tom Camarella, Transition Culver City, Sierra Club – L. A. Westside and the League of Women Voters

Date: July 16, 2012

Re: Questions Asked About Fracking By Culver City Council

At the July 2, 2012 City Council Meeting, there was a discussion of "Fracking" and several of the Councilpersons expressed that they had inadequate information or had a desire to have several specific questions answered by PXP and those opposing or restricting fracking prior to voting on new Culver City ordinances re fracking. I've spoken to two (2) CCUSD members who are supportive of this effort, but it has not had time to be formally agendaized. Also, several homeowners' associations are concerned and want to have more information and opportunities to be heard.

Therefore, we are proposing to create a Symposium in the Council Chambers on Saturday, August 4, 2012 (from approximately 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM) so the City Council, relevant staff and the residents could hear the questions and answers. We would like to have it televised and recorded so that anyone who could not make it to the Symposium, could watch on television in real time or later watch and learn.

We intend to have up to four (4) panelists from PXP (not their trade association) and four (4) panelists from those wishing to restrict fracking for safety. The questions that the Council mentioned on July 2, 2012 would be covered and all interested parties would have the questions 10 days before the Symposium. After the initial questions have been answered, the City Council would have the first opportunity to ask follow-up questions. After that, the Culver City residents would be able to ask questions.

We have spoken to the League of Women Voters who has agreed to help in time-keeping, etc. so the process is fair and open. We have also spoken to Transition Culver City and the Sierra Club, Los Angeles Westside who have agreed to Co-sponsor the event.

We are asking the Culver City Council to Co-Sponsor this event, as it is something that they said they needed on July 2, 2012. Sponsorship would be defined as the use of the City Council Chambers and televising/recording this event. This way, the CC Council, staff and the homeowners can receive first-hand information and make up their own minds on this critical matter.

Obviously, time is of the essence. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Tom Camarella