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

March 10, 2014
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority to order at 3:03 p.m.

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

*Councilmember O'Leary arrived at 3:19 p.m.

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Joint Action Items

Item JA-1

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PARKING AUTHORITY/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: Study Session – Presentation of Current and Proposed Work Plans for City Departments

John Nachbar, City Manager, clarified the purpose of the presentation and discussed scheduling.

Chris Sellers, Fire Chief, discussed highlights for 2013-2014 and presented an overview of the 2014-2015 Fire Department Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding resurrecting programs lost through previous budget cuts; Fire Station #2; the training facility; funding opportunities; the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs' Association; regional training sites; satellite training sites; the grant process; alternate funding sources; Emergency Management Plans; and hazardous material inspections.

* Councilmember O'Leary joined the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Mike Bowden, Fire Marshal, discussed City businesses and hazardous materials; contact information; the pre-fire plan for each business; the California Environmental Reporting System; additional training for inspectors; and operating within the existing budget.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding CERT training; lessons learned from issues with the Los Angeles Fire Department; the work plan; appreciation to staff for the new process; training tower replacement; the Fire Prevention Volunteer Program; internships; the oil drilling ordinance; training; hazardous materials stored in Culver City; Emergency Vehicle Technician Certification; items removed from last year's work plan; the Employee Operations Procedure Handbook; changes to wording to indicate progress on tasks; the user friendly Emergency Preparedness webpage; community outreach; Smart 911; the Elected Officials Guide to Emergency Management; a priority list from the Fire Department; identifying those businesses that use the most hazardous materials; and monitoring.

Don Pederson, Police Chief, discussed highlights for 2013-2014 and presented an overview of the 2014-2015 Police Department Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding AB 109; Megan’s Law; parking control strategies; committee meetings; AutoChalk; special permit districts; parking enforcement upgrades; joint jurisdictional issues around MetroRail; in-car camera systems; School District partnerships; the school resource officer position; juvenile diversion; investigating whether certain programs can be reinstated; the parking enforcement workshop; the Citizen’s Police Academy; community outreach; CicLAvia; the bike rack in front of the Police Station; cycling events; rules of the road; bicycle enforcement; the proposed smart phone app.; programs in other cities; social media; Smart 911; password retrieval; goals and milestones; the strategic plan; increasing efficiencies and encouraging teamwork; budget issues; organizational culture and values; license plate scanners; effective implementation; setting priorities; City Council feedback; recruitment; online reporting; signature requirements; the Budget Manager; grants and grants administration; ongoing maintenance; red light cameras; analyzing types of accidents; actions of other cities; public resistance; monthly reports; street sweeping; moving parking enforcement out of the police department; the Walker Parking Study; parking meter installations; interdepartmental cooperation; insurance data; 911 emergency dispatch; mandatory overtime; Coffee with a Cop; and the impact of developments on the safety of the community.

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, discussed highlights for 2013-2014 and presented an overview of the 2014-2015 Finance Department Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding auditing of business taxes; home businesses; Muni Services; the Business Tax Inspector; confusion with the business tax bill; auditing focus; higher dollar tax payers; outsourcing of payment processing; and appreciation to staff for their hard work.

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:00 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority adjourned their meeting to the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00 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 Successor Agency,
Housing Authority, and
Parking Authority
Culver City, California

JEFFREY COOPER
MAYOR of Culver City, California and CHAIR of the Successor Agency,
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

March 10, 2014
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

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Closed Session

At 5:00 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation – (3 items)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

CS-2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Re: Initiation of Litigation – 1 Matter
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

CS-3 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Re: City of Culver City, et al. v. Michael Cohen, et al.
Case No. 34-2013-80001719
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

CS-4 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Re: Juanita Alamillo v. Culver City
Case No. SC116196
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

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Reconvene

Mayor Cooper reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:12 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristin Bell.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Cooper indicated there was nothing to report from closed session.

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Presentation

Item P-1

Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Participants in the Los Angeles Marathon from the City's Sister City of Kaizuka, Japan

Marla Wolkowitz, Culver City Sister City Committee, Inc. thanked the City for helping celebrate the 50th anniversary of the sister city relationship with Uruapan, Mexico; she announced upcoming anniversaries with other cities; and discussed various marathons.

