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AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

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

June 10, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor McMorris called the regular meeting of the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Yasmine-Imani McMorris, Mayor
Daniel O'Brien, Vice Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Freddy Puza, Council Member
Albert Vera, Council Member

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Closed Session

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, indicated that no public comment had been received for Closed Session items.

Heather Baker, City Attorney, reported that pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(2), Item CS-1 related to exposure to litigation from the transfer of waste to a West Covina landfill by 56 cities, including Culver City.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY, REDEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

At 6:03 p.m. the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned to Closed Session to consider the following Closed Session Item:

CS-1 CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation (1 Item)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

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Reconvene

Mayor McMorris reconvened the meeting of the City Council for recognition presentations at 6:54 p.m. with five Council Members present.

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Recognition Presentation

Item R-1

CC - Presentation of Proclamation in Celebration of Juneteenth 2024

Mayor McMorris presented a Proclamation in celebration of Juneteenth 2024.

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Item R-2

CC - Presentation of a Proclamation Designating June 2024 as Pride Month in Culver City

Council Member Puza presented a Proclamation designating June 2024 as Pride Month in Culver City.

Bubba Fish expressed gratitude to the City for supporting Culver City Pride Ride and Rally noting that the event was 100% volunteers.

Jack Galanty indicated being one of the volunteers running the event; noted that one of the goals this year was to uplift the history as Pride started in Los Angeles; and he thanked the Mayor for uplifting their event.

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Item R-3

CC - Presentation of a Proclamation Designating June 2024 as Men's Health Month and June 10-16 as Men's Health Week

Council Member Eriksson presented the Proclamation designating June 2024 as Men's Health Month and June 10-16 as Men's Health Week noting that everyone was encouraged to wear blue for men's health.

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Regular Session

Mayor McMorris reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Culver City Financing Authority, Culver City Parking Authority and Culver City Housing Authority Board at 7:08 p.m. with five Council Members present.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor McMorris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor McMorris indicated nothing to report out of Closed Session.

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Community Announcements by Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Vera reported attending the June Civil Service Commission meeting where employees were recognized with awards.

Council Member Eriksson displayed his orange and blue tie; noted that Men's Health Month was commemorated with the color blue and that orange is the color to commemorate Anti-Gun Violence Day on June 7; and he reported the ability for anyone to call the Culver City Police Department (CCPD) anonymously to have a weapon confiscated for up to 30 days if there are concerns about someone's safety.

Council Member Puza discussed the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) Pride Flag Raising event on June 10; noted that all are welcome in CCUSD and in Culver City; reported attending the Lindberg Park Neighborhood Association meeting where the Better Overland and Safer Fox Hills Project was discussed; he expressed hope that all Neighborhood Associations would engage in valuable conversations with the City; and announced a free screening of *I am Sam* at the Culver City Senior Center hosted by Parks, Recreation and Community Services for persons of all abilities on June 21 noting the need to RSVP at culvercity.org.

Vice Mayor O'Brien discussed participation in the CCUSD Pride Flag Raising event; support of the LGBTQIA+ community by CCUSD; his son's experience; the flag at City Hall; and the need to support everyone in the community.

Mayor McMorris expressed appreciation for the CCUSD Flag Raising and for the recognition City-wide; discussed Caribbean History Month noting that she is Jamaican; the Presidential Proclamation; appreciation for Council Member Eriksson's acknowledgement of Anti-Gun Violence Awareness Day; the action by Culver 878 to invite people to tie an orange ribbon on the gate of the former gun store to in memory of someone or as a reflection of efforts to combat gun violence; she indicated that additional information was available at culver878.org; reported participating in the recent Sister Cities installation; noted that had welcomed people to Culver City at the California

Environmental Voters Badass Awards; and she asked that when the meeting is adjourned, that it be adjourned in memory of Reverend James Watson.

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Joint Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, read the City Council statement regarding hate speech.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Jamie Wallace commended CCPD for quick action after receipt of Flock alert to successfully apprehend a murder suspect traveling through Culver City; she discussed responsibility for things going on in other cities; and the value of working together with other communities.

Eric Billitzer, Culver City Public Theater (CCPT), discussed free outdoor theater in Carlson Park for the past 25 years; potential recognition for the quality of the productions and longevity of the company; 2024 summer performances from July 13 through August 4; appreciation for the Performing Arts Grant; he requested a reduction of fees paid back to Culver City; and he indicated that postcards were available with information.

Vice Mayor O'Brien proposed that CCPT apply for a special events grant and directed Mr. Billitzer to speak with the City Clerk.

Melissa Sanders echoed comments made by Jamie Wallace; noted that Culver City lived in the middle of millions of other people; expressed disapproval of opposition by certain Council Members to providing every possible helpful technology to CCPD; concern with sentiments expressed that Culver City should not be involved in apprehending people who committed crimes in other jurisdictions; the fact that Culver City does not exist in a vacuum; and she emphasized the importance of working together.

Andrew Flores expressed appreciation for active participation and engagement; encouraged everyone to attend Planning Commission meetings; reported being a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners; discussed the obligation of planners to serve the public interest; and he indicated holding

himself to the high standards and code of ethics and professional conduct of a planning practitioner.

Kevin Sherwood with one minute ceded by Jonathan Kramer, Culver City Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CCARES); indicated that fliers were available; discussed the mission of the group; licenses; emergency preparation; collaboration with the Culver City Fire Department (CCFD) and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team); mitigating damages and injuries; and he invited everyone to participate in the Amateur Radio Relay League Field Day on June 22-23 at Marycrest Manor.

Council Member Eriksson noted that it was not hard to get a license; discussed the importance of the network; the ability to communicate when cell towers go down; connection to the rest of the world; and he encouraged everyone to take the time to get a license.

Mary Foreman Pryor was called to speak but did not respond.

