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

August 13, 2012
6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Meghan Sahli-Wells, Councilmember

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**Closed Session**

The City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

**CS-1** Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 12803-23 West Washington Boulevard
City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager, Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, Todd Tipton, Economic Development Administrator, Murray Kane, City Special Counsel
Other Parties Negotiators: Axis Mundi RE II, LLC
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: Initiation of Litigation - Two Cases
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

**Reconvene**

The City Council reconvened its meeting at 7:16 p.m. with four Councilmembers present (absent Councilmember Sahli-Wells).

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**Report on Action Taken in Closed Session**

Mayor Weissman indicated 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 Samantha Shanman.

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**Presentation**

Item P-1

**A Proclamation in Honor of the 2012 Fiesta La Ballona**

Members of the Fiesta La Ballona Committee discussed the event; thanked volunteers and those working on the event; sang the official Fiesta La Ballona song; and thanked Fiesta La Ballona sponsors.

Mayor Weissman presented the proclamation.

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

John Nachbar, City Manager, introduced David LaRose, Culver City Unified School District Superintendent and his family. Superintendent LaRose expressed thanks for the welcome he has received in the City.

Councilmembers welcomed Superintendent LaRose to the City.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, presented a commercial that had been filmed in Council Chambers.

Bob Nela and Paul Reilly, Golden State Water, reported relocating their office to Green Valley Circle.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that additional information on the Golden State Water move would be available on the City website.

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**Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda**

Mayor Weissman invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Gerald Sallus discussed impediments on Duquesne; expressed concern with making the road more narrow; suggested that putting in additional speed bumps could make it more dangerous for elderly and handicapped people; and he discussed liability issues.

Mayor Weissman indicated that the installation was temporary and meant to illicit comments and he suggested that Mr. Sallus could speak with Charles Herbertson, Director of Public Works.

Phyllis Owens thanked the City Councilmembers for their hard work and their families for supporting their service.

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**Receipt and Filing of Correspondence**

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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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 O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR JULY 14, 2012 - AUGUST 3, 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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**Consent Calendar**

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-6. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Item C-1

**(1) Acceptance and Appropriation of $165,387 in Grant Funds from the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program; and (2) Approve a Purchase Order with Commline, Inc. for the Purchase of 82 Mobile Motorola Radios**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL

1. ACCEPT THE 2009 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $165,387; AND

2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING $165,387 IN GRANT FUNDS TO PURCHASE MOBILE RADIOS; AND, **(A 4/5THS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT)**

3. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH COMMLINE, INC. TO PURCHASE MOBILE MOTOROLA RADIOS; 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-2

**Acceptance and Appropriation of $251,780 in Grant Funds from the 2011 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for Disaster Preparedness Equipment and Training**

Councilmember O'Leary received additional information regarding automatic license plate readers.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ACCEPT $251,780 IN GRANT FUNDS FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING COSTS AWARDED BY THE 2011 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT PROGRAM; AND;

2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATINGS AID FUNDS TO ACCOUNT41440902- URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE FOR THIS PROGRAM; 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. **(A 4/5THS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT.)**

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Item C-3

**(1) Acceptance of Work Performed by Padilla Paving; (2) Authorization to File a Notice of Completion; and (3) Authorization to Release the Retention Payment after the Expiration of the 35-Day Lien Period for the Construction of a Public Parking Lot on City-Owned Property at 12601 Washington Boulevard**

Councilmember O'Leary received clarification regarding the timeframe for installation of the kiosks; potential revenue; and loss of revenue due to delays in installation.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) ACCEPT THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE CONTRACTOR, PADILLA PAVING, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC PARKING LOT ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 12601 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD; AND,

2) AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE FOR RECORDATION; AND,

3) AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF RETENTION FUNDS TO PADILLA PAVING, INC., FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD.

