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CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 25, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Jeffrey Cooper, Mayor
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Vice Mayor
Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember
Micheál O'Leary, Councilmember
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember

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Closed Session

At 6:30 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

CS-1 Conference with Existing Litigation
Re: City of Culver City, etc., et al. v. Ana Matosantos, etc.,
et al.
Case No. 34-2013-80001446
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

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Reconvene

Mayor Cooper reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:05 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that Councilmembers Clarke and Weissman joined the Closed Session at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Cooper indicated there was nothing to report from closed session.

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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 Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin.

Councilmember Bonin indicated a willingness to work with Culver City on issues of common interest.

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Presentation

Item P-1

Presentation of a Commendation to the Culver City Garden Club in Celebration of its 60th Anniversary

Mayor Cooper presented the commendation.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Councilmember Clarke thanked Larry Kaufman for the reminder that November 16-23 was National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week; he commended the Homelessness Committee for their work; and he recognized audience member Essence Lynn Wilson, granddaughter of Annie Wilson of the Blair Hills Neighborhood Association.

Councilmember O'Leary reported distributing Expo Board presentations to the City Council; he discussed ridership numbers; and the Washington National property.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF ALEXIS BIRDSHAE, AMY SHILTON; AND DR. JAY GORDON.

Mayor Cooper reported on a recent meeting of the Westside Council of Governments hosted by Culver City at the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Jim Lissner expressed concern with a 40% increase in red light camera ticketing; discussed an article in the Los Angeles Times on red light camera tickets; he distributed a handout tracking ticketing at cameras in town; he discussed an increase in ticketing at certain locations and noted that ticketing in other cities had not increased; he expressed concern with quotas and fake red light tickets; and he requested support for state legislation to make notices on all tickets in English and in Spanish.

Councilmember O'Leary discussed Fines and Forfeitures in Item C-4 noting that increases to the number of red light camera citations could be attributed to construction in the previous year that resulted in closures.

Elena Sweda Neff, Food Forward, discussed their mission; noted that they were looking to expand to private properties; discussed the amendment to allow gardening in City parkways; and she provided statistics on food distributed by Food Forward.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
AGENDA ITEM: Cash Disbursements**

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2013 - NOVEMBER 15, 2013.

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Item JC-2

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Contract with Comet Electric Inc. in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$69,747.29 (with an Additional \$6,974.73 in Contingency Funding) for the Lighting Upgrade Project at the Watseka Parking Structure as Part of the City's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Administered by the Department of Energy

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD:

1. APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH COMET ELECTRIC INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,747.29 FOR THE LIGHTING UPGRADE PROJECT AT THE WATSEKA PARKING STRUCTURE; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,974.73; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY GENERAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND
4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1, C-3, AND C-5.

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that he would incorporate slight corrections to the minutes submitted by Councilmember Clarke and by Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells provided that they reflect what is in the record.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 28, 2013 AND NOVEMBER 12, 2013.

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Item C-3 (Out of Sequence)

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title 17, Zoning, of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC), Section 17.320.025 to Amend the Alternative Parking Provisions and Create "Parking Districts" Within the Hayden Tract and Smiley Blackwelder Industrial Areas (Zoning Code Amendment, ZCA P-2013126)

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, ZONING (THE "ZONING CODE"), OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE (CCMC), SECTION 17.320.025 TO AMEND THE ALTERNATIVE PARKING PROVISIONS AND CREATE "PARKING DISTRICTS" WITHIN THE HAYDEN TRACT AND SMILEY BLACKWELDER INDUSTRIAL AREAS (ZONING CODE AMENDMENT, ZCA P-2013126).

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Item C-5 (Out of Sequence)

Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Culver City Municipal Code Sections 7.03.305.A.1 and 7.03.305.B.1 Relating to Parking Violations in Preferential Parking Zones

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 7.03.305.A.1 AND

7.03.305.B.1 RELATING TO PARKING VIOLATIONS IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONES.

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Item C-4
(Out of Sequence)

Receipt and Filing of Fiscal Year 2012/2013 General Fund Preliminary Year End Report

Responding to inquiry, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer Jeff Muir provided a Powerpoint presentation on the 2012-2013 General Fund Preliminary Year End Report; he discussed Measure Y funds; and he discussed opengov.com which provides a transparency tool that allows for easy access to the City's finances.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the predicted deficit for 2012-2013; trends going forward; the Utility Users Tax; decreased attendance at the movie theatres; areas of concern; changing technology; timing issues; updates to opengov.com; the impacts of changes at Sony on the City; tools for transparency; positive changes in the Finance Department; the demise of redevelopment; the State Department of Finance; and kudos to staff.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 GENERAL FUND PRELIMINARY YEAR-END REPORT.

