

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

June 4, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Agency was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was led by Mark Scott, Executive Director and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Peterson.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Ela Valladares, Deputy City Clerk, read a written comment from Sandra Kallander regarding the revised public nuisance ordinance.

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Public Comment for Items On the Agenda

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Special Meeting Notice

MOVED BY MEMBER ARMENTA, SECONDED BY CHAIR O'LEARY, AND
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE.

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Joint Items

Item J-1

Budget Study Session – Fiscal Years 2009-10 & 2010-11 Proposed Budget: Police Department, Fire Department, and Transportation Department

Staff provided a summary of the proposed Police Department budget.

Ela Valladares, Deputy City Clerk, read a written comment from Paul Ehrlich.

Responding to Member Weissman, Mark Scott, Executive Director, indicated that issues raised by Mr. Ehrlich would be addressed during the detailed discussion of the budget.

Member Weissman invited public participation. The following member of the audience addressed the Council:

Cary Anderson questioned whether privatization of parking officers would replace or supplement the current program; he asked what the average response time for enforcement of preferential parking was; he questioned the protocol for patrolling No Parking zones; he observed increases in parking citation fees; and he questioned policies for small vehicle infractions.

Staff responded that privatizing the parking function had been discussed and a report would be forthcoming; the City's proposed fee increases are intended to offset the larger share of City parking revenues taken by the County; officers have discretion with citing small vehicle infractions as there is no policy; logs are not kept regarding response time for parking deployment; and clarification was offered regarding different types of parking violations, and the City's approach to parking enforcement and how officers are deployed.

Discussion between staff and the Agency included: the DNA Analyst; recruiting in order to maintain full staffing; status of the department at current staffing levels; equipment replacement and enhancements; the status of the firing range; comparisons with similar cities; red light photo enforcement; stimulus funds that the police department can apply for; grant money; overtime figures; clarification that penalties for traffic citations are set by the state; the use of non-sworn personnel; the importance of maintaining the reputation of Culver City as a safe place; and the Animal Control position.

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Fire Department:

Fire Chief, Jeff Eastman presented the proposed Fire Department budget for 2009-2010.

Discussion between staff and the Agency included: cost recovery for paramedic services; the percentage of EMA calls; the number of paramedics and transport units in the City; safety equipment; businesses identified as needing fire inspections; the importance of regional involvement; Class 1 status; Assembly Bill 1004; multi-family inspections; the number of strike team deployments; the value of money spent for public safety services; lean staffing; comparisons with similar cities; appropriations for ISIS; support from Congresswoman Watson; procedures for the processing of fees; mandated training, online training and grants to fund certain types of training; and decreases in fees collected.

Transportation Department:

Art Ida, Transportation Director presented the proposed Transportation Department budget for 2009-2010.

Agency and staff discussion included: the feasibility of bus advertising; grant funding; matching funds; articulated buses; bus wraps; maintenance; a recent accident; congratulations for recent awards; the lifecycle of a bus; donating retired buses; discounts for students; how many students ride daily; CNG vehicles; reevaluating the replacement schedule; traveler information; formula funding issues; increased rates; the State Transit System fund; increased ridership; tough decisions on lightly-traveled routes; maintaining levels of service; the transit operator workforce; a bus wrap to promote ridership; pre-funding medical retiree benefits; and Public Service Day.

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, outlined next steps in the process.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public participation was invited by Mayor Weissaman.

The following member of the audience addressed the Council:

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)

Tony Pappas observed that most Fire Department responses were EMT; he sought confirmation that no vote would be taken on the nuisance ordinance at the June 8 meeting; he noted that the current nuisance ordinance was working; and he expressed concern with manufactured nuisances and difficult to understand concepts.

Martin Cole, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager, indicated that the nuisance item would be discussed, but not voted upon, until the next meeting on June 8, 2009.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY MEMBER ARMENTA, SECONDED BY MEMBER O'LEARY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Items from Staff

None.

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Items from the Agency

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:04 p.m., the Agency adjourned its meeting to an Adjourned Regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2009.

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

APPROVED

Micheál O'Leary
CHAIRPERSON of the Redevelopment Agency, City of Culver City, California