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Item C-4

**Adoption of an Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 15.12, Community Facilities District Financing, to the Culver City Municipal Code**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 15.12, COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT FINANCING, TO THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

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Item C-5

**Approval of the Certification and Submission of the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP)**

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding HUD requirements; the Section 8 Management Assessment Program; improving the score of the City; the High Standing status of the City; Housing Quality Standards; the availability of units at an affordable level that are considered high quality; the difficulty of competing in the open market; reliability of certain owners; family screenings; unit inspections; the success rate of the Family Self Sufficiency program; case management; indicators consistent with non-completion of the program; relocation; overall enrollment; the extent of the HUD grant; and increases to family income and achievement of self sufficiency.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) APPROVE THE CERTIFICATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE SECTION 8 MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SEMAP) TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND,

2) AUTHORIZE THE AUTHORITY CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE SEMAP CERTIFICATION.

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Item C-6

**1) Approval of a License Agreement with Cannon Constructors, South Inc. for the Installation of Lighting in the Culver City Dog Park; 2) Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park Relating to the Operation and Maintenance Costs of the Lighting to be Installed in the Culver City Dog Park; 3) Acceptance of a $35,000 Grant from the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park to be Used for the Monthly Electrical Costs Associated with the Operation of the Lighting; 4) Approval of a Related Budget Amendment (Four-Fifths Vote Requirement); and 5) Adoption of a Resolution Modifying Culver City Dog Park Hours and Rescinding Resolution No. 2004-R082**

Vice Mayor Cooper reported that an anonymous donor had donated money for the lighting installation; he discussed the grant for maintenance from the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park; he praised the group and cited it as a model for successful civic involvement and thanked the group for their hard work; and he suggested that the group receive a commendation.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CANNON CONSTRUCTORS SOUTH INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING IN THE CULVER CITY DOG PARK; AND,

2. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING MOU WITH FCCDP RELATING TO THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE LIGHTING TO BE INSTALLED IN THE DOG PARK; 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; AND,

5. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE $35,000 GRANT FROM FCCDP UPON EXECUTION OF THE AMENDED MOU; AND,

6. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROPRIATE THE GRANT FUNDS AS NEEDED FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE MONTHLY ELECTRICAL COSTS FOR THE LIGHTING INSTALLED IN THE DOG PARK; AND,

7. ADOPT A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE HOURS OF THE DOG PARK AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-082.

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**Order of the Agenda**

No changes were made.

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**Public Hearings**

Item PH-1

**Adoption of a Resolution (1) Certifying Conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) for Los Angeles County and (2) Adopting the CMP Local Development Report**

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the suspension of the credit requirement; plans to eliminate the credit system; and establishment of a congestion mitigation fee.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS AND POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, O'LEARY, WEISSMAN

NOES: NONE
ABSENT: SAHLI-WELLS

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

There was no response.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER 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, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: SAHLI-WELLS

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) CERTIFYING CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND (2) ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT FOR 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item PH-2

**Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for the Sewer User's Service Charge - Fiscal Year 2012/2013**

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS AND POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding the potential increase; built-in incentives; and standards and compliance.

Responding to inquiry, Greg Klendner with NBS discussed the cost service analysis; structural changes in consumption patterns in different communities; allocating the costs of the system to different customer classes; incentivizing behavior; and legal requirements of Prop 218.

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

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

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

There was no response.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER 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, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: SAHLI-WELLS

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that a majority protest did not exist.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: (ABSENT A MAJORITY PROTEST) ADOPT THE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING THE LEVY FOR SEWER USER'S SERVICE CHARGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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**Joint Action Items**

Item JA-1

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEM: (1) Successor Agency Board Adoption of a Resolution (a) Approving the Terms of the Disposition and Development Agreement Entered into by and Between the City of Culver City (City) and Combined/Hudson 9300 Culver LLC (Combined); (b) Approving the Sale and Conveyance of Real Property Located at 9300 Culver Boulevard (Parcel B) from the City to Combined; (c) Approving the Transfer of Residual Land Proceeds from the Parcel B Land Sale to the Successor Agency; and (d) Approving the City's Retention and Ownership of Certain Land for Public Parking, the Town Plaza Expansion, and for Other Public Purposes and of Certain Public Improvements Constructed as part of the Project; and (e) Acknowledging and Agreeing that the DDA Constitutes the Existence of an Enforceable Obligation Pursuant to Part 1.8 and Part 1.85 of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code for the Purposes of, Without Limitation, the Disposition of Assets Previously Owned by the Former Culver City Redevelopment Agency; and (2) City Council Adoption of a Resolution Approving, Subject to Conditions Precedent, the Transfer of Parcel B's Residual Land Sale Proceeds from the City to the Successor Agency**

Kendall Berkey, Kane, Ballmer and Berkman, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Seth Horowitz, Culver Hotel, expressed support for the item and hoped that the issue of permanent parking would be addressed in the near future.