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Item C-2
(Out of Sequence)

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City and the Culver City Downtown Business Association (DBA) for City-Sponsored DBA Events for Calendar Years 2013 and 2014

Councilmember Weissman recused himself from consideration of the item and exited the dais.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CULVER CITY AND THE CULVER CITY DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION DESIGNATING THE CITED EVENT(S) AS CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2013 AND 2014; 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: CLARKE, COOPER, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS
NOES: NONE
RECUSED: WEISSMAN

Councilmember Weissman returned to the dais.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Item

Item A-1

- (1) Discussion of the Culver City Summer Concert Series and**
- (2) (If Desired) Provide Direction Related Thereto**

Shelley Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Cooper received clarification regarding the number of concerts produced for the money available.

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Marla Koosed questioned whether the event served the efforts of the Downtown Business Association, the newly created Arts

District or the efforts of the Economic Development Department; why the contract is not subject to the RFP process; whether the decision to have an RFP would yield a different result; whether changing the time or date of the concert could improve efforts to illuminate certain business districts; and she noted that the Cultural Affairs Commission was not able to have input on any decisions related to the festival.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the last time the item went out for RFP; expressions of interest; the amount of money available for the series; the Cultural Trust Fund; reductions to the budget; support for local businesses and the work of Mr. Mandel; changes to reporting methods; clarification regarding Sony funding; in-kind contributions; negotiations with Mr. Mandel; the number of concerts for the money; the total contribution from the City; the involvement of the Cultural Affairs Commission; the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency; the conduct of cultural activities in the City; including the Commissions in the budget process; the Thursday evening schedule; marketing; reduced attendance; staff availability on Thursdays vs. Sundays; and competition for funding.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: DIRECT STAFF TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOULEVARD MUSIC TO HOLD A 2014 CONCERT SERIES WITHIN THE AVAILABLE FUNDING PROVIDED IN THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.

There was also City Council consensus to direct the Cultural Affairs Commission to review a Request for Proposals process to be potentially used for the selection of a producer for the 2015 Music Festival and to report any recommendations thereon to the City Council.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Items from the City Council

Items from Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Reported hearing concern regarding the closure of the ice arena

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the status of the ice rink; private property and City input into the decision; the historic nature of the building; an upcoming meeting regarding the ice rink; and the process for nominating a building for historic status.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:28 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of Alexis Birdshae, Amy Shilton, and Dr. Jay Gordon to Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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

JEFFREY COOPER
MAYOR of Culver City, California

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December 9, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Jeffrey Cooper, Mayor
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Vice Mayor
Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember
Micheál O'Leary, Councilmember
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember

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Closed Session

At 6:00 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Re: 10745 Cranks Road

City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Administrator; and Dannie Cavanaugh with Cavanaugh Realtors

Other Parties Negotiators: Michael Myers M.D. and Pamela M. Rieder; J. S. Creations, Inc.; Domyan Properties; A. J. Khair Construction; Henry and Thao Sebata; Fortune Weavers, Inc.; EPI Investment Realty Inc.; and Matthew Colon

Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment or Both, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related considerations

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-2 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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Reconvene

Mayor Cooper reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:05 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Cooper indicated there was nothing to report from closed session.

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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 Cary Anderson.

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Presentation

Item P-1

Presentation of a Commendation to Merry Lepper, "First American Woman to Complete a Marathon" (the Western Hemisphere Marathon in Culver City)

Mayor Cooper presented the proclamation.

Merry Lepper thanked the City for the honor and provided background on herself.

Councilmember O'Leary received clarification regarding training for the event.

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

Chief Don Pederson introduced the four newest members of the Culver City Police Department.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF DAVID SMITH.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells announced that the plastic bag ban would be taking effect on December 28, 2013; discussed statistics on the number of bags that would be saved; outreach; reusable bags; she thanked partner organizations in the bag ban; and she received consensus to agendaize a discussion to consider changing the name of Washington Place to Nelson Mandela Place.

Mayor Cooper thanked Parks, Recreation and Community Services staff and Commissioners for their work on a draft anti-bullying policy and he commended them for their public forum on the subject.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Denise Renteria announced a ceremony to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the failure of the Baldwin Hills Reservoir on December 14.

