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REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 8, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Fisch called the regular meeting of the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Alex Fisch, Mayor
Daniel Lee, Vice Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Yasmine-Imani McMorris, Council Member
Albert Vera, Council Member

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Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, indicated that no requests to speak had been received.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

Closed Session

At 5:32 p.m. the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned to Closed Session to consider the following Closed Session Items:

CS-1 CC - Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Re: 9814 Washington Boulevard;

City Negotiators: John M. Nachbar, City Manager; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager; Glen Heald, Economic Development Project Manager; and Todd Mooney, City Special Counsel

Other Parties Negotiators: Center Theater Group

Under Negotiation: Both Price and Terms of Payment

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

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CS-2 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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Reconvene

Mayor Fisch reconvened the City Council for Recognition Presentations at 6:50 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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Recognition Presentations

Item R-1

CC - Proclamation in Honor of Veterans Day 2021

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, presented the Proclamation in Honor of Veterans Day 2021.

Drea Garcia provided background on herself and thanked the City Council for the honor.

James Bane provided background on himself and thanked the City for the honor and the United States Veterans Artists Alliance (USVAA) for their involvement.

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Item R-2

CC - Proclamation Declaring the Month of November 2021 as Movember in Culver City

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, presented the Proclamation declaring the month of November 2021 as Movember in Culver City.

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Item R-3

CC - Presentation of a Proclamation in Honor of World Kindness Day on November 13, 2021 in Culver City

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, presented the Proclamation in honor of World Kindness Day on November 13, 2021 in Culver City.

Jim Clarke, former Mayor, encouraged everyone to thank someone on World Kindness Day who showed them kindness during the pandemic and to offer an act of kindness to someone in need; he thanked Council colleagues for supporting him when signing the Mayor's Pledge of Kindness in 2017 to make Culver City a City of Kindness; thanked Sister City Board Members and Rafia Cooper who created #cckind; he expressed appreciation to the City for the recognition of veterans; and he encouraged everyone to wear blue on Saturday for World Kindness Day.

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Item R-4

CC - Presentations of Commendations to Former Fiesta La Ballona Committee Members in Recognition of Their Service to the Culver City Community

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, presented commendations to former Fiesta La Ballona Committee Members Marcus Tiggs and Ronnie Jayne in recognition of their service to the Culver City community.

Marcus Tiggs was called to speak but could not be heard due to audio issues.

Ronnie Jayne thanked the City Council for the honor of serving and for the extra year that allowed her to work on Fiesta La Boollona, the sponsors, City staff, the Fiesta La Ballona Committee, Mike Cohen, and her husband Tom Camarella.

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Item R-5

CC - City Council Presentation to Serena Wright-Black, Assistant City Manager in Commemoration of her Retirement from the City of Culver City

Mayor Fisch presented the City tile for Serena Wright-Black and expressed appreciation for her service.

Council Members thanked Serena Wright-Black for her service noting the many duties she had taken on over the years.

John Nachbar, City Manager, expressed gratitude to Ms. Wright-Black for her leadership and legacy.

Serena Wright-Black expressed appreciation for the recognition and gratitude for the opportunity to serve; she thanked her husband and children for their support; expressed appreciation to staff and the City Manager for their support; and she extended best wishes to the City for the future.

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Regular Session

Mayor Fisch reconvened the Culver City Housing Authority Board and the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board at 7:16 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Heather Baker, City Attorney, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Fisch indicated noting to report out from Closed Session.

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Community Announcements by Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Vera discussed Veterans Day and thanked all veterans, including Vice Mayor Lee, for their service.

Council Member McMorris acknowledged Native American Heritage month noting that Culver City is on Tongva land, and she encouraged people to engage with events or materials online in relation to that; she discussed the importance of wellness; and encouraged everyone to take time for themselves and others, consider gratitude and privilege, and be kind to one another.

