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THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BOARD

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

March 22, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor O'Leary called the meeting of the City Council, Housing Authority Board and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Patacchia Room in City Hall.

Present: Micheál O'Leary, Mayor
Andrew Weissman, Vice Mayor
Jim B. Clarke, Council Member
Jeffrey Cooper, Council Member
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Council Member

Note: The City Council also sits as Members of the
Governing Board(s) convened as part of the meeting.

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**Community Announcements by City Council Members/
Information Items from Staff**

None.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

None.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Presentation and Consideration of Current and Proposed Work Plans for City Departments, and (2) (If Desired) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Art Ida, Transportation Director, provided an overview of the current Work Plan for the Transportation Department; discussed the Real Time Bus Information program; rail lines in the region; analysis of the current transportation system; evaluations of recommendations; the Comprehensive Transit and Marketing Plan; technology changes in public transportation; the need for a new bus facility; increased traffic; alternative fuels; regulations; emissions; electric buses; fluctuations in ridership; work programs for 2017; required service changes; fare increases; fare box recovery; connectivity; transit apps; and compliance with Federal laws.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding implementing a shuttle service; connectivity of the first and last mile; alternatives to a fixed route shuttle; employers that use shuttle services in the City; costs; criteria; funding regulations; the Senior Center shuttle; lessons learned; issues between West LA College and Raintree; electric technology; video monitoring systems; fare disputes; the marketing footprint; education; changing transit in the region; improving quality of life; projected numbers of travelers; service to UCLA; demand; reduced fare; fare box return; the transportation study; impacts to businesses; bus only lanes; the BTAP program; whether there is a similar program for residents; support for the Centennial; regional

leadership; institutional knowledge; kudos to Diana Chang; the Community Development Department Work Plan; mobility; having WiFi on buses; maintaining the cutting edge reputation of the City; the Regional Transportation Planning Document; Southern California Association of Governments; Cap and Trade funding; bus connections; appreciation for the ribbon cutting event for expanded service to Playa Vista with mitigation funding; bringing a bus to Fiesta La Ballona; ads on buses; Transportation Demand Management; impact fees; creating a branded TAP card for the Centennial; the extended bike racks; the revised accident policy; Google; bus stop furniture; and appreciation to the Department for their successful, diligent work.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan for the Community Development Department.

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

The follow members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Ken Mand asserted that funds should be set aside for consultant funding per the direction of the City Council to review all development at Washington and National prior to advancing any further projects east on Washington Boulevard.

Booker Pearson, Upward Bound, thanked the City for its partnership; reported that as of July 1, sixteen families from Culver City had moved into permanent housing; he observed that a small amount of money went a long way; discussed benefits to the City; the School District definition of homelessness; Housing and Urban Development funding; and County funding.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding Code Enforcement; Park Patrol; hours of operation; signage; contact information; smoking areas; protocol; Police Department response to smoking complaints; the goal of status quo for traffic vs. improving the situation; California Environmental Quality Act requirements; the standard for review; determining impacts; mitigation of impacts to a level of insignificance; whether there is a legal basis for the developer to make an improvement on the status quo; City planning and investment; land use tools; setting the baseline for development; traffic studies; regional solutions; the

issue of environmental effects; environmental planning efforts; qualitative changes; cumulative impacts of development; Transit Oriented Development projects; building envelopes; comprehensive planning documents; collective solutions; property owners interested in improving the area; forming an assessment district; conducting a comprehensive visioning project; projects in the pipeline; funding; legal obligations; the Cumulus Project in the City of Los Angeles; working cooperatively with Los Angeles; improving access; Community Development Block Grant funding; the advisory committee; solicitation of input; brick and mortar uses; the requirement to meet objectives for low and moderate income residents; accessibility; expanding beyond curb cuts to sidewalks; parking structure management; the Media Park concessionaire; customer service; staffing; economic development; allocation decisions; General Fund revenue; adding items to the Work Plan; the Rental Assistance Program (RAP); adjusting the amount for the RAP as the number of participants decrease; bond proceeds; Upward Bound House outreach; Assembly Bill 471; homeless encampment clean up; concerns with El Niño; City-wide enforcement services; the Walker Parking study; the division of labor; providing an update of the General Plan on the Work Plan; the Hospitality and Entertainment District; reimagining Fox Hills; the Marshall's property; resident goals; larger economic goals; zoning; land use; noticing; triggers; recruiting new businesses and identifying opportunity sites; coordination between Code Enforcement and the Finance Department; visioning; preliminary planning; the General Plan Update; Business Improvement Districts; streamlining the permit process; kiosks; Parcel B Plaza outdoor vending; the Jazz Bakery; funding for the West Washington medians; trash issues with Pacific Theatres; the Request for Proposals for the Sustainability Plan; mobility issues; Hayden Tract parking; re-zoning to allow for automated parking; the Interactive Development Map; the City profile; meeting with the County about homelessness; County-wide plans; affordable housing; the role of the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board; the mobile home park; relocation plans; Globe Avenue; Fire Station #2; bright LED signage; the Dollar Loan Store on Sepulveda and Sawtelle; Airbnb; hoarders and code enforcement; the Ivy Substation; solar panels; the surface parking lot on Robertson; the undeveloped area by Leash Lane; the Platform Project; sales tax revenue; Access Culver City; development impact fees; and appreciation to staff for their efforts.