Matt Seeberger, Exchange Marathon Chairman, thanked the City for its assistance and introduced marathon participants who thanked the City for their support, encouraged everyone to visit Kaizuka, and presented gifts to the City Council.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells presented certificates of recognition to the runners.

Mayor Cooper presented the runners with gifts.

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Community Announcements by City Councilmembers/Information Items from Staff

Mayor Cooper reported making the opening remarks at the Youth and Government meeting; discussed the proposed fracking ban proposed by the City of Los Angeles; and received City Council consensus to agendize a discussion of a moratorium and ban on fracking for consideration at the meeting of March 24, 2014.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding the draft drilling ordinance; the draft timeline; options; actions of the City of Los Angeles; the specific plan; the discussion draft; public comment; industry comment; regulations to protect the health and safety of residents; proposals by the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR); the effectiveness of working regionally; outreach; and enhanced power by working as a joint coalition.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells announced the Annual Fundraiser for the Youth Health Center on March 15; Casino Night at the High School on March 15; discussed the work of the Sustainability Subcommittee on the Parkway Ordinance and announced an informational meeting on March 20 at City Hall; asked about the availability of staff to make presentations at Neighborhood Association meetings; and the Parkway survey on the City website.

Councilmember O’Leary received clarification regarding responsibility for sinkholes in the parkway after tree plantings.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells announced the next meeting of the Community Advisory Panel on March 27 at the Kenneth Hahn Recreation Center.

Councilmember O’Leary wished everyone a happy and safe St. Patrick’s Day; reported missing the Expo. Board meeting but attending the Joint Policy Committee meeting of Southern California Association of Governments; discussed water issues; fixing water problems outside of the state; a 1968 law prohibiting California from importing water; and his appointment to the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Mayor Cooper commended Councilmember O’Leary for his leadership and for pointing out water issues in many northern states.

Councilmember Weissman discussed the many achievements of Red Betts in the City and requested that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Alan Corlin discussed the Community Benefits Program for developers; a project in process on Washington Boulevard; mitigated negative declarations; tandem parking; community benefits vs. density tradeoffs; rents and profits collected from additional dwellings; his perspective as a former Councilmember; and he requested consideration of revisiting the allowable maximum density per acre in Culver City, the Community Benefits Program, and the granting of mitigated negative declarations based on incremental increases being below a particular threshold of a project and not taking into consideration the area as a whole.

Jennifer Mulder, Vox Femina, thanked the City for their support; announced their upcoming Performing Arts Grant supported free concert at the Culver City Presbyterian Church on March 16.

Mark Hensley discussed energy efficiency in Culver City; suggested instituting a program called CCHERP or the Culver City Home Energy Retrofit Program sponsored by the Energy Network, Energy Upgrade California, Southern California Edison and the Gas Company; he discussed education; other participating cities; he asked to be placed on a future agenda so that the developer could make a presentation; and noted that he had already been working with the City.

Mayor Cooper encouraged Mr. Hensley to provide staff with information and make a presentation to the Sustainability Subcommittee.

Dr. Janet Hoult discussed Arbor Day and the Urban Forest.

Charles Hoult discussed an article in Culver City Life; the long term plan of the City; the tree survey project; resident input; notification; the survey process; and acceptable tree species.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the study to develop a sustainability plan for the urban forest; the RFP process; the evaluation stage to select a consultant; community outreach; public meetings and input; and the notification list.

Kevin Klowden asserted that Coral trees were difficult to maintain; he thanked Councilmember O'Leary for his work regarding water issues; requested transparency regarding 4545 Sepulveda; expressed concern with long-term environmental costs when compressors are removed; and the decision-making process of the property owner.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding 4545 Sepulveda Boulevard; alleviating safety concerns; whether the property would continue as an ice rink; the specific use variance; existing regulations; and the focus of the City to abate a public safety hazard.

Tamara Coffin discussed the actions of Mr. Karagozian, and expressed concern with a lack of communication or compromise and the loss of revenue to surrounding businesses.