Michelle Weiner, Transition Culver City, thanked the City Council and staff for passing the plastic bag ban and noted that they were sewing reusable plastic bags.

Disa Lindgren thanked the City Council, staff, merchants and businesses for their support of the plastic bag ban.

Rich Waters encouraged the City to continue to take down diseased ficus trees and replant new trees, and he offered his services as an arborist with the Tree People.

Mayor Cooper observed that certain trees were already transitioning.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
AGENDA ITEM: Cash Disbursements**

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2013 - NOVEMBER 29, 2013.

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Item JC-2

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA ITEM (FOUR-
FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT): Approval of an Amendment to an
Existing Agreement with Modern Parking, Inc. for Parking
Management Services at the Cardiff, Ince, and Watseka Parking
Structures and the Venice and Virginia Parking Lots**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD:

1. APPROVE A TRI-PARTY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MODERN PARKING, INC. FOR PARKING MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT THE CARDIFF, INCE, AND WATSEKA PARKING STRUCTURES AND THE VENICE AND VIRGINIA PARKING LOTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$802,575 FOR THE FIRST YEAR; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY GENERAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY; AND,

4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT BY ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$831,312 IF OWNERSHIP OF THE PARKING FACILITIES REMAINS UNDETERMINED.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-5 AND C-7.

Item C-5
(Out of Sequence)

Approval of an Agreement with RSM Services Corporation for the Purchase of the Ridecheck Plus System in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$109,580

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF RIDECHECK PLUS FROM RSM SERVICES CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$109,580; 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-7
(Out of Sequence)

Approval of a Reciprocal Agreement for Mutual Support for Transportation Services Known as the California Transit Mutual Assistance Compact (TransMAC)

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES KNOWN AS THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE COMPACT (TRANSMAC);
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-1

Allocation of Funds for the 2014 Performing Arts Grant Program as Recommended by the Cultural Affairs Commission

Councilmember Clarke noted the uniqueness of the City and highlighted work to promote Culver City as a cultural center.

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, provided a report on the 2014 Performing Arts Grant Program.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE 2014 PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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Item C-2

FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - (1) Award of a Contract to PTM General Engineering Services, Inc., as the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, in the Amount of \$376,421 (with Additional Change Order Authority in the Amount of \$41,913) for the Construction of Linwood E. Howe Safe Routes to School Project, PZ-941, State Funded Project SR2SL 5240(028); and (2) Approval of a Budget Amendment Related Thereto

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that she would need to recuse herself from consideration of the Irving and Farragut intersection and she reported discussion with the Public Works Director about the Ince and Lucerne intersection that would be addressed in the future.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding contingency funds; unused funds; and the Braddock and Lincoln

intersection.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING FROM THE SPECIAL GAS TAX FUND (FUND 418) AN AMOUNT OF \$22,059; AND
- 2) AWARD A CONTRACT TO PTM GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, FOR THE LINWOOD E. HOWE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT, PZ-941, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$376,421, BASED ON ITS BASE BID; AND,
- 3) AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,913 (10%) FOR UNEXPECTED ADDITIONAL COSTS; AND
- 4) AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
- 5) AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-3

(1) Approval of Final Plans and Specifications; and (2) Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids, for Construction of the Sawtelle Boulevard/Hayter Avenue/Blanco Way Traffic Signal Project (PL-002)

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Alison Pryharski discussed notification; expressed concern with the design of the intersection; ingress and egress for her driveway; removal of street parking; and quality of life in the area.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding notification procedures; budget issues; timing; taking an incremental approach; traffic signal placement; allowing those residents who weighed in the first time to be included in the process; and a suggestion to continue the matter for additional consideration.

Chip Netzel expressed support for allowing those residents who weighed in the first time to be included in the process, and for the suggestion to continue the matter for additional consideration.

Bernie Bronstein discussed original implementation of the stop sign; increased safety; traffic backup; and he expressed support for the project with a recommendation to mitigate light intrusion from the signal.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the proposed configuration; neighborhood input; driveway access; traffic patterns; left turn pockets; loop detection; speed of traffic; the gap between the two phases; timing; notification; revisiting the issue; addressing speeding; volume of cars; congestion; status of the light when there is no traffic; outreach to the school; the belief that a light is superior to a stop sign; liability; and ensuring that the neighborhood and community are included in the process.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) APPROVE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SAWTELLE BOULEVARD/HAYTER AVENUE/BLANCO WAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL; AND,
- 2) AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION.