Council Member Eriksson discussed Exchange Club sponsorship of flags planted around the Veterans Building to recognize individuals.

Vice Mayor Lee thanked Drea and James for coming online to accept the proclamation for Veterans Day and as well as Keith Jeffreys from USVAA; he reported regular visits to Veterans Row where many unhoused veterans stay; he thanked the volunteers for helping move the veterans off the sidewalk and onto campus; noted the need for continued support for veterans when they return home; thanked staff and volunteers for the successful Fiesta La Boollona; discussed Native American Heritage month; the need for education; safe community gathering; and he encouraged everyone to visit the new exhibit at the Wende Museum opening on November 13.

Mayor Fisch discussed the live component of the Exchange Club Veterans Day event on November 11 on the steps of Veterans Auditorium; congratulated the Chamber of Commerce Women in Business honorees; and discussed attending Fiesta La Boollona.

Helen Chin, Assistant to the City Manager on Homelessness, recognized the thoughtfulness and quick action of the Culver City Fire Department (CCFD) in facilitating the housing of a young family; discussed specific information necessary to connect with services; enrollment into Upward Bound House; interdepartmental communication and cooperation; she thanked specific firefighters for going above and beyond their duties as well as CCFD for continued outreach, engagement, training

and leadership; and she noted that many processes and procedures are often invisible to the public and require a team effort to bring people inside.

Mayor Fisch discussed the work of Vincent Butt with the City and asked that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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Presentations to City Council

Item P-1

CC - Presentation from the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) Recognizing the City of Culver City as a "2021 Most Business-Friendly City" Finalist with a Certificate of Gold Recognition and in Acknowledgement and Celebration of Culver City's Commitment to and Success in Providing Business Resiliency Resources and Assistance During the Pandemic

Barbara Levine, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), presented a certificate of Gold Recognition as a 2021 Most Business-Friendly City finalist; recognized actions of the City to support businesses during the pandemic; encouraged continued development of business-friendly services; and she indicated that she was looking forward to seeing everyone at the EDDY Awards at Sofi Stadium on November 10.

Council Member Eriksson discussed the Economic Recovery Task Force (ERTF) and expressed appreciation for the work of staff.

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Item P-2

CC - Presentation of Regulations for Installation of Wireless Telecommunications Equipment in City Streets

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, introduced the item and provided background on the presenter.

Gail Karish, Best Best & Krieger, presented a brief overview of state and federal regulations that govern the processing of small cell site applications; discussed current regulations and standards; negotiated contracts; City-owned infrastructure; local authority; regulation of aesthetics; the permitting

process; limits on authority at the local level; national policy; ensuring that wireless service is not prohibited; National RF Emissions Standards; requirements for timely action and that denial be put in writing; mandatory approvals; Eligible Facilities Requests; the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); the Effective Prohibition Standard; federal limits on Local Aesthetic Regulations; RF Emissions; updates to the existing guidelines; demonstrated compliance with federal standards; and maximum allowed wattage.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment noting that no decisions would be made.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Melissa Stucky expressed opposition to the installation of 5G anywhere and concern with the regulations being unchanged since 1996.

Amy Penchansky indicated that she wanted to speak on a different item.

Sharon Chatten discussed the proposed location for installation outside her bedroom window; resident concerns; lack of faith in AT&T or the City to protect them; concern with moving forward before the 25 year old regulations are updated; diversity in Fox Hills; discrimination against Fox Hills; and she asked the City to find the loopholes and make things difficult for AT&T.

Mark Graham provided background on himself; discussed municipal telecommunications policy; the need to work on the current zoning code; the Front Yard Rule; protecting aesthetics and preventing the irresponsible placement of cell antennas; adoption of the policy by the City of Malibu; and he expressed concern that the presentation by Ms. Karish was all about what can't be done, not about what can.