Marsha Collie discussed homelessness; discovering her heritage; a DCFS (Department of Children and Family Services) case; a potential inheritance that she is due; and securing housing for her family.

Mayor McMorris received agreement from staff to reach out to follow up with Ms. Collie.

Mary Foreman Pryor declined to speak.

Marci Baun discussed her attendance of a recent Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission meeting that ran late; discussion of the Plunge and pool policies that continued after her departure; she discussed her knowledge gained from using other pools; reasoning behind keeping swim times to 55 minutes; different policies in Long Beach; concern with the change from past alignment with the beach cities to the current alignment with West Hollywood and Beverly Hills; use of the pool for the Olympics; her suggestion that people pay for an additional session; concern with accessibility; and she indicated that she would email her additional comments to Council Members.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Order of the Agenda

Consent Calendar Items C-5 and C-8 were considered separately, and Item A-3 was considered before Item A-1, and Item A-2 was considered before Item A-4 and after A-5.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Cash Disbursements for May 18, 2024 to May 31, 2024

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR MAY 18, 2024 TO MAY 31, 2024.

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Item C-2

CC:HA:PA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Regular City Council Meetings Held on May 20, 2024, May 21, 2024 and May 28, 2024

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 20, 2024, MAY 21, 2024 AND MAY 28, 2024.

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Item C-3

CC - (1) Approval of the Town Plaza Monument Sign Leasing Program; (2) Approval of an Agreement for the Donation of the Fabrication and Installation of the Monument Signs; and (3) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE TOWN PLAZA MONUMENT SIGN LEASING PROGRAM; AND,
2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DONATION OF THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE MONUMENT SIGNS; 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.

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Item C-4

CC - (1) Approval of Second Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Agreement with Wende Museum of the Cold War, Inc for 10808 Culver Boulevard to Add Lease of City Owned Property at 10860 Culver Boulevard for Affordable Housing; and (2) Approval of a Resolution Declaring the Property to be Exempt Surplus Land Due to Its Future Use for Affordable Housing

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WENDE MUSEUM OF THE COLD WAR REFLECTING THE TERMS DESCRIBED IN THE STAFF REPORT; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND,
4. APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND DUE TO ITS FUTURE USE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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Item C-5

CC - (1) Award of Special Event Grants in the Aggregate Amount of \$147,075 for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Designation of such Events as City Sponsored as Recommended by the Special

Events Grant Program City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee; (2) Authorization of \$8,925 in Contingency Funding for Special Event Liability Insurance and Off-Cycle Event Support; and, (3) Authorization to the City Manager to Administratively Approve Applicable City Permits and Licenses Needed to Conduct the Events

Elaine Gerety Warner, Economic Development Director, introduced the item.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Jeff Cooper, The Exchange Club, discussed the recommendation of support for the 2025 Car Show; the community gathering; the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast; and the decision to not include food vendors in 2024 so that restaurants would benefit, which they did.

Jack Galanty thanked staff and Council Members for their hard work for special events in Culver City; noted that the unique events make Culver City special; discussed diversity; and he expressed appreciation for the increased budget for the growing Culver City Pride event.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AWARD \$147,075 IN GRANTS AND DESIGNATE 20 EVENTS AS CITY-SPONSORED THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 SPECIAL EVENTS GRANT PROGRAM; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE UP TO \$8,925 IN CONTINGENCY FOR SPECIAL EVENT LIABILITY INSURANCE AND OFF-CYCLE EVENT SUPPORT; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVE APPLICABLE CITY PERMITS AND LICENSES NEEDED TO CONDUCT THE EVENTS, PROVIDED SUCH PERMITS AND LICENSES ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE SCOPE OF THE EVENT AS SET FORTH IN THE GRANT APPLICATION.

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Item C-6

CC - Approval of a Three-Year General Services Agreement with Becnel Uniforms, Inc. for Transit Employee Uniform Services in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$440,000 (\$240,000 Base Proposal;

\$160,000 for Two Additional One-Year Options at \$80,000 Per Year; and \$40,000 Contingency)

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH BECNEL UNIFORMS FOR TRANSIT EMPLOYEE UNIFORM SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$440,000 (\$240,000 BASE PROPOSAL; \$160,000 FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR OPTIONS AT \$80,000 PER YEAR; AND \$40,000 CONTINGENCY); AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE EACH OF THE ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR OPTIONS; 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.

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Item C-7

CC - Approval of a Purchase Order with Econolite Control Products for Three Traffic Signal Battery Backup Systems in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$45,048.87

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH ECONOLITE CONTROL PRODUCTS FOR THREE TRAFFIC SIGNAL BATTERY BACKUP SYSTEMS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$45,048.87; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-8

CC - Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Subchapter 3.01.100, et seq. of the Culver City Municipal Code Relating to Decorum, Meeting Procedures and Public Participation

Heather Baker, City Attorney, provided a summary of the material of record.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Melissa Sanders proposed that Council Members put their cell phones on the ledge so the public can see them to address trust issues.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF SUBCHAPTER 3.01.100, ET SEQ. OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE (CCMC) RELATING TO DECORUM, MEETING PROCEDURES, AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

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Item C-9

CC - Approval of a Soft Story Retrofit Program Sub Application for \$465,000 in Grant Funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A FEMA SUB APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465,000 THROUGH FEMA; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-9.