Daniel Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Work Plan and provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the Cultural Services Division; the role of the Commission in formulating the Work Plan; adding Arts to Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); QR codes; Studio Estates; the assessment district; future consideration; drop-in programs; bringing back Youth Sports Leagues; contracting in-house services; facilities; local and regional demands; other programs offered by other entities; the Centennial; searching for open space; pocket parks; the tax defaulted property list from the County; the Teen Center; facilities improvements; Veterans Memorial Auditorium; retaining an ombudsman to handle situations at the Senior Center; training and workshops; the School District plan to expand The Plunge; capacity; competition for pool space; appreciation for water conservation efforts; grants and sponsorships for those who cannot afford the Teen Center or youth camps; the YMCA; public/private partnerships; Fiesta La Ballona; congratulations for awards received; the importance of Youth Sports programs; cost allocation for the restrooms; whether maintenance and replacement is included in pricing; the General Fund; classes and marketing efforts; Culver City Living; social media; aquatics programs; lane allocation; waiting lists; unused space abutting freeways; Caltrans parcels; lighting, secured fencing and water supply issues; the two-for-one night at Fiesta La Ballona; increased revenue; costs to expand The Plunge; the Syd Kronenthal Playground project; community gardens; making use of empty parcels; professional athletes that attended Culver City schools; inspiration for Culver City students; scholarships; and appreciation to the department for their work.

Discussion ensued between John Nachbar, City Manager, and Council Members regarding Cultural Affairs; Historic Preservation; the Creative Economy Report; staffing; funding; long-term planning; the Cultural Affairs Foundation; the Educational Foundation model; the Foundation as a pass-through entity; the recession; separating the Foundation from the City; having a Communications Consultant; demands of local government going forward; building the position into the culture; the assessment; the social media policy; legal aspects; Information Technology; having a strategic planning retreat; participation of elected officials; addressing Brown

Act concerns; adding items to the Work Plan; the City's role in the Culver City Compact; the pending departure of the CCUSD Superintendent; a suggestion that a portion of new sales tax revenue generated from specific, identified districts, be allocated toward something specific; investing in the area; and discussions with developers.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, discussed the functions of the City Clerk's Office; the team approach; he thanked the City Council for their approval and Deputy City Clerk Jeremy Green for her assistance; he discussed the upcoming 2016 General Election; the Special Election in November 2016; daily tasks of the City Clerk's Office; efforts toward the Centennial; the Granicus System; the upcoming International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference; the Voter Education and Outreach Program; Birdee; an application for the 2016 Helen Putnam Award for the Voter Education and Outreach Program; and increasing turnout numbers in the Fox Hills neighborhood.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the Centennial; the 2016 election; applicant interviews for Commissioners; Brown Act issues; consensus to agendize consideration of the Commission application process; timing; notice to applicants that interviews may be conducted; encouragement for applicants to attend City Council meetings; the process to become a notary; agenda enhancements for the iPad; the graphic of the City seal; reliability of the Granicus system; making small changes to improve operation; numbering items; ease of use of the agenda; the main screen for the agenda; the ability of the Mayor to see the maker of the motion and seconder; programming changes; the interface with Time Warner; online streaming; assessment of the Culver City Counts program; consolidating elections; all vote by mail ballots; policy; statistics; evaluating Culver City Counts; wording of the agenda item for the evaluation; concern with the length of meeting agendas; scheduling; the ability of Council Members to remove items from the agenda; the target adjournment of 11:00 p.m.; opportunity for public input; the tentative agenda; frequency of meetings; length of staff reports; whether non-citizens can serve on Committees and Commissions; registered voters; the Municipal Code; youth representatives; the time frame to receive and review agendas; the process; scheduling of items for external reasons; items awaiting additional information; release of partial agendas; and appreciation for the work of the City Clerk's Office.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Thomas Small expressed appreciation for the work of Christine Byers; expressed concern with Historic Preservation; making the Cultural Affairs Foundation independent from the City but coordinated with the Cultural Affairs Commission; he discussed the awards program in Santa Monica; the Jazz Bakery Fundraising Committee; communications and social media; and the municipal version of NextDoor.

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Items from Council Members

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:44 p.m., the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned its meeting to Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

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Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council and SECRETARY of the
Culver City Housing Authority and Successor Agency to the
Culver City Redevelopment Agency
Culver City, California

MICHEÁL O'LEARY

MAYOR of Culver City, California and CHAIR of the Culver City Housing Authority Board and the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board