J.E. Brockm expressed support for a collaboration with Los Angeles for a moratorium on fracking; asserted that SB4 would not protect the City; discussed cooperation by the oil company; water usage; ground water; regulating earthquakes; injection wells; the United States Geological Survey; accidents that accompany fracking; hydrogen sulfide; the Air Quality Management District; she urged everyone to attend a Community Advisory Panel meeting; and she asserted that regulations would not protect the City, and that a moratorium was necessary.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells encouraged anyone who smelled odors or sees a car emitting significant pollution to call 1-800-CUT-SMOG.

Josetta Sbeglia spoke representing the Culver City Arts District; discussed growth of the district; other businesses in the arts district; she requested support from the City Council for a Summer Solstice Event on June 21; discussed Make Music L.A.; provided posters and postcards to the City; and noted that entertainment would be provided on private property.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

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

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF RED BETTS.

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1

Cash Disbursements

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2014 – FEBRUARY 28, 2014.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE ITEMS C-2, C-3 (EXCLUDING THE NICKERSON COMPANY), C-4 AND C-5.

Item C-2
(Out of Order)

Approval of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Asher Harel Regarding City-Owned Property Located at 10745 Cranks Road

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT TO SELL THE 10745 CRANKS ROAD PROPERTY TO ASHER HAREL IN THE AMOUNT OF $900,000; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-3

Approval of Professional Services Agreements with APA Engineering, Inc., APD Consultants, Inc., CivilSource Inc., Dudek, Interwest Consulting Group, KOA Corporation, Project Partners, RTI Consulting, Inc., and The Nickerson Company for General Public Works Inspection Services

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH APA ENGINEERING, INC., APD CONSULTANTS, INC., CIVILSOURCE INC., DUDEK, INTERWEST CONSULTING GROUP, KOA CORPORATION, PROJECT PARTNERS, AND RTI CONSULTING, INC., FOR GENERAL PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTION SERVICES IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $500,000 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2017; 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.

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Item C-4

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Time Warner Cable for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on Selmaraine Drive and in an Alley West of Sepulveda Boulevard and South of Slauson Avenue

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER CABLE; AND

2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-5

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Zayo Group for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on Hannum Avenue and Bristol Parkway

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH ZAYO GROUP;

2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-1
(Out of Sequence)

Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Clarke referenced an article in California Cities about cities that are moving away from written, printed minutes.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the usefulness of printed meeting minutes and the need for further research and discussion of the matter.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014.

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Item C-3
(Out of Sequence)

Approval of Professional Services Agreements with APA Engineering, Inc., APD Consultants, Inc., CivilSource Inc., Dudek, Interwest Consulting Group, KOA Corporation, Project Partners, RTI Consulting, Inc., and The Nickerson Company for General Public Works Inspection Services

Councilmember O'Leary discussed the RFP process.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding the nature of the process and advantages of having multiple companies to choose from.

Councilmember Weissman recused himself from the item and exited the dais.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE NICKERSON COMPANY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTION SERVICES IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $500,000 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2017; 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.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	CLARKE, COOPER, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
RECUSED:	WEISSMAN

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Joint Action Items

Item JA-1

(1) Approval of Assignment of All Rights, Interests and Obligations Related to Certain Parking Facilities from the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency to the City of Culver City; and, (2) Adoption by the Successor Agency of a Resolution Approving Revisions to the Long Range Property Management Plan Submitted to the State Department of Finance and Making a Finding that Assignment of Successor Agency Obligations to the City is Consistent with the Intentions of State Assembly Bill ABx1 26 as Amended by AB 1484

Glenn Heald, Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding direct costs to the City; compensation agreements; tax liabilities; benefits vs. costs; retention of the parking structures and lots; consideration of parking related issues; the disposition and development of projects that have been pending; the significance of the item; and the conditional approval.

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed the Walker Parking Study; kicking the can down the road; lost opportunities; taking advantage of the parking study; procrastination; and he asked the City to take advantage of opportunities.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT OF ALL OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY'S RIGHTS, TITLE, INTEREST, POWERS, PRIVILEGES AND OTHER INCIDENCES OF OWNERSHIP IN AND TO ALL DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT(S) AND PARKING AGREEMENTS ENCUMBERING THE SIX PARKING FACILITIES PROPOSED FOR RECLASSIFICATION AS “PROPERTIES TO BE RETAINED TO FULFILL ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATIONS” AS IDENTIFIED HEREIN, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY, REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE

CITY, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE CERTIFICATES OF ACCEPTANCE.

