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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

March 10, 2008
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Alan Corlin, Mayor
Carol A. Gross, Vice Mayor
D. Scott Malsin, Councilmember
Steven J. Rose, Councilmember
Gary Silbiger, Councilmember

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Closed Session

The City Council will adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

CS-1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Re: 8910/8912/8916/8918/8926/8930/8936 Venice Boulevard,
Los Angeles, CA;/3433 Wesley Street Culver City, CA.

City Negotiator: City Manager Jerry Fulwood, Director of
Community Development Sol Blumenfeld

Other Parties' Negotiators: Not known at this time (for
Venice Properties); Velma Marshall - Metropolitan

Transportation Authority (Wesley property)

Under Negotiation: Both Terms and Price

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

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Recess to Closed Session

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m.

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Reconvene

The City Council reconvened its meeting at 7:12 p.m., with all Members present.

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Closed Session Report

Mayor Corlin stated that there was nothing of substance to report from closed session.

At this time, the following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

David Kaye, inquired why discussion regarding the properties on Venice Boulevard was held in closed session.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Jerry Fulwood, City Manager gave the invocation and Hajeeb Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Presentation of a Commendation to the Culver City All Star Soccer Team

Councilmember Rose read the commendation in its entirety.

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Item P-2

Presentation of a Proclamation to the Angeles Girl Scout Council in honor of Girl Scout Week (March 9 to 16)

Councilmember Gross read the proclamation in its entirety.

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Item P-3

Presentation of a Commendation to the Culver City Education Foundation

Mayor Corlin read the commendation in its entirety.

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Public Comment for Items Not On the Agenda

Mayor Corlin invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Luther Henderson, Chair, Cultural Affairs Commission, speaking as an individual, expressed opposition to the height variance for the Entrada Project.

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Item L-1

**League of California Cities Priority Focus Editions #8
dated February 22, 2008 and #9 dated February 29, 2008.**

Staff reviewed the mid-year State budget bills containing widespread cuts and reported that the Public Works Department had submitted documents for Prop. 1B funding with the State.

Councilmember Rose spoke about a recent trip to Washington D.C. that included a member of Senator Feinstein's office stating that Culver City was the first to request funding for replacement CNG buses rather than first time purchases which further illustrates Culver City's environmental leadership. He added that he would submit a full written report on the trip for the next meeting.

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Recess

The City Council recessed its meeting to the Redevelopment Agency at 7:39 p.m.

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Reconvene

The City Council reconvened its meeting at 7:43 p.m., with all Members present.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GROSS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROSE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-6.

Item C-1

City Clerk's Report

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY CLERK'S REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING.

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Item C-2

Approval of Meeting Minutes

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2008 AND THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2008 AS SUBMITTED.

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Item C-3

Cash Disbursements

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2008 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2008.

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Item C-4

**Adoption of a Resolution Adopting an Employer Pickup
Pre-Tax Payroll Deduction Plan for Service Credit Purchases
(Contribution Code 14)**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2008-R014 ADOPTING AN EMPLOYER PICKUP PRE-TAX PAYROLL DEDUCTION PLAN FOR SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASES (CONTRIBUTION CODE 14).

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Item C-5

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1.01 of the Culver City Municipal Code Relating to General Penalty Provisions; Renumbering Chapter 1.02 to 1.03; and Adding a New Chapter 1.02 to the Culver City Municipal Code Relating to the Enforcement of the Municipal Code through an Administrative Citations Process

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2008-002 AMENDING CHAPTER 1.01 OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS, RENUMBERING CHAPTER 1.02 TO 1.03, AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 1.02 RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE THROUGH AN ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION PROCESS, AND WAIVE FURTHER READING.

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Item C-6

(1) Waiver of the Competitive Bidding Procedure as Authorized by § 3.07.065(D) of the Culver City Municipal Code and (2) Approval of an Agreement with Pump Masters to Replace Two Emergency Back-up Sump Pumps located on the P-2 level of the City Hall Parking Structure

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. WAIVE THE FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURE AS AUTHORIZED BY § 3.07.065(D) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE;
2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH PUMP MASTERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,617.00 TO REPAIR EMERGENCY BACK-UP SUMP PUMPS LOCATED ON THE P-2 LEVEL OF THE CITY HALL PARKING STRUCTURE; AND
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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The following Consent Calendar item was discussed and voted on separately:

Item C-7

(1) Waiver of the Formal Competitive Bidding Process as Authorized by § 3.07.065(C) of the Culver City Municipal Code and (2) Approval of the Purchase a CUES West Portable Closed Circuit Television Sewer Line Inspection System through an Authorized Distributor, Plumbers Depot, Inc.

