

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

February 8, 2010
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Andrew Weissman, Mayor
Christopher Armenta, Vice Mayor
D. Scott Malsin, Councilmember
Micheál O'Leary, Councilmember
Gary Silbiger, Councilmember

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Closed Session

The City Council will adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

Re: Plains Exploration & Production Company v. City of Culver City, et al.

Case No. BS122799

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

CS-2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

Re: Community Health Councils, Inc., City of Culver City, et al., v. County of Los Angeles

Case No. BS118018 (Re County Community Standards District for Oil Drilling Operations)

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

CS-3 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Re: Initiation of Litigation - (1 item)

Pursuant of Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

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Recess

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

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Reconvene

The City Council reconvened its meeting at 7:14 p.m., with all Councilmembers present.

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Closed Session Report

Mayor Weissman indicated there was nothing to report from closed session except that Item CS-1 on the Redevelopment Agency agenda had not been discussed and would return at a later date.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, indicated that Item CS-3 on the City Council agenda had been pulled.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was led by Mark Scott, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Arin Mikalian.

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Announcements

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that Operation USA was unable to be present and that the presentation of their commendation would have to be rescheduled for a later date.

At this time, Mark Scott, City Manager, announced his resignation as City Manager. He indicated that for personal reasons he needed to relocate to Central California.

Mayor Weissman thanked Mark Scott for his services and noted challenges ahead for the City.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Weissman invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Arin Mikalian, The Wave Newspaper, announced that he had taken a different job and he thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Weissman expressed best wishes to Arin Mikalian and commended him on his reporting.

Neil Rubenstein discussed the resignation of the City Manager; issues with the fraudulent use of handicapped placards; he suggested increasing parking fines to make the violation untenable; and he discussed enforcement.

Jeff Hiserodt discussed issues with parking restrictions and posted signs connected with school parking in his neighborhood.

Judith Martin Straw, Culver City Crossroads, reported audio and video capabilities on their website and she thanked everyone for their support.

Dr. Janet Hoult reported an incident at her home and she thanked the Police Department for their assistance and the Fire Department for their service.

Robert Zirgulis expressed concern with the process of selecting a new City Manager; discussed personnel costs associated with red light cameras; and he announced a protest of the red light cameras on February 15, 2010 at the intersection of Jefferson Boulevard and Overland Avenue.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Cash Disbursements

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARMENTA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FROM JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 29, 2010.

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Announcements

Mayor Weissman announced performances of the Definiens Project on February 9 at the Julian Dixon Library and a performance of the Collage Dance Theatre on February 13 at the SPF Gallery, supported by the Culver City Performing Arts Grants Program.

Councilmember O'Leary announced the Music in the Chambers series with performances on February 26 and March 19.

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Adjourn in Memory

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARMENTA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF FIRE CAPTAIN STEVE RANKIN; AND MARGARITA ARELLANO, MOTHER OF RUBEN ARELLANO, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Adoption of a Resolution (a) Providing Additional Service Credit Pursuant to Government Code Section 20903 for Local Miscellaneous Members of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS); (b) Designating the Window Period as February 15, 2010 to June 15, 2010; and (c) Specifying the Eligible Group of Members; and (2) Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Certification of Compliance with Government Code Section 20903

Mark Scott, City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Weissman invited public participation.

No speakers came forward.

Ela Valladares, Deputy City Clerk, read written comments submitted by:

Steven Gourley

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding employees eligible for early retirement not included on the list; early retirement incentives and the requirement to eliminate comparable positions; concern with losing key positions; advantages when a higher salaried employee takes retirement; opportunities for employees to take early retirement; positions at risk for layoff; overhead positions versus direct service level positions; which departments benefit from retirement most; efforts to stop expending reserve funds; and the goal of eliminating layoffs.

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Item A-1
(continued)

Following discussion, the following motion was made:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER
MALSIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2010-R007 (A) PROVIDING
ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 20903 FOR LOCAL MISCELLANEOUS MEMBERS OF THE
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
(CALPERS); (B) DESIGNATING THE WINDOW PERIOD AS
FEBRUARY 15, 2010 TO JUNE 15, 2010; AND (C) SPECIFYING
THE ELIGIBLE GROUP OF MEMBERS; AND
2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATION OF
COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 20903.

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Item A-2

**Adoption of a Resolution Approving a City Council Policy
Related to the Rotation of the Office of Mayor.**

Mark Scott, City Manager, summarized the material of
record.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff
regarding clarification of wording on Item 3 on the second
page and clarification on the effective date of the policy.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER
O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2010-R008 APPROVING A CITY COUNCIL
POLICY RELATED TO MAYORAL ROTATION, AS AMENDED.