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

CC:SA:HA:PA - (1) Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; (2) Consideration of the Culver City Unified School District's Request to Fully Fund the Crossing

Guard Contract and, if Desired, Direction to City Manager to Include in the Budget \$288,495 from the General Fund for this Purpose; (3) Adoption of Respective Resolutions Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for the City of Culver City, the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, the Culver City Housing Authority, and the Culver City Parking Authority; (4) Adoption of a Resolution Approving Salary Schedules for Miscellaneous Employees, Police Safety Employees and Fire Safety Employees Effective July 1, 2024; (5) Authorization of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program Project Completion and Close Out Summary; and (6) Authorization to Perform Treasurer Transactions for Westside Cities Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Lisa Soghor, Chief Financial Officer, thanked Mary Noller, Elizabeth Shavelson, Michael Towler and Finance Department staff for all of their work; noted that Ms. Noller's retirement was just months away; and she provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment:

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Benjamin Liwnicz expressed support for the Capital Expenditures budget; he highlighted project PF049 in the 2024-2025 budget and Capital Allocation Report; discussed his renovation and improvement project; maintenance of the storm drain; soil currently going into the pipe; the potential for a sinkhole; current maintenance in process; and he hoped that the City Council would improve the project and the budget.

Jeanne Black discussed addressing the deficit; services that cannot be funded entirely from taxes and fees; the need for external funding; the business of grant funding; the need for commitment and focus; the Economic Development Department and the Chamber of Commerce devoted to growing business; lack of dedicated staff to develop relationships with state and federal elected officials and staff; the need to build networks for

outside funding sources; sustained relationships required to access funding; adding a government relations staff person with expertise in housing and homeless services to provide a government, corporate, and foundations relations function; money allocated for services; the need to be aggressive for services and affordable housing; length of time to create the position and hire someone; the importance of approving the position in the 2024-2025 budget; missed grant opportunities; the state deficit; and she expressed appreciation for City Council consideration of her proposal.

Melissa Sanders expressed support for comments made by Jeanne Black; concern with the budget overview; discussed plans beyond what Culver City can afford; priorities; use of the Venice Family Clinic rather than the Mobile Crisis Team; she acknowledged financial issues faced by CCUSD but felt that costs should be shared; proposed joint projects with other cities; she expressed support for finding ways to gather additional resources and prioritizing what is best for everyone; concern with delays to transportation projects; and collaboration between CCUSD and Culver City.

Greg Maron spoke on behalf of himself; discussed communication with neighbors about priorities; the need to support parks to meet the needs of families; those who took time to provide written comments about the parks; he was disappointed not to see increased parks funding over last year; expressed pride in the work that Culver City is doing to support parks; he asserted that if funding levels remain static parks would not be fixed or improved; proposed increasing funding through a bond; leading by example by increasing the Culver City budget for parks; and he encouraged prioritization of reinvestment in parks.

Stephen Jones discussed a social media post asserting that participatory budgeting was code for reducing the police budget; the idea that if people had a more direct say in the Culver City budget there would be less funding for CCPD; relative preferences; whether \$200,000 should be added to the CCPD budget to hire a staff member to perform duties currently being done; use of less than half of that money to hire a parks maintenance person that has been requested for years to do work that isn't being done; surprise when people find out how much more money is allocated to the police budget over other departments; polling that indicates 78% of people in Los Angeles want part of police budgets allocated to other community services; and he indicated that people were starting to notice the repeated

increase to the CCPD budget while cuts are made to other departments.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO CCUSD'S REQUEST TO FULLY FUND THE CROSSING GUARD CONTRACT AND, INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$288,495 IN THE BUDGET IN ACCOUNT NO. 10130100.619800 FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding follow up to the report indicating that the Culver City/CCUSD Liaison Subcommittee needed to figure out a strategy on how to move forward; the need for data-driven decision making to properly allocate resources; direction to Public Works to develop an application process and matrix to evaluate requests; Subcommittee consideration of future requests while the process is determined; and the need to amend the City's budget to add the funding to the total appropriation.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding acknowledgement of the difficulty of balancing the budget over the next few years; transitioning from the previous fiscal year to the new fiscal year; gratitude to Culver City staff; City employees who actualize the budget; the budget review process; enhancement requests; work to be done; concern with limited and short-sighted thinking with the way the deficit is framed; different perspectives on how housing and homelessness is being addressed; the importance of taking a wholistic view of the budget, not just to decide whether to fund homelessness or not; other departments that are in desperate need of additional funding such as Public Works and PRCS; departments that are understaffed and without adequate resources; the impact of upcoming events; areas of opportunity; the need for more accountability and rationale for budget requests; appreciation to the Chief Financial Officer; tying strategic priorities to specific metrics and measurements when possible; commitment to a process; change; and collaboration to

provide a more inclusive and equitable budget.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation to staff for their efforts; CIPs (Capital Improvement Projects) that were under budget and helped the structural deficit; efforts of staff to stay under budget; identifying opportunities for saving; differences realized by providing funding for the unhoused population; the need to lobby for assistance from county partners; concern with the small amount of money received back from the county of sales taxes generated by Culver City from Measure H; setting the example of how things are done; the Independent Cities Association; the Convening of Mayors meeting by Supervisor Mitchell; the fact that no other cities are close to doing what Culver City is doing; appreciation for the support of Culver City parks; the Culver City Great Parks Association; the feeling that the parks need attention, but are looking better than ever; funding for a General Parks Master Plan; the Feasibility Study for Bill Botts and Veterans Park; balancing the many departments with different needs; and future challenges.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the process; the budget as a reflection of values; the privilege of serving; acknowledgement that everyone wants to do the best for Culver City; belief that more than the status quo is possible; working collectively with the needs of everyone at the center; concern with blaming the budget deficit on an investment in care, housing, and human services; costs to not taking action; support for the 2021-2022 budget that provided support for the Mobile Crisis Team that came online in 2024; support for Measure RE and Measure BL; reactivation of the Budget Subcommittee; the need to engage the community and rethink priorities and the approach to the budget process; the forecast and unsustainable status quo; solutions other than freezing hiring or eliminating positions; potential reevaluation of the budget process; ways to deal with the structural deficit; staff recommendations; the job of the City Council to set the policy and direction; tools; the forecast; the year-round budget process; value in addressing the ongoing deficit and future needs; new residents who will need services; addressing things the come up; creation of a plan to address issues in the long-term; leveraging the expertise of the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC); a suggestion to hold two budget workshops next year; exploration of using a lobbyist to help fill immediate gaps; Council Member work to share opportunities; the piecemeal grant process through different departments; specific expertise needed for certain grants; the consultant