Judi Sherman, with one minute ceded by Deborah Wallace, discussed local authority to impose reasonable regulations; other cities that have developed strong ordinances within the law; the importance of protecting residents; existing ordinances to draw upon; Senate Bill (SB) 556; the invisibility of radiation pollution; requesting additional information from the applicant; the positive relationship between the new Public Works Director and AT&T; pursuing the "hands tied" narrative; and the need for staff to act as public servants.

Evelina Baras reported submitting a memorandum from a telecommunications attorney to Council Members and staff; discussed constraints; the importance of looking at what can be done, rather than what cannot be done; empowerment of well-informed local governments; finite constraints placed on local governments; the ability to ensure that each antenna is truly needed and placed in the least intrusive location; attorneys who can help the City; and the enhancement of the ordinance by the city of Malibu.

David Kairo discussed the authority of the City with regard to placement of antennas within its borders; the actions of other cities; the Telecommunications Act of 1996; he asserted that the City's hands were not tied and the federal court would not interfere as long as the City has described its permitting process and requirements in the municipal code; and he expressed hope that resident concerns would be heeded noting much support for looking into the important issue.

Larry Ortega, with one minute ceded by Jeanne Howard, provided background on himself; discussed SB 556; promises made but not kept by the wireless companies; comparisons with China; ensuring that citizens are kept safe and have the best service possible; wireless vs. fiber optics; needed infrastructure; the duty of wireless companies to maximize profits for their shareholders; court documents; failure to protect from harmful effects of radiation exposure; and failure of the FCC to consult with the FDA.

Frank Domer was called to speak but did not respond.

Karyn Marks discussed the installation of fiber optics in the area; concern that health effects are not allowed to be considered; appreciation for the response of the City to COVID-19; she wanted to see the same respect shown to the residents of Heather Village due to the proximity of the proposed cell tower; discussed monitoring; and she felt that fiber optics should be pursued, not the older and cheaper 5G model.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Karis and Council Members regarding the definition of front yard in the Front Yard rule; regulation of aesthetics; alternatives in the area; challenges in other areas; challenges related to greenhouse gases; national standards; support for exercising the authority that the City has; aesthetics; acknowledging resident concerns; support for agendizing further discussion of the matter; the City-wide regulation; making use of available tools; the Smart Cities

Subcommittee; creation of standards encouraging telecoms to locate antenna on existing infrastructure in the most aesthetic way possible; the requirement to publish aesthetic standards in advance; frequency of updates; modification of design standards by the Director of Public Works; flexibility to address changes in technology; application of already published rules; and changes as applying to future applications.

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Joint Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Ada Meighan-Thiel, Vote 16 Culver City, provided background on herself and on the organization; asked that the City Council agendize a discussion of lowering the voting age to 16; discussed benefits to lowering the voting age; the experiences of other cities; promoting youth activism; and she asked that Culver City be a leader in the movement.

Vanessa, Vote 16, provided background on herself; noted that Vote 16 had been agendized for consideration before the pandemic; discussed allowing those 16 and over to vote; the actions of other cities; and she asked the City to agendize consideration of the matter.

Bryan Sanders wanted to see the City Council do everything possible to support residents regarding the cell tower; he asked for help getting environmental data; and he did not want to see Urban Footprint be the only data in the Housing Element.

Celeste Nunez, Vote 16, advocated for lowering the voting age in Culver City; discussed civically engaged teenagers in the City; benefits of allowing voting at a younger age; creating habitual voters; and opportunities for civic engagement in the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD).

Cynthia Hart, Culver City Democratic Club, reported that the Club had adopted a resolution of support for the request by Vote 16 that the City Council agendize a discussion of lowering the voting age to 16 for municipal elections; discussed making voting a habit; promotion of political engagement; and direct impacts of local issues on teens.

Michelle Zhou, Vote 16, cited a study from the University of Copenhagen regarding voter turnout; discussed a creating positive experience; and she urged the City Council to lower the voting age.