{Note from the City Clerk: As indicated later in these minutes, the City Council did not take action on this Item C-3 and directed the City Manager to provide additional opportunity for public input on this subject and return to the City Council at a later date.}

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Item C-4

(1) Acceptance of Work Performed by Unique Performance Construction, Inc.; (2) Authorization to File a Notice of Completion; and (3) Authorization to Release the Retention Payment upon Expiration of the 35-Day Lien Period, for the Washington Place Streetlight Improvement Project, Phase II, PZ-684.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) ACCEPT THE WORK PERFORMED BY UNIQUE PERFORMANCE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE WASHINGTON PLACE STREETLIGHT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PHASE II, PZ-684;
- 2) AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; AND
- 3) AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE \$7,400.35 IN RETENTION TO UNIQUE PERFORMANCE CONSTRUCTION, INC. AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD.

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Item C-6
(Out of Sequence)

**Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Between the City of Culver City and the Culver City Senior
Citizens Association**

This item was pulled for consideration at a later date.

Kay Heineman, Culver City Senior Center Association, expressed appreciation for work on the creation of the MOU that she felt would benefit both the City and the Association and she hoped that the item would be approved.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS JC-2, C-1, C-2 WITH THE EXCLUSION OF THE INTERSECTION OF IRVINE AND FARRAGUT, C-3, AND C-4.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells recused herself and exited the dais.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM C-2 INCLUDING THE INTERSECTION OF FARRAGUT AND IRVING. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, O'LEARY, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE

RECUSED: SAHLI-WELLS

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells returned to the dais.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Public Hearing

Item PH-1

(1) Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Business Improvement District Advisory Board's Annual Report and the Levy of the Downtown Culver City Business Improvement District Assessment for 2014; and (2) Appointment of Members to the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board for Calendar Year 2014

Councilmember Weissman recused himself and exited the dais.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that the resolution of intention that included the notice of public hearing had been published in the Culver City News on November 28, 2013 and mailed to all affected businesses.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF POSTING AND PUBLIC NOTICE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS
NOES: NONE
RECUSED: WEISSMAN

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that no formal written protest had been received.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS
NOES: NONE
RECUSED: WEISSMAN

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed the BID renewal process; additional monies available; the 18-month pilot program; the practices of Old Town Pasadena; the Downtown Business Association; repairs needed to the downtown area; employee parking intrusion into residential neighborhoods; parking turnover; and free parking.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS
NOES: NONE
RECUSED: WEISSMAN

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT AND THE LEVY OF THE DOWNTOWN CULVER CITY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENT FOR 2014; AND,

2. APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS
NOES: NONE
RECUSED: WEISSMAN

Councilmember Weissman returned to the dais.

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Joint Action Item

Item JA-1

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD AGENDA ITEM:
Consideration of a Financial Assistance Sponsorship of the
"Taste of the Nation" Charitable Fundraising Event Produced
by the Non-Profit Organization Share our Strength**

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

There was no response.

Councilmember Weissman received clarification regarding establishing protocol for sponsorships.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. DETERMINED TO PROVIDE IN-KIND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SHARE OUR STRENGTH FOR ITS TASTE OF THE NATION EVENT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2014 AT MEDIA PARK AS REQUESTED; AND,
2. DESIGNATED THE TASTE OF THE NATION EVENT AS A CITY-SPONSORED EVENT.

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Item JA-2

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA ITEM (FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT): (1) City Council Approval of a Budget Amendment and Transfer from the City's General Fund to the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency; (2) Housing Authority Approval of a Budget Amendment and Transfer from the Housing Authority to the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency; and (3) Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board Approval of a Budget Amendment and Distribution of \$2,724,618 to the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller to Satisfy the Other Funds and Accounts Due Diligence Review and Become Eligible to Receive a Finding of Completion from the California Department of Finance in Satisfaction of the Requirements of the California Health and Safety Code

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

There was no response.

Councilmembers and staff thanked everyone involved for their work on the item.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT AND TRANSFER FROM THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,462,118 (10116100.952550) AND APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT AND TRANSFER TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,262,500 (47616100.952550).

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Action Item

Item A-1

Discussion of Proposed Modifications to Annual Budget Process

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, provided a summary of the material of record.

Councilmember Clarke received clarification regarding the availability of input from Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Marla Koosed spoke as a private citizen and discussed the annual budget process; written recommendations from Commissions, Boards, and Committees; budget workplan recommendations; and timing.