staff grant writer in Public Works; cost benefit analysis; staff connections through various organizations; encouraging connections with other departments; connections in Sacramento to take advantage of any possibilities; fluctuations in the state budget; government relations; corporate foundations; having one person act as a clearing house; the lobbyist in 2010; the lobbyist in Sacramento vs. the lobbyist in Washington, D.C.; the experience of other cities; and staff agreement to look at quotes.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT AS AMENDED THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CULVER CITY AND INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL \$288,495 FOR THE CCUSD CROSSING GUARDS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, PUZA, VERA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: MCMORRIN

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND BOARDS: ADOPT RESPECTIVE RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY, HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND PARKING AUTHORITY.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, PUZA, VERA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: MCMORRIN

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEES, POLICE SAFETY EMPLOYEES, AND FIRE SAFETY EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, PUZA, VERA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: MCMORRIN

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: AUTHORIZE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT

COMPLETION AND CLOSE OUT SUMMARY AND THE RETURN OF \$1,859,788 FROM FUND 420 TO THE GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE, \$50,000 TO FUND 419, AND \$834,028 TO FUND 475.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: AUTHORIZE THE CITY STAFF TO PERFORM TREASURER TRANSACTIONS FOR THE WSCCOG.

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Item PH-2

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming and Levying the Assessment for the Higuera Street Landscape and Lighting Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES.

Mate Gaspar, Public Works Engineering Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported that no requests to speak had been received.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT LEVY FOR THE HIGUERA STREET LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025.

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Item PH-3

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming and Levying the Assessment for Landscaping Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Mate Gaspar, Public Works Engineering Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported no requests to speak.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT #1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025.

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Item PH-4

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for the Sewer User's Service Charge for Fiscal Year 2024/25

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES.

Mate Gaspar, Public Works Engineering Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Michelle Weiner was called but did not speak.

Albert Medina expressed concern with the proposed increase in property taxes; reported that he was struggling with inflation; discussed rent control; allowing the landlords to raise the rent to share the cost; providing an inclusive and equitable playing field; and he expressed concern with placing the burden on property owners.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding rent control; less and less money available for maintenance and upkeep; support for increasing the fee; problems for property owners; Capital Projects; and costs for diversion of sewer flows from the Fox Hills Sewer Pump Station and other small projects.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported the absence of a majority protest; receipt of eight letters of protest; and she noted that Mr. Medina's comments brought the total in opposition to nine.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION ABSENT A MAJORITY PROTEST CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING THE LEVY OF THE SEWER USER'S SERVICE CHARGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/25.

Council Member Vera exited the dais.

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Item PH-5

Introduction of an Ordinance Approving City-Initiated Zoning Code Amendment P2024-0083-ZCA Amending Title 17 Zoning Sections: 17.330.015 - Definitions, 17.330.040 - Signs in the Public Right of Way, and 17.700.010 - Definitions of Specialized Terms and

**Phrases Related to Digital Wayfinding Kiosks on Public Property;
and a Categorical Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections
15303 (Class 3 Exemption) and 15304 (Class 4 Exemption)**

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA
THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, MCMORRIN, O'BRIEN, PUZA
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: VERA

Christina Burrows, Assistant City Attorney, provided a summary
of the material of record.

Council Member Vera returned to the dais.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Jamie Wallace reported encounters with people who were lost and
having difficulty finding their way in downtown Culver City;
discussed benefits to having kiosks; highlighting local
businesses; use of kiosks when traveling; the power of Culver
City to control sign placement and brightness; use of the proper
restrictions; and community outreach to hear different views
and ideas.

Melissa Sanders felt that the kiosks could help the budget;
discussed targeted marketing in different areas of Culver City;
and she expressed support for the kiosks.

Michelle Weiner urged the City Council to hold off on the zoning
amendment as she felt there was not enough to provide the needed
control as policy setters; discussed the lack of size and height
limits and no limits to the number placed in Culver City;
maintenance; the need to add regulation to the amendment; a
blank kiosk in Playa Vista; concern that the zoning amendment
does not address practical issues; competition for public space;
concern with placing more obstructions in the public right of
way; navigating by phones which most people have; and support
for engaging in public outreach to hear the range of opinions
before moving forward.

Travis Morgan noted that zoning is one of the most important roles of city government; discussed impacts to the character of the community; concern with allowing advertising in public space; wide support for current policies that set Culver City apart from neighboring communities by not allowing billboards and advertising in public space; two community meetings in August 2023 where 22 people were engaged; skepticism when Council Member Eriksson brought the matter to the Exchange Club; concern with the process; the small amount of public input on a change that greatly impacts public space; impacts to cyclists and pedestrians, but lack of consideration by the BPAC; proposed benefits; support for creative ways to create revenue and income for Culver City; the fact that the fiscal impact is not noted in the report; making a data-driven decision; and he encouraged the City Council to allow for more than 22 people to have input, for the BPAC to review the item, for there to be more than one company to make a proposal to the community, and to postpone the decision.

Marci Baun expressed support for wayfinding kiosks; discussed her experience travelling and having trouble finding her way, even with phones; the City-wide Olympics Committee; holding a trial run during the World Cup games; pointing residents to what Culver City has to offer; showcasing school activities; and she felt the kiosks would be of benefit.