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Receipt and Filing of the Preliminary Fiber Network Design and Business Plan Framework, and (2) Discussion of Fiber Feasibility Plan Executive Summary and Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Michele Williams, Chief Information Officer, provided a presentation on the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding engagement of the business community; reduced fees from ISPs if the City builds the infrastructure; incorporating the needs of schools into the plan; the timeframe; the service provider; Culver Studios; partnerships; and smaller businesses vs. Larger businesses.

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson asked that previous City Council approval of WiFi for the entire City be realized; he discussed cable internet; and serving residents and businesses.

Paul Ehrlich provided a broad overview of an email he had sent to Councilmembers with questions and comments; discussed the notification process for the meeting; concern with not getting a return on money invested in Phase 1 and 2; Phase 3 and 4; covering the entire City; timing of the bills; he suggested involving larger businesses; establishing a Board of Directors consisting of the City and IT experts at large businesses; discussed the potential contribution of larger businesses; lowering costs; Wilshire One; other co-locations; proximity; and looking at other models.

CCUSD Board Member Steve Levin discussed interest by the School District; working with the City on the schedule and the fiber optic network; a suggestion to work together earlier in the process; and Common Core.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells clarified that it was early in the process, and she questioned whether the School District would be willing to participate financially.

CCUSD Board Member Sue Robins discussed partnerships between the School District, the City and the business community; preparing youth for jobs in the City; and she asked that the School District be included in an earlier phase and considered in the planning.

Steven Rose, President/CEO of the Culver City Chamber of Commerce, indicated that the item was a result of economic development outreach in the City; discussed challenges to redevelop areas; the reason for targeting smaller businesses; buildings with multiple businesses; and creating “Silicon Hills.”

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding support for further discussion with anyone interested in joining the enterprise; Common Core; openness of the process; the need of the community; the return on investment; involving the School District; building a system capable of growth; home businesses; the importance of providing service to libraries and City facilities; companies already providing fiber in the City; concern with potential price undercutting; different models; including public benefits in the economic analysis; marketing to attract new businesses; discerning demand and interest in the five target areas; the human component; next steps in the process; existing infrastructure; price estimates; providing service to target businesses vs. the entire City; the competitive arena; political implications; the break-even point; conservative estimates; indirect revenues; responsibility of the business owners to connect to the tap; cost sharing; monthly fees; operational aspects of the project; maintaining the network and running the business; the potential need for contracted assistance; and incumbent carriers.

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Item A-2

Discussion of Event Sponsorship Policy and Direction to the City Manager

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed differing rules for different events; violations; the Committee on Permits and Licenses; penalties for non-compliance; the involvement of the Mayor with a group that has violated the rules; and a request that rules and regulations be attached to the conditions of events.

Seth Horowitz, Culver Hotel, discussed confusion with receiving information on the item; questioned why a presentation had not been made; expressed concern with impacts to the downtown area; noted the importance of the item; discussed the proposed expansion of Town Plaza; and community, business and residential benefits of events taking place around the City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding holding the item to be included as part of the planned discussion on specific sponsorships for March 24, 2014 to allow time for the Downtown Business Association (DBA) and others to analyze the item.

Steven Rose, President and CEO of the Culver City Chamber of Commerce, suggested as part of application requirements that any organization requesting sponsorship provide their non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service, a copy of their current liability insurance, a copy of their IRS filing, and their business license.

Eric Sims, Downtown Business Association (DBA), echoed the comments of Mr. Rose noting the importance of accountability and consideration of track record; he requested additional time to consider the report; he noted the importance of dialog with staff regarding pros and cons of events and impacts to business in the area; he requested that the downtown businesses be included as part of any plan involving programming events in the area; he asserted that the more that the DBA is involved in the events, the more successful events can be; and that DBA involvement be formalized in the discussion.

Councilmembers Weissman received clarification that the City did not limit sponsorships to non-profits.

The City Council agreed to defer the item for consideration on March 24, 2014.