Ava Frans, Vote 16, cited a study disproving the common idea that 16 and 17 year olds cannot vote credibly; discussed complex decision making processes; and she asked the City to agendize a discussion of placing the matter on the ballot in November 2022.

Max Salkin, Vote 16, asked that the matter of extending the vote to 16 year olds be added to a future City Council agenda and he discussed the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Anthony Prieto, Vote 16, noted the importance of creating active voters and wanted to see the issue of lowering the voting age for municipal elections to 16 agendized for discussion.

Mark Graham, Elk Grove, expressed support for extending voting rights to 16 and 17 year olds; discussed apathy and the difficulty of getting people involved; adoption of a Front Yard rule; and he encouraged the City to contact the City Attorney in Elk Grove for more information.

David Coles, Bike Culver City, expressed concern with delays to making a decision on Main Street; reverting to pre-COVID conditions in January without public discussion; keeping the area car-free; and he noted the need for a public discussion.

Marci Baun was called to speak but did not respond.

Joy Rodriguez was called to speak but did not respond.

Randolph Grant was called to speak but did not respond.

Julia Rottenberg, Vote 16, provided background on herself; discussed the impacts of legislation on teachers and students; the desire and efforts of youth activists to enact change; studies that prove good long-term decision making skills for 16 and 17 year olds; the experiences of other cities; and she asked that the issue be placed on a future agenda.

Marci Baun discussed vaccine mandates and passports; access to the parks, The Plunge and open spaces; and she expressed opposition to vaccine mandates.

Samuel Manar, Vote 16, discussed motivated and engaged 16 and 17 year olds; allowing a voice on large issues such as the housing crisis and climate change; the importance of having a say in the election of representatives; and support for agendizing the issue of extending the right to vote for 16 and 17 year olds in municipal elections.

Bubba Fish thanked the City Council for their unanimous vote for MOVE Culver City; discussed positive impacts of the changes; replacing car trips with bicycles; inevitable backlash; support for the work of staff; and he asked people to support the changes.

Suzanne Debenedittis discussed the new Housing Element that promotes gentrification by income; increased homelessness; housing overlays; community land trusts; the need to meet housing needs; COVID job losses; indecent wages and inflation; increased mental illness; and she asserted that as a City of Kindness, Culver City needed to do better.

Rebecca Rona-Tuttle, Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee Chair, announced the first Transgender Day of Remembrance in Culver City held virtually on November 20.

Leslie Weinstock was called to speak but did not respond.

Karim Sahli discussed issues with Webex; expressed support for the MOVE Culver City project; noted backlash on social media; uneducated opinion about mass transportation and bike lanes; the protected bike and bus lane; he cautioned the Chief Transportation Officer against going on social media; and he wanted to see the issue of Main Street placed on an agenda before the end of December.

Mark Lipman noted that he is a veteran; he discussed the motto of his former unit: Can Do; he provided suggestions of ways to address issues affecting the City; and he expressed support for Vote 16.

Paula Amezola, CCUSD Trustee, speaking on behalf of herself, expressed support for Vote 16; discussed student members of the School Board allowed to vote on certain policies; inclusivity, equity and diversity; involving all stakeholders in making policy; and she thanked the City Council for improving safety for students by urging the construction site on Elenda and Culver to complete the sidewalk.

Michelle Weiner emphasized comments made by Karim Sahli; discussed positive impacts of MOVE Culver City despite rumblings on social media; and she wanted to see a discussion of keeping Main Street open to pedestrians as soon as possible.

Dr. Kelly Kent, CCUSD, speaking on behalf of herself, reiterated previous requests to agendize a discussion of putting Vote 16 on the ballot as soon as possible; and research and evidence indicating valuable insight provided by younger residents.