Göran Eriksson, Chamber of Commerce, expressed support for the agenda item; offered the assistance of the Chamber; and wanted to see the process expedited.

Kevin Lachoff expressed support for the resolution and for the project.

Discussion ensued between staff and the City Council regarding clarification on the process; delays to the project; expected revenues; sales tax revenue and property taxes; potential actions of the Oversight Board; the Department of Finance;

submission of a long-range plan; the appeals process; the review process; the public parking component; the currently proposed project; and potential sales tax revenue generation.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION, WHICH SETS FORTH THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROVIDED THAT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "CONDITIONS"), APPROVE THE CITY'S TRANSFER TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE RESIDUAL PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE DEVELOPER PARCEL TO THE DEVELOPER FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY'S USE AND DISTRIBUTION FOR APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OR TO OTHERWISE WIND DOWN THE AFFAIRS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34177(E):

A. THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY ADOPTS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY RESOLUTION (AS DEFINED IN THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION);

B. THE OVERSIGHT BOARD ADOPTS THE OVERSIGHT BOARD RESOLUTION (AS DEFINED IN THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION); AND

C. THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE EITHER DOES NOT REVIEW THE OVERSIGHT BOARD RESOLUTION WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN THE DISSOLUTION ACT AND THE OVERSIGHT BOARD RESOLUTION AND THE ACTIONS THEREIN ARE DEEMED EFFECTIVE PURSUANT TO THE DISSOLUTION ACT OR (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE REVIEWS THE OVERSIGHT BOARD RESOLUTION WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN THE DISSOLUTION ACT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE APPROVES OF THE OVERSIGHT BOARD RESOLUTION AND THE ACTIONS THEREIN; AND

2. PROVIDED THAT ALL OF THE CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED, AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS AND SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND EFFECTUATE THE DDA AND THE ACTIONS APPROVED BY THIS RESOLUTION INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, APPROVING EXTENSIONS OF DEADLINES SET FORTH IN THE DDA AND THE SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE (ATTACHMENT NO. 4 TO THE DDA) AS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, UNDER THE DDA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE DDA AND ITS ATTACHMENTS AS DETERMINED NECESSARY BY THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, TO EFFECTUATE THE DDA, EXECUTING DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND CITY (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, GRANT DEEDS OR QUITCLAIM DEEDS), AND ADMINISTERING THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY'S AND CITY'S

OBLIGATIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED PURSUANT TO THIS RESOLUTION; AND

3. ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE CITY DOES NOT INTEND, BY ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, TO WAIVE ANY CONSTITUTIONAL, LEGAL AND/OR EQUITABLE RIGHTS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OR THE CITY UNDER LAW AND/OR IN EQUITY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DDA OR PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE DDA, BY VIRTUE OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND ACTIONS APPROVED AND TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS RESOLUTION AND, THEREFORE, RESERVES ALL SUCH RIGHTS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND THE CITY UNDER LAW AND/OR IN EQUITY. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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**Action Items**

Item A-1

**(1) Discussion of and Direction Related to Potential Traffic Mitigation Measures on Sawtelle Boulevard between Sepulveda Boulevard and the City Boundary at Ballona Creek; and (2) Adoption of a Budget Amendment Associated with any Desired Traffic Mitigation Measures**

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Jim Shanman expressed support for the installation of a cross walk.

Allison Pryharski shared her observations of the traffic issues; expressed concern with the location of the stoplight; cited issues getting in and out of her driveway; and asked for clarification on traffic goals.

Doug Smith expressed opposition to installation of a stop sign or a stoplight and concern with diverting traffic into Sunkist Park on Hayter.

Neil Glickman felt that that the accident had been preventable; discussed a request for traffic mitigations at a previous City Council meeting; formulas for response time; he suggested a traffic control device on Culver Drive and Sawtelle; discussed the speed of traffic; concerns with blind spots; slowing the cars down that enter and exit Culver City; and landscaping in the medians.