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Item A-3

Adopt a Resolution approving a Joint Application with the City of Los Angeles and CicLAvia for Grant Funds through Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Open Streets Program for the CicLAvia Culver City Event

Councilmember O'Leary recused himself from consideration of the item.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND CICLAVIA FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S OPEN STREETS PROGRAM FOR THE CICLAVIA CULVER CITY EVENT. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
RECUSED: O'LEARY

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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from Councilmembers

Items from Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Reported on her visit to Washington D.C. where she spoke at the National Bike Summit regarding Political Activity and Bike Advocacy; she discussed growing bike share programs; Capital Bike Share; and learning from existing programs

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:38 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of Red Betts to Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
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CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

March 18, 2014
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority and Parking Authority to order at 4:01 p.m.

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

*Mayor Cooper arrived at 4:43 p.m.

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Councilmember O'Leary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Joint Action Items

Item JA-1

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PARKING AUTHORITY/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: Study Session – Presentation of Current and Proposed Work Plans for City Departments

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided highlights for 2013-2014 and a summary of the 2014-2015 Public Works Department Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding parking; renegotiation of the street sweeping contract; adding an art element to the bicycle racks; funding sources; the Active Transportation Program; relocation of the Southern California Edison transition poles; assistance of the City Attorney’s Office; the GIS map book; assistance from the IT Department; funding sources; updating the Municipal Code for Right-of-Way Management; the Urban Forest Management Plan; public input; recommendations; funding; the need to start the process; cost effective action; the work plan; milestones and goals; storm water funding; use of a consultant; actions of other cities and available information; cost per household; water conservation and enforcement; voluntary compliance; complaints; code enforcement; staffing; typographical errors; completion dates and prioritization; making the schedule for resurfacing and tree trimming available to the public; the pavement management program; changing conditions; street sweeping hours; electric charging stations; the San Diego program; public/private partnerships; grants and upfront costs.

* Mayor Cooper joined the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Discussion continued between staff and Councilmembers regarding a suggestion to create a City Council Parking Subcommittee; the staff Traffic Committee; whether Public Works has a wish list of items to pursue if money became available; infrastructure funding; storm water funding; assessment districts; addressing deferred maintenance; consolidation of sewer pump stations; the Enhanced Watershed Management Plan; the Culver City Municipal Code Subdivisions Ordinance; the Taggers Program; the Annual Creek Clean Up; Storm Water Public Outreach and Facilities Inspection; mat cleaning at restaurants; accountability; tying approval of restaurants to proper cleaning procedures; education; involving schools and students in the water conservation process; working with the Sustainability Subcommittee; the Star Eco Station Children's Earth Festival; appreciation for projects moving forward; updates to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; grant funding; revising the Municipal Code to incorporate bicycle infrastructure in development plans; parking districts; the State Subdivision Map Act; hard copy maps vs. computer maps; owning rather than renting street lights; completing the system vs. upgrading the system; the Asset Management Program; handheld devices for the tagger program; repeat offenders; coordination with the Police Department; problem locations; responsibility for maintaining different areas; penalties for tagging; the Green Halo program; waste diversion; Cal Recycle; household hazardous materials; education and outreach; making it more convenient to get rid of waste; separate containers for hazardous materials; concern with mixing hazardous materials; the environmental education program; targeted outreach; coordination with Earth month; cable broadcasting of presentations; Coastal Clean Up Day; the Environmental Education Program; the School Board Sustainability Committee; AB341 business recycling; work with the Chamber of Commerce; storm water mandates; the West LA College project to collect storm water; the Green Street Policy; permeable pavement; maintenance for Baldwin Avenue rain parkways; eliminating the grass at City Hall; summer concert seating; event waste recycling at Fiesta La Ballona; the actions of Vancouver and partnering with cell companies for EV charging stations; lighting under Ballona Creek bridges; odors coming from the storm drains; improper mat cleaning; illegally discharged sump pumps; the Farmers Market; the installation of curtains on the storm drain at Cardiff and a request for installation at additional sites; circumventing the pooling; and issues on Jefferson Boulevard.

Councilmember Weissman reported receipt of a letter from the Department of Finance approving the Agency's use or disposition of all properties listed on the Long Range Property Management Plan that will provide the City with the ability to move forward with all projects

John Nachbar, City Manager, expressed appreciation to Councilmember Weissman for his efforts.