Jack Galanty discussed arguments for both sides of the issue; smaller events in Culver City that are not publicized as much due to cost; issues with upkeep of kiosks in other cities; ensuring that the vendors agree to keep information updated and machines maintained; business turnover; negating the value of the signs with outdated information; cost study to determine whether the kiosks would bring value to local business; concern with advertising for larger companies; highlighting local media companies; and he proposed reducing advertising during off peak hours.

Crystal Alexander, speaking as an individual, noted that her experience serving on Culver City bodies and as the former elected City Treasurer informed her remarks; she discussed ways to put together a kiosk program that would be revenue positive to the City with money dedicated to certain programs; available tools if the change in zoning is adopted; opportunities for the community to discuss the item; contractual relationships; she clarified that the current item was to open up the conversation; noted community benefits that outweigh the idea of not moving forward; discussed emergency services; and she urged the City

Council to pass the zoning code amendment to open the conversation about community benefits.

Karim Sahli expressed opposition to the amendment; echoed comments made by Travis Morgan; asserted that the kiosks were nothing more than electronic billboards; discussed the downtown renaissance in the 1990s where advertising was determined to be blight and a ban on billboards was enacted; the zoning change as a ploy to bring back advertising to Culver City; use of phones to help people find their way; negative consequences to advertising; and he asked that the City be free of virtual blight and visual trash noting that it was not worth the money.

Meghan Sahli-Wells noted that the issue kept coming up; expressed hope that the City Council would uphold the will of past City Councils to reject advertising in Culver City; discussed the redevelopment of Culver City in the 1990s based on removing blight and bringing beautification to Culver City; the work of the City Attorney's office to create a strong billboard ordinance; the importance of keeping the prohibition in place; the litigious nature of the advertising industry; exceptions; lawsuits; concern with opening the doors; other critical issues to address; lack of maps; and the abundance of advertising on the kiosks.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding opening the door to the conversation; determining what would be allowable; next steps; kiosks in other cities; people in Culver City who have trouble navigating the area; providing help to visitors; clarification that the proposed ordinance does not have a size limit; the intent to defer the size limit to the RFP (Request for Proposals) process and negotiation with vendors; a Planning Commissioner suggestion to put in a maximum square footage to prevent creating billboards; types of kiosks available with varying screen size; amending the zoning ordinance to have a restriction included; allowing Culver City to go out with an RFP and examine proposals; clarification that the zoning code amendment does not cover specifics of the kiosk, but rather allows consideration; ads on buses; previous discussion and consideration of exploring kiosks; amending the ordinance with a square footage limit; and support for more evaluation and discussions.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification that the item was an introduction of a zoning code amendment and if the amendment is introduced, the plan would be to bring back an RFP; community outreach; the need for a zoning code amendment to move forward with an RFP to determine deal points that would illustrate potential revenue; revenue generated in other cities with kiosks; the 3/2 Planning Commission vote to recommend denial of the zoning code amendment; other cities with broken kiosks; fads that come and go; the ever-changing landscape of technology; novel items that become obsolete quickly; the fact that everything can be done on a phone; the ability to take photos and ask directions on a phone; robust community outreach for Better Overland and Safer Fox Hills projects; the need for more outreach; communication with the business community, residents, and the tourism industry; consideration by the DAC and the BPAC; emergency information provided to a limited portion of the City; the ability to charge a cell phone that dies; equity issues for seniors; other ways for older adults to find information; building intergenerational relationships; limits with googling restaurants in Culver City; building out the tourism website; encouragement for the downtown restaurants to create a website; tourists who plan their trips ahead of time; support for providing information at bus stops; and concern with a lack of value provided by the proposed kiosks.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the community input; recommendations discussed at the Planning Commission to address concerns; items that could be written into the zoning code amendment; issues that can be handled in the RFP and agreement with a vendor; the staff proposal; policy decisions made by the City Council vs. recommendations by the Planning Commission; the valuable tools to educate the community; similar concepts in San Francisco that were solely used for advertising; the downtown concert series; City-sponsored banners; the ability to change information quickly; placement of kiosks all over Culver City to engage different parts of the community; ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) considerations; generating revenue to help with the deficit; and support for including guardrails in the RFP.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding cost to participating cities; net revenue to the cities; whether the examples shared are utilizing the kiosks for community engagement; costs for replacement; negotiations; maintenance as the responsibility of the vendor; frequency of maintenance; the

ability to terminate the agreement if the vendor defaults on maintenance; precautions included in the contract such as defense and indemnity in the event of challenges to the installation; other cities that have been unable to prevent broken kiosks; accessibility issues; the possibility of providing maps of Culver City; impacts to traffic or injuries as a result of moving signs and billboards; ensuring that lighting and position conforms with traffic codes; the fact that community members have not named kiosks as a priority; inviting advertising in at a value that does not strongly support budget issues; changing zoning and changing the culture of the community; the difficulty of changing zoning to open Culver City up to new neighbors, but the ease of opening it up to advertising; the decision to cede public space in a way that people are not asking for; impacts to the overall community; the rationale of losing the small town charm of Culver City when discussing not opening up Culver City to additional housing but not when opening it up to advertising; support for the Planning Commission decision not to approve the item; the need for additional information including real numbers and data; community engagement; whether it is a benefit the City is looking for; meeting the needs of the community; and appreciation for the work done.

Vice Mayor O'Brien moved to amend the zoning code amendment with the addition of limiting the signage to 15 square feet and Council Member Vera seconded the motion.

Christina Burrows, Assistant City Attorney, proposed language amending the definitions of wayfinding kiosk to read: Wayfinding kiosk: an interactive digital wayfinding kiosk, with a screen no greater than 15 square feet in size, installed on public property which shall provide public information and other messaging selected by the City and may include commercial advertising.