Mayor Fisch received clarification that nothing would happen regarding Main Street without direction from the City Council in January; discussed previous agreement to consider Vote 16; and consensus to send the matter to the subcommittee that is considering approval voting.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that an update made to Webex had created confusion for speakers and is expected to be resolved by the next meeting.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Mayor Fisch indicated that 59 pages of correspondence had been received.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Order of the Agenda

Items C-3, C-5, C-6 C-8 and C-10 were considered separately at the end of the Consent Calendar

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-1, C-2, C-4, C-7 AND C-9.

Item C-1

CC:HA:SA - (1) Approval of Cash Disbursements for October 16, 2021 to October 29, 2021

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 16, 2021 TO OCTOBER 29, 2021.

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Item C-2

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting of October 18, 2021 and the Regular City Council Meeting of October 25, 2021

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2021 AND THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2021.

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Item C-4

(Out of Sequence)

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Setting the Regular Meetings of the City Council for the Calendar Year 2022

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

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Item C-7

(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Approval of the Culver City Arts District Business Improvement District Annual Work Plan and Budget; and (2) Adoption of a Resolution of Intention to Levy the Culver City Arts District Business Improvement District Assessment for 2022 and Set a Public Hearing on December 13, 2021

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE CCAD BID ADVISORY BOARD'S 2022 ANNUAL REPORT AND WORK PLAN AS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK; AND
2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 13, 2021 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE LEVY OF THE CULVER CITY ARTS DISTRICT BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENT FOR 2022.

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Item C-9
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with CST Fleet Services to Conduct a Municipal Fleet Efficiency and Utilization Study in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$67,230 (\$61,060 Base Cost Plus \$6,200 Contingency Authority)

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CST FLEET SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$61,060; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF TRANSPORTATION OFFICER TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CST FLEET SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$6,200 FOR UNEXPECTED COSTS AS NEEDED; 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-3
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the October 26, 2021 Thirty-Eighth Supplement to Public Order [Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Required to Enter Certain Indoor Businesses and Indoor City Facilities Effective November 29, 2021] Issued by the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services, under City of Culver City Emergency Authority, Due to the Coronavirus Respiratory Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic, Including Proposed Modifications

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

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Melissa Stucky expressed opposition to the rushed decision regarding vaccine mandates; concern that there was no public vote on the matter; asserted that the public emergency was over; discussed the lack of vaccine mandates, testing or masks at Fiesta La Ballona; she quoted the 38th supplement to the Public Order and questioned why proof of vaccination would be required on November 29; and she expressed concern with destroying small businesses.

Rebel One stated that the governor was experiencing a reaction to his booster shot and had developed Bell's Palsy; asserted that the shots were experimental; discussed the mandate; uninformed consent; Nuremberg; consequences for actions; liability protection for the makers; lack of safety protocols in place; the number of people who have died from receiving the vaccination; and he asked the City Council to stand up to the mandates that are not actual laws.

Amy Penchansky asserted that the item being considered was discrimination; discussed signals about not discriminating against certain groups; Dachow; indoctrination with propaganda; concern with living in a society that requires papers; private medical information; the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS); and she asked the City Council to end the mandate now.

Karim Sahli expressed support for the vaccine mandate and passport; discussed the experience of France; and making it easier for businesses.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern with calling people crazy for expressing disagreement; the percentage of the City that is vaccinated; people with medical conditions or religious concerns; difficulty accepting the mandate; the importance of the vaccine; concern with comparisons to the holocaust; vaccines required to serve in the US Military; and ending the emergency.

MOVED BY MAYOR FISCH, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE OCTOBER 26, 2021 THIRTY-EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT TO PUBLIC ORDER

[PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIRED TO ENTER CERTAIN INDOOR BUSINESSES AND INDOOR CITY FACILITIES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 29, 2021] ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER, AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, UNDER CITY OF CULVER CITY EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS RESPIRATORY DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS.

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Item C-5
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Adoption of a Resolution (1) Adopting the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP); and (2) Finding the LRSP to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Disa Lindgren expressed support for the item.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) ADOPTING THE CITY'S FIRST LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN (LRSP); AND (2) FINDING THE LRSP TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA), PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES, SECTIONS 15061 (B) (3) AND 15301(C).