Art Ida, Transportation Director, provided highlights for 2013-2014 and a summary of the 2014-2015 Public Works Department Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the previously discussed downtown shuttle program; the Washington/National project; encouraging bus ridership; the existing system; developing a plan to address the loss of the parking lot; monitoring parking lot use; providing adequate public notice before lot closure; outreach to the business community around the TOD; Culver City buses vs. other buses; the incentive program; developing a team concept; Culver City named the Number 1 Municipal Fleet in the nation; targeting the younger generation; social media; the importance of communication; making the buses easier to use; maps; the website; overlap between transit and active transportation; the transportation system as a whole; actions of Metro to include cycling and walking; the first and last mile; natural gas; Zero Emission Vehicles; unproven technology; offering fueling to other agencies; logistics; reducing costs for personnel issues; the Sony/Expo shuttle for employees; public private partnerships; museums; pedi-cabs; adequate demand; spatial issues; rider incentives; free fare days; application for awards; bus schedules; traffic delays; communicating delays to riders; employee tardy issues and effects on riders; employee parking; opportunities for a marketing plan; ridership levels; and school field trips.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:50 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority adjourned their meeting to Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

March 24, 2014
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority to order at 4:07 p.m.

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

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Joint Action Items

Item JA-1

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PARKING AUTHORITY/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: Study Session – Presentation of Current and Proposed Work Plans for City Departments

Dan Hernandez, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided department highlights for 2013-2014 and a summary of the proposed Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department 2014-2015 Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding initiating a separate fee structure for field trips; increased entry fees for amusement parks; financial assistance; clarification that camp fees are revenue neutral; the Teen Center sponsorship program; outreach; sponsorship input before creating programs; staff time for Fiesta La Ballona; effects to other programming; the Fiesta La Ballona Committee; Party in the Park; periodic assessments; the scrolling marquee at the Veterans Memorial Building; stage lighting; improving the sound system; the Community Cultural Plan; family swim vs. groups generating revenue; drop-in swim; balance; elementary school competitions; partnerships with the school district; youth sports programs; subsidies; staffing; re-landscaping the downtown business district; maintenance cutbacks; soccer in Tellefson Park; dedicated facilities; specific use fields; field conditions; park lighting; special events and parking issues; additional parks in the City; underserved areas; revamping the General Plan in the future; LA County tax default sales; community gardens; open space; passive use; adding expansion of parks and open space as part of the long-term plan; long range wish list items; institution of Wi-Fi at Vets in this Fiscal Year; fee changes; long-term users; the resident discount policy; using Vets as an emergency shelter; City readiness for emergencies; recreation classes; Culver City Living; using banners to announce registration dates; outreach; class attendance; social media; interns; the fire arts class; playground improvements; the skate park; scooters; different demographics; the Senior Nutrition Program; kitchen use; cooking classes; a stand-alone fee for the kitchen; internships; unused Caltrans land; the landscape contractor; issues with over-aggressive trimming; the increase in filming permit fees; balancing park programming with filming; building a sports facility at Culver City Park; the popularity of soccer; actual soccer demand; long-range park planning; artificial turf; AYSO; school district partnerships; maintenance; biofiltration pits; adult softball; and the new scoreboard.

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Booker Pearson, Upward Bound House, discussed the work of the organization and asked that the money for the Rental Assistance Program be reprogrammed to cover administrative costs for Upward Bound.

Councilmember O'Leary received an update from Mr. Pearson on a family that he had recommended to seek help from Upward Bound and he indicated support for Mr. Pearson's request.

Keith Jones discussed previous approval to extend the median strip on West Washington Boulevard down to the area near Costco; he asked that the project be included in the Area Improvement Plan; and he discussed identifying the area as Culver City, and safety issues.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:42 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority adjourned their meeting to Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

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

March 27, 2014
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the Adjourned Special Meeting of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority to order at 3:06 p.m.