Council and staff discussion focused on the use of another city's bidding information as a guide to Culver City.

Following discussion, the following motion was made:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GROSS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROSE, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. WAIVE THE FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURE AS AUTHORIZED BY § 3.07.065(C) OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE;
2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A CUES PORTABLE CCTV SYSTEM THROUGH PLUMBERS DEPOT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,990.00; AND
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

AYES: Councilmembers Gross, Malsin, Rose, Corlin

NOES: Councilmember Silbiger

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Action Items

Item A-1

Presentation of Department of Conservation Comprehensive Recycling Community Program and Authorization to the Department of Conservation to Implement Said Program in Culver City

Mark Oldfield, Department of Conservation, Public Affairs office, gave an outline of the Conservation Recycling Program and introduced his colleagues, Staci Wycowski and Ken Yee.

Council and staff discussion included the following topics: recycling scavengers; the need for business recycling containers; Council's appreciation to the Department of Conservation for working with Culver City; a suggestion they work with the Parks and Recreation Department; funding and grant opportunities; and source reduction efforts.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GROSS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALSIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE RECYCLING COMMUNITY PROGRAM; AND
2. AUTHORIZE THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE RECYCLING COMMUNITY PROGRAM IN CULVER CITY.

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Item A-2

Discussion of the Recommendation from the Culver City Historical Society on the Re-naming of Various Conference Rooms in City Hall and Direction to Rename Certain Conference Rooms at City Hall

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Bill Reid inquired about the people named on certain plaques in the Council Chambers and suggested Jackie McCain for a future plaque.

A City Council suggestion was made that there be a permanent file kept on the naming of plaques.

Staff gave a brief report on the item.

Council discussion ensued on the merits of the suggested names.

The following motion was proposed:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROSE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GROSS TO RENAME THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE ROOMS IN CITY HALL: ROOM 1B - LOUIS ARMSTRONG ROOM; CLOSED SESSION ROOM - KEYSTONE COPS; AND ACCEPT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT ON FUTURE NAMING OF OTHER ROOMS.

Council discussion ensued on the appropriateness of using the name Keystone Cops, and the spelling of the name Lindberg and whether it was meant to be named after Charles Lindbergh.

At this time, Councilmembers Rose and Gross amended their motion and the following vote was taken:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROSE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GROSS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RENAME VARIOUS CONFERENCE ROOMS IN CITY HALL INCLUDING ROOM 1B - THE ARMSTRONG ROOM; AND ACCEPT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT AS A GUIDELINE ON FUTURE NAMING OF OTHER ROOMS.

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Councilmember Silbiger moved to rename the Patio Conference Room as the "Gabrielino Room".

The motion died for lack of a second.

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Item A-3

Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding a Request by the Studio Court Homeowners Association to Annex Property Located at 3780 Lenawee Avenue from the City of Los Angeles to the City of Culver City

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cynthia Harris requested annexation of eight units at 3780 Lenawee Avenue to Culver City and reported that the homeowners had agreed to contribute \$10,000 towards the cost of the annexation.

Council and staff discussion focused on the following topics: the homeowners' \$10,000 being a one-time contribution; the staff recommendation to reject the request due to the fiscal impact; discussions on making the transaction revenue neutral; staff time that has already been expended on this issue; and the costs and complexity of annexation.

The following motion was proposed:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GROSS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROSE, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL REJECT A REQUEST BY THE STUDIO COURT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO ANNEX THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3780 LENAWEE AVENUE FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY.

Further Council and staff discussion included a request for more specific fiscal analysis and other information on the process from staff.

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Councilmember Silbiger proposed the following motion: To direct staff to provide more specific information on the pros and cons and costs of the annexation.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Following discussion, the following vote was taken:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER GROSS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROSE, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL REJECT A REQUEST BY THE STUDIO COURT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO ANNEX THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3780 LENAWEE AVENUE FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY.

AYES: Councilmembers Gross, Malsin, Rose, Corlin
NOES: Councilmember Silbiger
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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Item A-4

Discussion and Approval of the Way-finding Directional Signage Program within Culver City Park and Updated Park Regulations Signage throughout the Culver City Park System

Staff provided a summary of the material of record.

Council and staff discussion included: the possibility of creating signs that can be revised; the possibility of creating signage stating that recycling scavenging is prohibited; Baldwin Hills Conservancy Program signs and how they fit in with the Parks signage; future park signage on major streets; and whether other prohibited activities should be included on the signs.