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Item C-6

CC - (1) Approval of the Downtown Culver City Business Improvement District Advisory Board's Annual Work Program and Budget; and (2) Adoption of a Resolution of Intention to Levy the Downtown Culver City Business Improvement District Assessment for 2022 and Set a Public Hearing for December 13, 2021

Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the fact that the item is more of an Action Item than a Consent Item and support for approving the item as filed with the City Clerk.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE THE DCCBID ADVISORY BOARD'S 2022 ANNUAL REPORT AS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO LEVY THE DOWNTOWN CULVER CITY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2022 AND SETTING DECEMBER 13, 2021 AS THE DATE FOR THE REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING.

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Item C-8
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Agreement with SWA Group in an Additional Amount Not-to-Exceed \$49,200 to Provide Design Development Drawings and Project Specifications for the Downtown Outdoor Space Project; and (2) Authorization to Proceed with a Request for Qualifications for Contractors for the Project

Elaine Gerety Warner, Economic Development Project Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding work with retail and business that are directly affected by the actions; money spent; removal of existing furnishing that interfered with dining space; support for economic recovery; coordination with restaurants; phasing; the new design; outside dining on the inside and the outside of the public walkway; maintaining existing dining; the expanded temporary area; and work to create a blank canvas to allow restaurants to incorporate design elements or fixtures in the existing permanent outdoor dining area.

Mayor Fisch invited public input.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Darrel Menthe, Downtown Business Association (DBA), thanked the City for their support; discussed maintaining permanent outdoor dining; and significant upgrades planned.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH SWA GROUP IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$49,200 TO PREPARE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS AND PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DOWNTOWN OUTDOOR SPACE PROJECT. AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 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
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City to Receive State Funding of \$3.41 Million through the Department of Housing and Community Development for an Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Project and Identifying the City Manager as Authorized Signatory on Behalf of the City for the Receipt of Such Funds; and (2) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of a Budget Amendment to Record the Revenue of \$3.41 Million and Appropriation of \$3.41 Million in FY 2021/2022 for an Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Project

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

Vice Mayor Lee wanted to emphasize City Council actions to address homelessness and he thanked the Mayor and Sydney Kamlager for their efforts.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones expressed support for the item.

Disa Lindgren urged full support of the item; thanked Sydney Kamlager for her efforts to secure the funding; discussed the acute need for housing for unhoused individuals; concern with vitriol directed toward the unhoused; and real solutions.

Mark Lipman indicated that his comments were his own; noted that he was not a huge fan of shelters as they do not provide real housing; he noted that people who are unhoused do not like shelters and need real housing; he stated that shelters were the most expensive way to not provide permanent housing; noted the approval of six years of funding for temporary day by day shelters; he expressed support for accepting the money and using it as well as possible; pointed out that the majority of money for shelters goes into administrative costs and security with nothing going into actual housing; noted that money can be found for projects that people want to support, but not for actual solutions that lift people up out of poverty and improve material conditions; he expressed concern with funding everything but the real solutions; and asked the City to find solutions for providing funding for real housing.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding emergency shelter; permanent supportive housing; the opportunity to build the synergistic use; acquisition costs; county support for operational costs; state and county funding; transitional housing vs. an emergency shelter; restrictions on the use of funds; the need to take a hybrid approach; and support for permanent supportive housing.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDING OF \$3.41 MILLION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) FOR AN EMERGENCY SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECT AND IDENTIFYING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR THE RECEIPT OF SUCH FUNDS; AND,

2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECORD THE \$3.41M REVENUE ESTIMATE IN ACCT# 42380000.730100.PF034 AND \$3.41M APPROPRIATION IN ACCT# 42380000.730100.PF034 TO FY 2021/2022 (REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE).