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Discussion/Action:

Item D-1

Discussion of an Upcoming SCAG Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable on the Requirements of Senate Bill 375 (California's Sustainable Communities Strategy and Climate Protection Act).

Jose Mendivil, Planning Department provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding who would attend the Roundtable and clarification regarding possible Brown Act issues. Councilmember Malsin and Councilmember O'Leary indicated they would be attending.

Mayor Weissman invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Megan Sahli-Wells questioned how the density requirement would be addressed and she expressed concern with locating density in an appropriate location and affects on neighborhoods.

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Item D-2

Discussion of the Subject of State and Federal Legislative Advocacy.

Mark Scott, City Manager provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding professional representation in Sacramento versus self representation and involvement with city organizations; a request for a list of financial items that the lobbyists assisted the City on; support for the Federal lobbyists but uncertainty of benefits provided by the State lobbyists; and a suggestion to provide the State lobbyists a chance to address the City Council.

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Item D-3

Discussion of (1) a Request to Name a Seat in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers after Kay Lyon and (2) the Process of Naming Seats in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Weissman invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the Council:

Julie Lugo Cerra spoke regarding the importance of information provided to the City Council; clearly defining the reason for bestowing honors and having the person making the nomination complete a form; suggested that the Cultural Affairs Commission consider the matter; urged establishing a clear path to the nomination and clarifying the historical record; and she discussed the time limit and limiting the number of naming opportunities.

Bill Reid provided a run down of chairs currently named in the Council Chambers.

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Item D-3
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Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding refining the policy to make information readily available regarding those honored; having a standard form available for consideration; removing emotions from the process; the history of previous namings; maintaining denied requests for future reconsideration; specific information regarding different naming opportunities; differing procedures whether the item goes through a Committee, Commission or is a Council matter; establishing the process before considering individual naming requests; engaging the Cultural Affairs Commission in the process; and the previous City policy.

Julie Lugo Cerra clarified that the previous City policy was not very specific; she discussed the plaques in Council Chambers; and she suggested that information be made available on the City website and that the naming honor be relevant to the actions of the person honored.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk suggested that staff return with an amended policy.

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Item D-4

Discussion of the Subject of Election Signage during the Upcoming City Council Election.

Mark Scott, City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding sign theft; communication with the candidates; whether to keep track of violations and the difficulty of determining who is responsible for violations; timing restrictions on sign placement; what the City can do to help publicize elections; consolidating different types of elections; and election reforms.

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Item D-5

Discussion of City Council Policy Priorities.

Mark Scott, City Manager, indicated that he had not received any priority lists from the City Council.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding looking at minutes for the past year to see what items were identified as priorities by the public and the Council; determining critical issues for the Council and prioritizing those items; the work involved to go through the minutes; concern with having a balanced budget; the importance of following through on items requested by the City Council and or the public; clarifying the role of the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board; and Memorandums of Understanding for the Fiesta La Ballona and Martin Luther King Committees.

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Public Comment for Items Not On the Agenda - continued.

No action was taken on this item.

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Receipt of Correspondence

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

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Items from Staff

Items Presented by Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk:

- The City Council needs to adjourn this meeting to February 22, 2010.

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Items from Council

Items Presented by Councilmember Malsin:

- Reported that the Exposition Construction Authority had certified the Environmental Impact Report for the second phase and selected the route.

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Items Presented by Councilmember Silbiger:

- Received consensus to award commendations to the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts and Culver Park High School.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, agreed to provide clarification regarding the policy for awarding commendations to Councilmember O'Leary.

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Items Presented by Councilmember Armenta:

- Suggested that an additional Councilmember and a member of the Finance Department attend the Municipal Revenue Enhancement Program on February 18, 2010 with him.

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Items Presented by Mayor Weissman:

- Presented a copy of Government Fleet Magazine with a cover story on Culver City's CNG Program.
- Suggested checking with the School District before the City recognizes the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts and the Culver Park High School to see if they are preparing a similar award.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:51 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of Fire Captain Steve Rankin and Margarita Arellano, mother of Ruben Arellano, Information Technology Department, to a Regular meeting to be held on February 22, 2010.

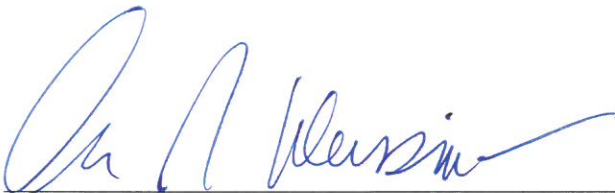
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Ela Valladares

DEPUTY CITY CLERK of the City of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council, City of Culver City,
California

APPROVED March 22, 2010



ANDREW WEISSMAN

MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California