Vice Mayor O'Brien accepted the amended language.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT P2024-0083-ZCA MODIFYING SECTIONS: 17.330.015 - DEFINITIONS, 17.330.040 - SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND 17.700.010 - DEFINITIONS OF SPECIALIZED TERMS AND PHRASES, OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE (CCMC) AS IT RELATES TO DIGITAL WAYFINDING KIOSKS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15303 (CLASS 3 EXEMPTION) AND 15304 (CLASS 4 EXEMPTION).

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, VERA
NOES: MCMORRIN, PUZA

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Item PH-6

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Annual Assessment Levy for the Benefit Assessment District West Washington Boulevard No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2024/25

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES.

Elaine Gerety Warner, Economic Development Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported no requests to speak.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING THE LEVY FOR BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/25.

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Item PH-7

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Annual Assessment Levy for the Benefit Assessment District West Washington Boulevard No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2024/25

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES.

Elaine Gerety Warner, Economic Development Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported no requests to speak.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING THE LEVY FOR BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/25.

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Item PH-8

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Annual Assessment Levy for the Benefit Assessment District West Washington Boulevard No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2024/25

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES.

Elaine Gerety Warner, Economic Development Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Mary Foreman Pryor was called to speak but did not respond.

Keith Jones indicated that he had asked that the median strip be continued from where it ends at Beethoven down Washington Boulevard to Costco for consistency; discussed length of the process; he noted that property owners had been paying into the assessment for three years, but nothing had been done; discussed delays; inflation that is eating away at what will be able to be done; frustration for property owners that have been assessed; coordination with the storm water project; support for creating a gateway into Culver City; recognizing Washington as part of Culver City; adding to safety by slowing down cars; and he asked that the City Council approve the item and build the median strip.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding approval of the assessment district in 2019; the pandemic; allocation of funding in 2021; cost effectiveness of a joint bid with Public Works; high bids received; modification of designs; community outreach; the grant attached to the stormwater component; diligent efforts to revise plans; contractor phasing; relocation of the cisterns; the redundant watering system; clarification that the current assessment levy is zero; original charges for related administration fees and staff time to maintain the assessment district; and the agreement between Culver City and the property owners.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING THE LEVY FOR BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD NO. 3 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/25.

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Action Items

Item A-3
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Award of an In-Kind Off-Cycle Special Event Grant in the Minimum Amount of \$1,000 in City Staff Time, to the Institute for Public Strategies for the S.W.I.F.T Youth Summit and Live Well Resource Fair and Designate the Event as a City-Sponsored Event

Jesse Mays, Assistant City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Venture Griswold, Institute for Public Strategies, provided background on herself and the organization; read a statement from Culver City High School (CCHS) student representative Benicio Mora regarding substance misuse, discussing Visionary Leaders in Action, the upcoming S.W.I.F.T. Youth Summit, and inviting everyone to join them on June 23 at Virginia Avenue Park with information available at bit.ly/swiftregister or on fliers at the back of Council Chambers.

Gabriel Hill, Institute for Public Strategies, provided background on the organization; noted that he was available to answer questions; and he expressed gratitude to the City Council for their support.

Vice Mayor O'Brien expressed gratitude to the speakers for staying to address the City Council.

Michelle Weiner indicated wanting to speak on a different item.

Mary Foreman Pryor did not respond when called to speak.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the importance of education; data indicating that providing youth with information and facts results in reductions to substance and alcohol abuse, fewer hospital visits, and community building; and fliers were provided for distribution of information by the City.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AWARD AN IN-KIND, OFF-CYCLE SPECIAL EVENTS GRANT IN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF \$1,000 IN CITY STAFF TIME TO THE INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC STRATEGIES FOR THE S.W.I.F.T YOUTH SUMMIT AND LIVE WELL RESOURCE FAIR AND DESIGNATE THE EVENT AS A CITY-SPONSORED EVENT.

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Item A-1

CC - (1) Discussion of a Change in the Composition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee (MLKJr&JCAC) to Allow for One City Employee Position; and (2) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Ted Stevens, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern with having to redo the process if the change is made; seat length; staggered terms; tabling the item and bringing it up for discussion when Members term out; the number of applicants vs. seats available; the need for a rationale to include a staff representative; reasons why staff representatives make sense on the two Committees that have them; potential conflicts of interest, personnel issues, and overtime issues; the fact that the employee would work on the event anyway; appreciation to staff for working so quickly to provide the report; increasing awareness of policy and limitations; experience of the particular applicant; potential waivers to get around employment issues; lack of consensus to move forward; continued thought about the issue; outreach and effort to ensure a wide group of applicants; and additional time needed in order to explore waivers.

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CC - (1) Appointments to the Civil Service Commission; Cultural Affairs Commission; Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission; Planning Commission; Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness; Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; Disability Advisory Committee; Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee; Finance Advisory Committee; Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board; Martin Luther King Jr. and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee; and LAX Area Advisory Committee; and (2) Direction to the City Clerk Regarding any Vacancies not Filled

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, indicated that speakers were available who had been unable to attend the June 3, 2024 City Council meeting.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Yu-ngok Lo, applicant for The Civil Service Commission (CSC), Planning Commission (PC), Disability Advisory Committee (DAC), and landlord representative on the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board (LTMB), provided background on himself noting that he had applied previously and hoped to be appointed.

Dan Nannini, applicant for the senior resident member position on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), was called to speak but did not respond.

David Duval, applicant to the Martin Luther King Jr. and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee, provided background on himself and discussed his experience and eagerness to serve.

Alexander van Gaalen, PC applicant, was called to speak but did not respond.

Melissa Sanders, applicant to the Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC), Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) resident position, and PC, provided background on herself; indicated that she cared about Culver City; and wanted to be a larger part of it.

Robin Langman, applicant to the DAC, provided background on herself and she reported that since she is retired, she has more than enough time to give to serve the community in any way she can.