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC - (1) Consideration of a Recommendation from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Endorsing the Lindberg Park Picnic Area Rehabilitation Project that Received the Majority Community Vote; and (2) Approval of the Submission of a Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) Per Capita Grant Application in the Amount of \$202,505 for the Lindberg Park Stone House HVAC Upgrade and Picnic Area Rehabilitation Project

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, provided a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Michelle Weiner asked the City Council to find funding to make all of the tables Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation to staff for their efforts; public input; outreach; survey results; support for accommodating ADA accessibility at the picnic tables; size of the picnic shelter; wheelchair access; the footprint of the concrete area; path of travel; improvements made to the current situation; and support for approving the item and allowing staff discretion to provide the most access.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR FISCH THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (PRCS) COMMISSION ENDORSING THE LINDBERG PARK PICNIC AREA REHABILITATION PROJECT THAT RECEIVED THE MAJORITY COMMUNITY VOTE; AND,

2. APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A PARKS AND WATER BOND ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68) PER CAPITA GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,505 FOR THE LINDBERG PARK STONE HOUSE HVAC UPGRADE AND PICNIC AREA REHABILITATION PROJECT.

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Item A-2

CC - (1) Approval of an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Sam Schwartz for the MOVE Culver City Project in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$222,897.82; (2) Authorization to the City Manager to Negotiate and Approve the Final Terms of the Amendment; (3) Authorization to the Chief Transportation Officer to Approve Amendment(s) to the Agreement in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$57,146.26 to Cover Contingency Costs; (4) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Appropriation of \$250,070 in Revenue to Project Account 20370117.386100.PS017 for the Funding Received from the Downtown Business Association for the Downtown Study and Appropriation of \$250,070 in Additional Expenditures to Project Account 20370117.610400.PS017; and (5) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Appropriation of \$170,000 from Measure M Fund Balance (Fund 435) and Authorize to Transfer the Funding to Project Account 20370117.610400.PS017 for Professional Services

Diana Chang, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, discussed procedures for making public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones was called to speak but did not respond.

Alison Bonn was called to speak but did not respond.

Disa Lindgren thanked everyone for making MOVE Culver City a reality.

Michelle Weiner thanked the City for their forward looking views on the item and approvals of the project that would create an amazing change for the community.

Mark Lipman expressed support for the item; discussed impacts of the changes; concern with potential problems with the bus loading platform; pedestrians standing in bike lanes; creation of a crunch zone; he suggested better options for reconfiguration; noted that bus drivers look out for cyclists more than cars do; discussed the success of the shared lane in

the downtown area; concern with liability; and he thanked the City for moving forward.

Dylan Gottlieb expressed support for the project; discussed being able to use Washington for the first time; and connectivity with the project on West Adams.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding origin of funding for the project; clarification that monies are not coming from the General Fund; additional money requested; delays; logistic issues currently being faced by the country; a suggestion to have the consultants explore the comment being made about Washington and National; incorporating feedback into the process; different opinions; learning from the project as it moves forward; appreciation to staff for their efforts; support from the DBA; confusion with the bus platform; and prioritizing pedestrians over cyclists.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SAM SCHWARTZ FOR THE MOVE CULVER CITY PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$222,897.82; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE THE FINAL TERMS OF THE AMENDMENT; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF TRANSPORTATION OFFICER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS TO THE AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$57,146.26 TO COVER CONTINGENCY COSTS; AND,
4. APPROPRIATE \$250,070 IN REVENUE TO PROJECT ACCOUNT 20370117.386100.PS017 FOR THE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN STUDY AND APPROPRIATE \$250,070 IN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES TO PROJECT ACCOUNT 20370117.610400.PS017 (REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE); AND,
5. APPROPRIATE \$170,000 FROM MEASURE M FUND BALANCE (FUND 435) AND AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF THE FUNDING TO PROJECT ACCOUNT 20370117.610400.PS017 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE); AND,
6. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

7. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item A-3

CC - (1) Consideration of the Economic Development Subcommittee's Recommendation to Pursue Digital Informational Kiosks in the Public Right-of-way; and (2) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Bryan Sanders was called to speak but did not respond.