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MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GROSS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE WITHIN CULVER CITY PARK AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$600.00;
2. APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 48 PARTIAL PARK RULE SIGNS TO BE PLACED IN VARIOUS PARKS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500.00; AND
3. APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 14 COMPLETE PARK RULE SIGNS TO BE PLACED IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE PARKS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400.00.

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Item A-5

Actions Taken Regarding the Implementation of the City Council's Direction Regarding the Skate Park Regulations and Supervision

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Bill Reid expressed concerns about serious injuries if the park is not staffed.

Cary Anderson reported that he had not been notified about the meeting and he played a DVD focused on non-compliance with safety regulations in the skate park.

Staff provided a brief review of the staff report.

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Council and staff discussion included the following topics: the notification oversight for the item; broadcasting images of children in the skate park without their parents' permission; the skate park being used mostly by teens; most users do not wear safety equipment; responsibility to enforce posted regulations; funding options for staffing the park; and outsourcing park management. Further discussion ensued regarding the City's risk by staffing the park; problems with running the electricity for an entryway light; the possibility of using solar energy for park lighting; whether the police department should have access to traffic camera data; a suggestion that an hour be set aside for younger children's use of the park; and how other cities deal with liability issues.

The City Council directed the City Attorney to investigate the issue of filming minors and of broadcasting videos over Channel 35 and that the Police Department was to have access to the traffic camera system.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GROSS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT.

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Item A-6

1) Adoption of an Ordinance (Zoning Code Amendment, ZCA P-2007168) Amending Section 17.400.065 of the Culver City Municipal Code Pertaining to Mixed Use Development Standards; and 2) Adoption of a Resolution Establishing a Community Benefit Incentive Program.

Council and staff discussed the fact that two Councilmembers had not received a copy of the staff report.

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Recess

The City Council recessed its meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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The City Council reconvened its meeting at 9:33 p.m., with all Members present.

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Item A-6 (continued)

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Dan Rosenfeld, representing Urban Partners LLC, expressing support for the ordinance.

Paul Slye, representing Brentwood Capital Partners, thanked the staff and City on the ordinance and reiterated their request with respect to commercial coverage ratios.

Staff provided a brief report on the item.

Council and staff discussion included clarification on variances and the Helms Building owner's request for a TOD designation in case of a catastrophic event.

The following motion was proposed:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROSE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MALSIN, TO AMEND THE MAP TO EXTEND THE TOD AREA FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WASHINGTON AND HELMS TO THE CITY LIMITS AND FROM WESLEY EAST TO HELMS AVENUE.

Further Council and staff discussion included: the amount of dwellings possible under the 65-units per acre TOD density; the current plans for the areas in question; and the mixed responses to density levels at the mixed-use workshops.

The City Attorney announced that the motion to amend the map would need to be brought back the following week along with adoption of the ordinance.

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Following discussion, the following motion was voted on:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROSE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MALSIN,
AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-R015 WITH THE REVISION THAT IT TAKES
EFFECT UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MIXED-USE ORDINANCE.

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Public Comment for Items Not On the Agenda (continued)

Mayor Corlin invited public participation.

There was no response.

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Receipt of Correspondence

No action was taken on this item.

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Items from Staff

No action was taken on this item.

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Items from Council

Items Presented by Councilmember Rose:

- Announced the Mayor's Luncheon on March 26th.
- Reported on the positive response to the television show about Akasha, a restaurant in Culver City.

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Items Presented by Councilmember Silbiger:

- Reported on the lack of election information on the City website.

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Items Presented by Councilmember Malsin:

- Reported on State Assemblyperson Karen Bass being elected Speaker of the California State House and recommended a commendation for her at the appropriate time.
- Reported on the upcoming commencement of the Culver West Park Improvement and asked for the results of the renegotiation with the contractor.
- Asked for the status of obtaining a single phone number for certain City services.
- Reported on the damaged fence at Washington and Centinela.

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Items Presented by Councilmember Gross:

- Commented on a late notice she received in error regarding her refuse bill.

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Items Presented by Mayor Corlin:

- Reported on the upcoming Expo Line Phase II Workshop on March 26, 2008.
- Asked about the start date for in-house graffiti abatement, asserting that the current contractor wasn't getting the job done.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:16 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to a Special Meeting to be held on March 17, 2008.

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Ela Valladares
DEPUTY CITY CLERK of the City of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council, City of Culver City,
California

APPROVED _____

D. SCOTT MALSIN
MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California