Michelle Weiner indicated reapplying to the BPAC; discussed work done while serving to inform the City Council and support staff in goals of active transportation and pedestrian facilities and safety; subcommittee work with representatives from West Los Angeles College to assist in getting the county to put in bike lanes around the campus; continued conversations about additional support for active transportation on campus; reported spending her own time and money attending conferences in order to continue to grow and inform herself; her commitment and value; and she noted that she could be a resident representative, but chose to be a senior representative to provide an excellent model of what seniors can do, how they use active transportation, and what seniors need.

Andrew Flores was called to speak but did not come forward.

Beth Hyatt, current landlord representative on the LTMB and applicant to the DAC, PC, and the LAX Area Advisory Committee; provided background on herself; discussed her service to Culver City; her research tracking the effects of pollution from cars and airplanes; her frequent attendance of UCLA air quality and educational programs; the coming World Cup and 2024 Olympics; the need for strong representation at community meetings; and she expressed appreciation for City Council consideration for her to serve on the open position on the LAX Area Advisory Committee.

Travis Morgan requested reappointment to the BPAC; noted that he is the only member to have served on the BPAC who lives in Fox Hills; observed that the new housing proposed in Fox Hills would result in the area housing 20% of the City's population in the next five years; discussed the importance of civil discourse; contentious issues that impact everyone; time spent outside of meetings engaging with community members; he expressed appreciation for positive relationships with Council Members; and he indicated that he sought data-driven win-win solutions noting research and outreach he does to other cities to identify best practices in the region and in the nation.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for those who were able to stay to speak; a request that in the future the interview process is done over two days rather than one; eliminating barriers; the difficult process to choose between so many qualified applicants desiring to serve Culver City; appreciation to all applicants; encouragement to those not appointed to reapply next time; support for incumbents

who have worked hard; data around age and gender for those currently serving; trends; over-representation in some areas of those serving; appreciation for outreach and for the expansion of those applying; and rationale for supporting different candidates.

Council Member Puza noted that although he works at Loyola Marymount University (LMU), he had not previously met Damon Willick, applicant to the CAC.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for candidates who are already engaged in Culver City; the age demographic of those serving; the many uses of the parks; different ways that people engage; providing representation across the needs of the community; making a switch to incumbents to provide a new perspective; appreciation for lived experience; the feeling that donating money to a group that is suing Culver City is a disqualifying factor for appointment; and concern with First Amendment rights and setting a dangerous precedent in dictating what people can or cannot donate to.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported that Travis Morgan could be considered for either the resident seat or the business seat on the BPAC.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern with not reappointing incumbents; appreciation to Michelle Weiner for her leadership and service to the community; number of terms served; allowing other community members an opportunity to serve; and clarification that demographic information is not included in the application process.

Mayor McMorris questioned whether anyone under the age of 40 had served on the FAC; noted the multiple applications submitted by Alexander Brody; and she encouraged him to apply again if not appointed.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification that the LAX Area Advisory Committee is an outside body and does not affect whether a person serves on a Culver City Commission, Board or Committee (CBC); and City Council consensus was achieved from Vice Mayor O'Brien and Council Members Eriksson, Puza and Vera that Adam Moore serve as a backup appointment if Kevin Klowden is not able to complete his term.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, received City Council agreement to hold the motion on the item until after Item A-4, to allow time to organize the seats of each body.

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Item A-3

CC - (1) Discussion of a Culver City Commission, Board, or Committee on Women and Girls and (2) If Desired, Formation of an Ad Hoc City Council Subcommittee on the Women and Girls Committee Formation and Appointment of Two Council Members Thereto

Jesse Mayes, Assistant City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

Melissa Sanders was called to speak but was not present.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding encouragement to have the EHRAC consider the item; data in the distribution between male and female members of CBCs; capacity of staff to take on a new subcommittee; the ability to reprioritize items; the general focus on white working males; gender parity; creating a City that is built for all; designing a City built for single low income working mother of color; creation of an ad hoc stand-alone subcommittee of the City Council; staff time related to any new type of subcommittee; consultation with Culver City female members of the Heart of LA Democratic Club who felt the issue should be under the purview of the EHRAC; the feeling that forming a new body would tax staff more than having EHRAC include it in their work plan; staff time related to a CBC; ancillary support services required for each CBC; lack of consensus to form a body; intentional investment in pipelines to leadership; ensuring inclusivity of LGBTQ people; important tasks being handled by the EHRAC; equity work that should be a part of all work; the need for more investment in young girls and young women; the single application from a female student; disappointment that the City Council is not taking action; conversations with the State Board on Women and Girls and the County Commission on Women and Girls; determining specific tasks to address; benchmarking other cities that have made a commitment; and appreciation for staff efforts.

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Item A-5

CC - (1) Consideration of Adoption of a Position to Oppose the Referendum Challenging the 2022 Law Prohibiting New Oil and Gas Wells Near Homes, Schools, and Hospitals, which Appears on the November 5, 2024 Ballot; (2) Direction to the City Manager to Disseminate Information about the City Council's Position on the Referendum across the City's Communications Channels; and/or (3) Other Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record noting that Isaac Bryan had introduced AB (Assembly Bill) 421 to reduce the potential for voter confusion by changing the question to voters to be whether they want to keep the law passed by the legislature or overturn the law proposed and striking confusing yes and no language on page 3.

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Meghan Sahli-Wells thanked the City Council for bringing the item forward and to staff for their work; reported being a volunteer with the Campaign for a Safe and Healthy California; discussed the focus on stopping drilling for oil next to homes, kindergartens, daycare centers, churches, and hospitals; appreciation to Ms. Wolfberg for clarifying the language; she asked that the City Council unanimously vote to adopt a position to keep the law because that is what voters will see at the ballot box in November; and she offered to answer any questions.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PUZA, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE POSITION TO KEEP THE LAW ON THE REFERENDUM TO OVERTURN SB 1137.

Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, received City Council direction for staff to proceed with dissemination of the information.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor McMorris invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, indicated no requests to speak.

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Item A-2
(Continued)

CC - (1) Appointments to the Civil Service Commission; Cultural Affairs Commission; Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission; Planning Commission; Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness; Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; Disability Advisory Committee; Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee; Finance Advisory Committee; Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board; Martin Luther King Jr. and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee; and LAX Area Advisory Committee; and (2) Direction to the City Clerk Regarding any Vacancies not Filled

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding fulfillment of the uncompleted term on the Disability Advisory Committee; it was determined that Robin Langman would complete the uncompleted term in seat 5 on the DAC through 2026; clarification that Clara Ramos would not be appointed to the EHRAC as there is not a free seat available; and concern with a lack of support for the incumbents.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'BRIEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAKE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

1. APPOINT CHI MING GONG TO SEAT NO. 3 ON THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A FULL TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2028; AND,
2. APPOINT DAMON WILLYCK TO SEAT NO. 3 ON THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR A FULL-TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028; AND,
3. APPOINT MARCI BAUN TO SEAT NO. 1 OF THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION FOR A FULL-TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2028; AND,
4. APPOINT JACKSON BRISSETTE TO SEAT NO. 4 OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A FULL-TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2028; AND,
5. APPOINT PATRICK GODINEZ TO SEAT NO. 1, DANA SAYLES TO SEAT NO. 2, AMBERLY WASHINGTON TO SEAT NO. 4, AND KHIN KHIN GYI TO SEAT NO. 6 FOR FULL TERMS EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2028 TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS; AND,

6. APPOINT HUNTER SALEM TO THE YOUTH/STUDENT MEMBER SEAT, CAROLYN LIBUSER TO RESIDENT SENIOR MEMBER SEAT, TRAVIS MORGAN TO RESIDENT MEMBER NO. 1, J. MARVIN CAMPBELL TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY MEMBER SEAT, AND ANNE EASLEY TO THE PARENT SEAT FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026 ON THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND,

7. APPOINT MARIE ALBERTSON TO SEAT NO. 2, JESSICA BURNETT TO SEAT NO. 4, YU-NGOK LO TO SEAT NO. 6 AND SHELLENA LEFTRIDGE TO SEAT NO. 7 FOR FULL TERMS EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2028, AND APPOINT ROBIN LANGMAN TO SEAT NO. 5 FOR A PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026 ON THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND,

8. APPOINT SAMIA BANO TO SEAT NO. 2, REBECCA RONA-TUTTLE TO SEAT NO. 4, CARLOS VALVERDE TO SEAT NO. 6, FOR FULL TERMS EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2028, AND BENICIO MORA-FATTORINI TO THE YOUTH SEAT FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2025 ON THE EQUITY AND HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND,

9. APPOINT MARC BAUER TO RESIDENT MEMBER SEAT NO. 1, LEIGH AUSTIN TO RESIDENT MEMBER SEAT NO. 2, KEITH JONES TO BUSINESS MEMBER SEAT NO. 4, AND VIKRAM THAKUR TO BUSINESS MEMBER SEAT NO. 5 FOR FULL TERMS EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2028, TO THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND

10. APPOINT ALEXANDER BRODY TO FILL TENANT - SEAT NO. 1, JUSTIN LESCOULIE TO FILL LANDLORD - SEAT NO. 1, AND VELMA HARRISON TO FILL MEMBER-AT-LARGE - SEAT NO. 1 TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT MEDIATION BOARD FOR FULL TERMS EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2028; AND,

11. APPOINT KARENA BIBBINS-MCKEEVER TO SEAT NO. 1, LISA GORDON CAIN TO SEAT NO. 2, CURTIS RAYNOR TO SEAT NO. 3, AND ANDREW WEISS TO SEAT NO. 4 FOR FULL TERMS OF THREE YEARS EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2027 AS WELL AS APPOINT DAVID DUVAL TO SEAT NO. 5, CHRISTIAN GREEN TO SEAT NO. 6, LATOYA HEARNS TO SEAT NO. 7, CARISSA JOY SMITH TO SEAT NO. 8, AND AMBER KEARNEY TO SEAT NO. 9 FOR FULL TERMS OF FOUR YEARS EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2028 TO THE MLK JR. CELEBRATION AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND,

12. APPOINT KEVIN KLOWDEN, LUCIANO NOCERA AND BETH HYATT TO THE LAX AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FULL ONE-YEAR TERMS OF JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 WITH ADAM MOORE AS A BACK UP SHOULD KEVIN KLOWDEN DETERMINE THAT HE CANNOT DO ANOTHER TERM.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, O'BRIEN, PUZA, VERA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: MCMORRIN

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Items from Council Members

Council Member Vera discussed the lives of Gary Allen Brann and Sharon Blon and asked that the meeting be adjourned in their memory.

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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

Vice Mayor O'Brien received unanimous City Council consensus to agendize consideration of exploring adding a pedestrian bike bridge at Ince to provide access to Ballona Creek.

Mayor McMorris read a quote from Reverend James Lawson as well as a brief biography about his life, and she asked that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 12:45 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2024, the City Council, Housing Authority Board, Parking Authority Board, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned in memory of Reverend James Lawson, Gary Allen Brann, and Sharon Blon to a meeting to be held on June 24, 2024.

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Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council and SECRETARY of the
Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency
Board, Redevelopment Financing Authority, Culver City Parking
Authority and Culver City Housing Authority Board
Culver City, California

YASMINE-IMANI MCMORRIN
MAYOR of Culver City, California and CHAIR of the Successor
Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board,
Redevelopment Financing Authority, Culver City Housing
Authority Board, and Culver City Parking Authority

Date: _____