Disa Lindgren expressed opposition to allowing the visual blight of kiosks in the public space; discussed useful information available on cellphones; the attempt to use public space for commercial gain; and she asked the City Council to reject further discussion of the project.

Michelle Weiner urged the City Council to reject any further pursuit of the item; discussed competition for space on the public right of way; better use of space; free advertising; use of the sidewalk; lack of consideration by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC); and she expressed opposition to monetizing public space.

Bryan Sanders was happy to be agreeing with comments made by Michelle Weiner; questioned whether anyone had read the fine print in the proposal; discussed money to be earned from the advertising; censorship rights regarding content; the complicated issue; and he asked that additional items not be added to public space.

Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin provided background on herself; questioned the need for digital kiosks in the City; discussed the downside of advertising on the kiosks; the already complex downtown area; competition for attention; quality of life; and she urged the City Council to eliminate the idea and find another way to get information out.

Karim Sahli observed that opposition to the project was uniting people in the City who usually disagree; discussed the previous negative reputation of the City due to excessive advertising; the Billboard Ordinance; he expressed opposition to publicity in the guise of an oversized tablet; and he asked that the proposal be rejected to make it clear that advertising does not belong in the public right of way.

Judi Sherman expressed concern with adding distractions for bike riders.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding consideration of the item by the Economic Development Subcommittee; companies wanting to make a presentation; value for those not familiar with the City; lack of information available for those coming into the City by train; functionality of providing bus schedules and information on available services; support for businesses; use of kiosks in other cities; the revenue component; use as a WiFi hub; benefits of exploration; corporations that bring in people from all over the world; providing an asset to the City; concern with making the assumption that everyone has a cellphone; creating a pedestrian friendly atmosphere; support for additional signage; available information; infrastructure supports; the feeling that the proposal is not forward thinking or innovative; concern that the proposal is an end run around billboards; the number and size of kiosks; using something smaller; possibility of updates; concern with adding things to the right of way; Wi-Fi; the need for concrete examples of how the technology has improved; ADA concerns; concern with obstructing pedestrians and cyclists; potential benefits; money generated in Berkeley; revenue potential; community feedback; outreach; potential locations; additional study; putting out a Request for Information (RFI); examples in other cities; the feeling that it is too early to make a decision; moving parts; information in the staff report from two years ago; a suggestion to conduct community outreach before bringing the item back; and Council consensus to direct staff to work with the Economic Development Subcommittee to better understand the technology, identify qualified vendors and develop an RFI that will be presented to the City Council for consideration at a future date.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Dylan Gottlieb stated that the kiosks would get graffitied and nicked by skateboards; felt that they were a work around to get past the billboard ban; did not want to see the City look like Venice Boulevard; and he expressed appreciation for not having billboards in the City and asked that the City be kept that way.

Rebecca Rona-Tuttle, Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee, announced a Civil Discourse Workshop for the public on December 4; asked the Mayor to appoint two Council Members to attend; and she noted that the workshop was intended to assist the community by creating guidelines for more civil discourse among residents for difficult discussions.

Karim Sahli expressed disappointment that the kiosks were moving forward; felt it would become an election issue; expressed concern with costs for staff time to work on the project; and discussed a previous presentation on a similar project that was rejected.

Council Member Eriksson indicated that there was no proposal from the company.

Mayor Fisch stated that the section was for Items NOT on the Agenda.

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Items from Council Members

None.

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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:44 p.m., the City Council, Housing Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned in memory of Vincent Butt to a regular meeting on December 10, 2021.

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Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council and SECRETARY of the
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Culver City Housing Authority Board

Date: _____