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

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Joint Action Items

Item JA-1

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PARKING AUTHORITY/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: Study Session – Presentation of Current and Proposed Work Plans for City Departments

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, provided department highlights for 2013-2014 and a summary of the proposed Community Development Department 2014-2015 Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding priority projects; outsourcing the plan approval process; the development permitting process; plan review; staffing needs; the timeline; inspectors; the internal work plan; work flow; pass through costs; the fee schedule; accomplishing the workload; fluctuating development; advancing funds for outsourced work; impacts of the multiple projects on the City; communication with the City of Los Angeles; the cluster of development at Washington/National; a request to agendize a discussion of longer construction hours vs. a diminished length of development; diminishing traffic impacts and safety issues; the concrete pour; seasonal hours; public input; noise issues; different types of work; notification to adjacent residents; the Westfield DDA; the OPA; the sign agreement; the City’s ability to review the signs; onsite services; the Media Lounge; the Sign Code; legal issues; restrictions on advertising; media and entertainment connected to Culver City; prohibited items; Housing Program implementation; the Rental Assistance Program; casualties of redevelopment; State Senator Mitchell and Congresswoman Bass; funding in the short term; building affordable housing; eventual funding of programs; support for maintaining current programs; the Regional Housing Needs Assessment; matching available resources; building affordable units; exploration of incentive zoning for affordable units; amendments to the zoning ordinance; the candidates forum; good faith efforts; signage in the City; the zoning ordinance; seasonal signage; banners; new businesses; the public right-of-way; City signage; clarification that wares are not allowed on the public way; sidewalk sales; special event permits; real estate signs; code enforcement; record retention; acquiring Media Park; the Culver City lease; enforcement issues; increasing the frequency of City Council meetings; Successor Agency meetings; special meetings; discretionary decisions; vacating alleys; maintenance; the Washington/Centinela project; the Upward Bound request to reprogram Rental Assistance monies; SB341; legal issues; limitations; administrative costs; Culver Village; creating an economic development corporation; the Arts District; the Public Art Ordinance; the Cultural Affairs Commission; objectives of the district; streetscaping; the Art Fund; communication; a suggestion to create an online interactive map with upcoming developments and a timeline; parklets; Community Development Block Grants; the youth representative; follow up and updates to the CDBG process; increased development; seeing the big picture for the community in the next ten years; the General Plan; building active transportation into all development; the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; the Municipal Code; bicycle parking requirements for developments; electric car charging; the Metro Pass Program; affordable housing; City records; searchable pdfs vs. scans; tags; summer internships; Pacific Theatres; the DDA; the Town Plaza Expansion; the General Design Review Committee; staff review; utilization of the bond proceeds; having the capacity to process what needs to be done; project review; design issues; discretionary projects; preserving the housing program; Parcel B vs. Washington/National; the entitlement portion; the dissolution of redevelopment; the title transfer; plan preparation; prioritization; the original entitlement and environmental review for Parcel B; trip generation; maximizing parking beneath Town Plaza; consistency; concern with undermining the other projects; Culver Studios; agendizing a discussion of creating an entrance on Culver Boulevard; public input; the Culver Hotel; the Walker Parking Study; the Market Hall; potential parking and traffic impacts that a larger tenant could produce; due diligence; making the public feel welcome; accessing the train station during development; Hayden Tract parking; property values; Brotman and the Sons of Norway; Upward Bound and helping homeless families; a signage ordinance and properties abutting the freeway; incentive zoning for affordable housing; parking structure management; potential increases in funding to the Art Fund; creating gateway art into Culver City on main thoroughfares; Washington Boulevard; median improvements to the City boundary; the Area Improvement Plan; Tilden Terrace leasing; the project timelines; and the Jazz Bakery project.

Serena Wright, Human Resources Director, provided department highlights for 2013-2014 and a summary of the proposed Human Resources Department 2014-2015 Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding internships; the City Council/School Board Liaison Committee; diversity; outreach to veterans; Ban the Box legislation; Commission applications; emergency services; the salary survey; and openness of the Employees Association to a multi-year contract.