Gary Silbiger discussed the proposed timelines; public input; providing easily understandable information; and holding public forums.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding timing of the process; addressing specific items unique to the Cultural Affairs Commission; appreciation to staff for the changes; and a suggestion to utilize a two-year budget process.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Items from the City Council

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:56 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of David Smith to Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

December 16, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Jeffrey Cooper, Mayor
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Vice Mayor
Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember
Micheál O'Leary, Councilmember
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember

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Closed Session

At 6:30 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Re: 11304 Segrell Way (Former Fire Station No. 3)

City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, Todd Tipton, Economic Development Administrator, Anthony Davis and Jeffrey Lemen with Keller-Williams Realty

Other Parties Negotiators: Kalnel Gardens LLC; Building Legacy Partners, LLC; Thomas James Capital Inc.; EPI Investment Realty
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment or Both, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related considerations

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Re: City of Inglewood, etc., et al. v. City of Los Angeles,
etc., et al.

Case No. BS143328

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

CS-3 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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Reconvene

Mayor Cooper reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:20 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Cooper indicated there was nothing to report from closed session.

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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 Assistant Fire Chief David White.

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Presentation

Item P-1

Presentation of a Plaque from the American Public Works Association Related to the City's Jefferson Boulevard Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements Project at Hetzler Road

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer, presented the award to the City Council noting that it was the second award for the project.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Councilmember Clarke recognized Aris Anagnos, the owner of the Westside Peace Center, on his 90th birthday; he congratulated Raintree resident Sandy Segal who was honored by the Culver City Unified School District Board when they renamed the Culver City Youth Health Center after her for her work; he congratulated Culver City High School Linebacker Remy Gordy on being named Co-Defensive Player of the Year for the Ocean League; and Culver City Coach Jahmal Wright on being named Coach of the Year.

Councilmember O'Leary wished everyone Happy Holidays, and he requested discussion of a letter received from the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee regarding being a host town for the Special Olympics in 2015.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers regarding a request for additional information on the event; the intent of the organizers to have multiple host cities; the number of participants; timing of the decision on whether to participate; and agreement to agendaize a discussion of the item once additional information is available.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells reported on the School Board Council Liaison Committee meeting earlier in the day; she discussed the Community Schools Partnership; and Coffee with a Cop.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

August Worchell reported an issue with leaf blowers and construction in his neighborhood and asked for guidance.

Discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers, and the speaker regarding parameters for hours of operation and

emissions; the foundational basis of the ordinance; and enforcement.

Kay Heineman, Culver City Senior Center, thanked Mayor Cooper and Councilmember Clarke for attending the holiday celebration and introduced Culver City Senior of the Year Marial Rosario Moore.

Marial Rosario Moore thanked the City for the honor.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that one piece of correspondence would be received and filed as a result of the motion.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney discussed leaf blower regulations.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with VCA Code Group in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$85,000 (for a Total Revised Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$180,000) for Building Inspection Services

Councilmember O'Leary pointed out that the item was for an increase in monies to conduct inspections noting that revenues were on track to outpace those of the previous year.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VCA CODE GROUP FOR AS-NEEDED BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000 (FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT \$180,000).

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Item

Item A-1

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Application for Grant Funds in the Amount of \$791,000 from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 84 Funding for Hetzler Road Pedestrian Trail Improvements

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Chris Paine expressed support for the item; discussed issues created by the popularity of the park; requested that the City keep an eye on the project; discussed enforcement; the importance of setting a proper precedent; and the importance of making the trail visually pleasing.

Alfonzo Wilson thanked the City for their responsiveness; he asked that the Police Department and Park Rangers work together on enforcement; he discussed funding; and he asked whether the City would be working with Los Angeles on the project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the border with Los Angeles; agencies involved in the project; aesthetics; resident opportunity for comment on path design; concern with slowing down the project; plans for the project; cooperation between agencies; acknowledgement of the issues with pedestrian traffic; research and due diligence; enforcement; separate access; and signage.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM

THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY FOR PROPOSITION 84 FUNDING FOR
HETZLER ROAD PEDESTRIAN TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Items from the City Council

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Thanked staff for their hard work over the past year

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Recess

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that all cards for public comment had been received and no additional cards were anticipated when the City Council returned from Closed Session to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION.

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Adjournment

Upon return from closed session, there being no further business, at 9:15 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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