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ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

June 7, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Present: D. Scott Malsin, Agency Chair
 Jeffrey Cooper, Agency Vice Chair
 Christopher Armenta, Agency Member
 Micheál O'Leary, Agency Member
 Andrew Weissman, Agency Member

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, Executive Director, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Chief Chris Sellers.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Member O'Leary invited public comment.

There was no response.

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Public Comment for Items On the Agenda

Member O'Leary invited public participation.

There was no response.

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Joint Items

Item J-1

Budget Study Session – City Manager’s/Executive Director’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012: Presentation on the Proposed Budgets for the City Council, City Manager’s Office, City Clerk’s Office, City Attorney’s Office, Information Technology Department, Human Resources Department, Finance Department, Transportation Department and Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department (Scheduled to Be Considered on June 6, 2011), Fire Department, Police Department, Community Development Department [including the Redevelopment Agency], and Public Works Department [including Capital Improvement Projects] (Scheduled to be Considered on June 7, 2011)

Member O’Leary invited public comment.

There was no response.

Chris Sellers, Fire Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed budget for the Fire Department.

A discussion ensued between staff and the Agency Board regarding appreciation for the commitment to continue to provide a high level of service; critical areas; areas stretched thin; concern with the proposed elimination of the training officer; the aging workforce; upcoming retirements; staffing challenges; impacts of the budget reductions; maintaining levels of service and Class 1 accreditation; who would cover duties for the eliminated position; mandatory duties; recruit hiring and training; opposition to the elimination of the training position; the retiring medical benefit liability; reductions to prepayments; the level of turnover; value of the fire department; the structural deficit; dramatic budget cuts; the across the board approach; reserves; increasing the deficit; state funding realizations; removing the reduction of the training officer; and the specific cost of the training officer.

Don Pederson, Police Chief, provided an overview of the proposed budget for the Police Department.

A discussion between staff and the Agency Board ensued regarding the Animal Services Officer position; supplemental coverage by the County of Los Angeles; the Juvenile Diversion program; concern for the stability of the City; appreciation for the work of the Police Department; impacts to service levels; the Communications Operator and DNA Consultant; relying on volunteerism; parking enforcement; the Walker Parking Study; the true cost of the Juvenile Diversion Program; and grants.

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Sol Blumenfeld, Assistant Executive Director, provided an overview of the proposed budget for the Community Development Department.

A discussion between staff and the Agency Board ensued regarding appreciation for the work of the Agency; the Globe Avenue project; the green zone program; eligible AIP areas; expectations for increases in tax increment; projects and community impacts; and redevelopment timelines.

Charles Herbertson, Director of Public Works, presented the proposed budget for the Public Works Department.

A discussion ensued between staff and the Agency Board regarding appreciation for the presentation and the work of the department; the Safe Routes to School grant; permit parking issues; storm water issues; maintenance of street infrastructure; managing the Enterprise Fund; reducing pension and benefit costs; the graffiti crew; maintaining the tree lined street canopies; alleys and street improvements; the fire station property; new parking meters; the Sepulveda widening project; the 405 closure; multiple tree species per street; instituting a special assessment for properties adjacent to alleys; zoning of the fire station property; testing new parking meters; and traffic signal synchronization.

Jeff Muir, Finance Director, discussed next steps in the process.

John Nachbar, Executive Director, indicated that staff would be exploring options regarding the Juvenile Diversion Program and he discussed alternatives considered to achieve revenue reductions.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Member O'Leary invited public participation.

There was no response.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY MEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER COOPER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Items from Staff

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, requested a Closed Session meeting on June 13, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

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Items from the Agency

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:17 p.m., the Agency adjourned its meeting to a meeting on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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Alice Prasad
SECRETARY of the City of Culver City Redevelopment Agency, California

APPROVED

D. Scott Malsin
CHAIRPERSON of the Redevelopment Agency, City of Culver City, California