Dave Stewart expressed disagreement that the proposed measures would not have prevented the accident; he questioned the number of residents who did not support traffic mitigations; he wanted to see a pedestrian controlled, on-demand stop light on Sawtelle between the bridge and Sepulveda; and he hoped that actions would be taken to protect residents.

Judith Martin Straw felt that the traffic mitigation studies had not served the community well; she discussed delays to consideration of the item; the weak response of residents; the fact that parents drive their children to school rather than walk due to the danger involved; she urged the City Council to move forward; and she expressed concern with achieving a 4/5 vote.

Mary Banks-Levine presented photographs of the area; discussed the speed monitor and the need to protect those crossing Sawtelle Boulevard; she proposed that a turnaround be placed at the Sawtelle and McDonald intersection; expressed support for an interim stop sign at Hayter and Sawtelle; and discussed ways to slow traffic.

Jonathan Varsano discussed the dangers of crossing Sawtelle; traffic studies; felt that a crosswalk was a good start but additional mitigations were necessary; he discussed school pedestrian traffic; coordination with Los Angeles; issues with the vote taken; the importance of the safety issue; he presented photographs and renderings; and discussed maintenance of the traffic median.

Brian Hammer asserted that Sawtelle was similar to a freeway; he noted that few people adhered to the signage; and he felt the proposal was a step in the right direction but more mitigations were needed.

Michael Hamill noted the importance of a safe crossing across

Sawtelle; acknowledged the many different opinions on the matter; discussed expert opinion; the need to slow traffic down; facilitating getting children to school and to the park; the Playa Vista Fund; and speed enforcement.

Bryan Arenas wanted to see an on-demand traffic light placed on the bridge similar to the on-demand light located on Culver Boulevard and he discussed the blind curve.

Bernard Bronstein thanked staff and Vice Mayor Cooper for their assistance; expressed concern that non-participating households represented a no vote; discussed the primary reason for non-consensus; proposed mitigations; increased traffic with additional students at El Marino; he expressed support for the recommendations; observed that few cars parked on Sawtelle due to traffic speeds; and he discussed extending the bike lane.

Jeremy Green, Management Analyst, read written comments submitted by:

Laura Stuart
Pete Chiabaudo
Mark Oates

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the traffic signal warrants analysis conducted 13 years ago; criteria that needs to be met; traffic volume; the number of accidents in the intersection; whether it is mandatory that the traffic warrants are met; the City of Los Angeles; Culver Drive vs. the proposed intersection; state warrants; steady crossing population; the lack of focus on where to cross; funneling crossings to one location; the proposed stop sign as an interim measure; installation of a full stop light at a later date; and budget considerations.

Councilmember O'Leary moved to approve items 6-9 with the interim stop sign option; identification of funding for a permanent light; assignment of Culver City staff to work with the City of Los Angeles; and obtain permission from the City of Los Angeles to install extra signage on the bridge to warn of the upcoming signals.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the dangers of the stop sign when it is first installed; making the light speed activated; effects to neighbors; a suggestion to restrict the light to be no right turn on red to discourage cut-through traffic; concern with negative affects to the neighborhood; mitigating driveway issues; money connected to the Playa Vista project; expediting the traffic light project; remaining funds; repeated traffic mitigation requests from Sunkist Park residents over many years; the speed humps on Segrell; concern with shifting issues to other streets; the location of the flashing beacons; speed feedback signs; solar powered signs vs. hard wired signs; the involvement of Los Angeles; visibility; safe passage across Sawtelle; evaluating the effects of the stop sign; traffic enforcement; the offset intersection; utilizing crossing guards; safe routes to schools funding; pursuing grants; willingness to work with the City of Los Angeles; and costs for a new hard wired sign.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. DISCUSS THE VARIOUS OPTIONS PRESENTED BY STAFF AND PROVIDE STAFF WITH APPROPRIATE DIRECTION; AND

2. DIRECT STAFF TO INSTALL:
A. ITEM 5, POSTING OF REGULATORY SPEED LIMIT SIGNS;
B. ITEM 6, INSTALLATION OF YELLOW FLASHING BEACONS OVER THE TWO EXISTING SPEED FEED-BACK SIGNS;
C. ITEM 7, THE STRIPING OF BICYCLE LANES;
D. ITEM 8, THE STRIPING OF PSYCHO-PERCEPTIVE SPEED-REDUCING STRIPING; AND

3.A. DIRECT STAFF TO EXPLORE IF FUNDING CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET, AND DIRECT THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND HIGH VISIBILITY MARKED CROSSWALKS ON SAWTELLE BOULEVARD, AT THE OFF-SET INTERSECTION OF BLANCO WAY-HAYTER AVENUE, WHEN FUNDING HAS BEEN SECURED, AND THE REMOVAL OF THE INTERIM THREE-WAY STOP CONTROL; AND
3.B. IF STAFF IS DIRECTED TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND HIGH VISIBILITY MARKED CROSSWALKS, THEN, AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, AND
3.B.II. ITEM 9, OPTION B: DIRECT STAFF TO INSTALL INTERIM ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL, FLASHING RED BEACONS, AND MARKED HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALKS;

4. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE SUNKIST PARK/PLAYA VISTA MITIGATION FUND, NOT TO EXCEED $25,500 IF ITEMS 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9 OPTION A ARE DIRECTED FOR INSTALLATION; OR $40,500 IF ITEMS 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9 OPTION B ARE DIRECTED FOR INSTALLATION, IN THE 2012-

2013 FISCAL YEAR (A BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRES A 4/5 VOTE). THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-2

**Approve as Permanent the Ten Temporary Speed Humps Installed on Culver Park Drive and Segrell Way**

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding revisiting the matter again in one year as part of the neighborhood review; changes in traffic patterns; speed humps at Sawtelle and Culver Park Drive; continued use of the streets for cut-through traffic; decreased speeds; and concern that the humps had been paved over when the streets were repaved.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1A (STAFF RECOMMENDATION) APPROVE AS PERMANENT THE TEN SPEED HUMPS INSTALLED ON CULVER PARK DRIVE AND SEGRELL WAY. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-3

**(1) Designation of the City's Voting Delegate and up to Two Alternate-Delegates and (2) Taking of Positions on the Five Policy Resolutions Submitted to the General Assembly for the League of California Cities**

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. DESIGNATE COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AS THE VOTING DELEGATE AND COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AS ALTERNATE DELEGATE,
2. TAKE THE POSITIONS REGARDING THE FIVE RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE VOTING DELEGATE AND VOTING DELEGATE-ALTERNATE TO CAST VOTES EXERCISING REASONABLE DISCRETION IN THE CASE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WARRANT A CHANGE IN VOTE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-4

**Adoption of Los Angeles Permit Group's Position and Comments on the Draft Countywide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit**

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT THE LOS ANGELES PERMIT GROUP'S POSITION AND COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT MS4 PERMIT. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Item A-5

**Consideration of City Sponsorship of the Seventh Annual EarthFest LA at West Los Angeles College on September 15, 2012 and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Related thereto**

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the process; banners; official roles for staff or City elected officials at the event; and clarification that Vice Mayor Cooper did not need to recuse himself from consideration of the item.

Mike Meador, California Greenworks, indicated that they would welcome any participation by staff or Councilmembers.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: DETERMINE THAT THE CRITERIA IN CITY COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT 2008-01 HAVE BEEN MET AND DESIGNATE THE 2012 EARTHFEST LA AS A CITY SPONSORED EVENT CONTINGENT UPON CALIFORNIA GREENWORKS AGREEING TO IDENTIFY THE CITY IN THEIR PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DOCUMENTS AS A SPONSOR OF THE EVENT AND APPROVE A MOU RELATED THERETO; AND, AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND, 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, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: SAHLI-WELLS

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**Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)**

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

There was no response.

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**Items from the City Council**

**Items from Councilmember Clarke**

- Reported going on a ride-along with the Culver City Police Department

- Received consensus to agendize a letter of support for reappointment of two Culver City members to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy

**Items from Vice Mayor Cooper**

- Urged everyone to attend Fiesta La Ballona on August 24-26 and enjoy the rest of the summer

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 10:07 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to a meeting on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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