Michele Williams, Chief Information Officer, provided department highlights for 2013-2014 and a summary of the proposed Information Technology Department 2014-2015 Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding website redesign; community input; graphic services; communication; notification; legal requirements notices; Client Resource Management; water restrictions and reporting; the graffiti reporting app; designing applications for iPhones and iPads; locations based information; Go Requests; online permitting; data conversion; City-wide Wi-Fi; a database system for parking permits and enforcement; reaching out to departments to work toward additional effectiveness; departments with separate IT functions; and software and new technology.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, provided department highlights for 2013-2014 and a summary of the proposed City Attorney's Office 2014-2015 Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding massage parlors; requests for additional information; document retention and retrieval for litigation; hydraulic fracking; campaign finance; creating a subcommittee; creating timelines; priorities; litigation reports; City Council Policies and Administrative Procedures; revising the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board guidelines; the sign ordinance; review of the City Charter; changes at Santa Monica Airport; a resident request to form a committee; expanding the purview of the LAX Advisory Committee; over flights; monitoring of Santa Monica Airport; representation at meetings; City Council direction; petitioning the City of Santa Monica to protect the airspace; the Westside Council of Governments; the use of consultants and specialists; and transactional work vs. special issues.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, discussed the 2014-2015 Work Plan for the City Clerk's Office, mentioned the dissolution of redevelopment; staffing; praise for the work of Jeremy Green and Yohana Coronel; and public notification.

John Nachbar, City Manager, also provided background on the subject of Cultural Affairs programming and staffing and requested the City Council provide input on the subject.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding election procedures; location of employees in the City Clerk's Office; conducting a space needs analysis at City Hall; Cultural Affairs; forming an economic development corporation; the Otis Study; arts and culture as economic generators; ancillary industries; conducting an economic analysis; the economic development component; City notifications and passwords; the email voter pamphlet; the County program; and passport services.

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Karim Sahli discussed notification; the ice rink; the possible changes at the Culver Studios; classifying issues; ensuring that everyone is aware about certain items; community involvement; conspiracy theories; Fox Hills Mall signage; social media; creating a Community Manager; Reddit; and monitoring what is going on online.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding voting machines; appreciation for staff efforts to be more transparent and communicative; legal issues; and conjecture and rumor.

Staff and Councilmembers wished Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells a Happy Birthday.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:54 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority adjourned their meeting to Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 9, 2014
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Gerald Sallus congratulated the two winners in the recent election, and he announced a General Membership meeting of the Culver City Historical Society on April 16, 2014.

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Closed Session

At 3:02 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

CS-1 Public Employee Appointment
Title: Chief of Police (Interim)
Pursuant to Government Code Section

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Reconvene

Mayor Cooper reconvened the City Council meeting at 3:04 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Cooper reported that the City Council had decided to offer the position of Interim Police Chief to Scott Bixby, who accepted.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT SCOTT BIXBY AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

None.

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Community Announcements by City Councilmembers/Information Items from Staff

None.

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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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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson thanked Police Chief Don Pedersen for his service; suggested that parking enforcement be made separate from the Police Department; expressed concern with special favors;
wanted to see more emphasis placed on parking enforcement; and he discussed parking permits.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers regarding assertions of dishonesty, and the suggestion that parking enforcement is not taken seriously.

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Items from Councilmembers

Items from Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Thanked Chief Pedersen for his service and accomplishments

Items from Councilmember Clarke

- Thanked Chief Pedersen for his service and received clarification that a formal presentation would be made at a later date

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 3:13 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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April 9, 2014

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 21, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 5:33 p.m.

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

*Councilmember O'Leary arrived at 5:35 p.m.

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Closed Session

At 5:34 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

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

CS-2 Public Employee Appointment
Title: Chief of Police
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

CS-3 Public Employee Evaluation
Title: Interim Chief of Police
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

CS-4 Public Employee Appointment
Title: Fire Chief
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

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Reconvene

Mayor Cooper reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:12 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Pedersen.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Cooper indicated there was nothing to report from closed session.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Presentation of a Commendation to Donald Pedersen on the Occasion of His Retirement as Chief of Police

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Pedersen for his service and congratulated him on his new position.

Donald Pedersen thanked the City for the honor of serving as Police Chief; commended staff for their dedication; and reported that crime in the City was down 30%.

Mayor Cooper presented the Commendation.

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Item P-2

Presentation of Commendation to Max Paetzold for his Years of Service to the City

Councilmember Weissman presented the Commendation.

Max Paetzold thanked the City for the Commendation.

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Item P-3

Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of May as Historic Preservation Month

Councilmember Clarke presented the Proclamation.

Michelle Bernardin, Historical Society President and Cultural Affairs Commissioner, thanked everyone for their support and the City for the Proclamation.

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Item P-4

Presentation of a Proclamation in Honor of April as DMV/Donate Life California Month

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells presented the Proclamation.

Dr. Mason Sommers, One Legacy, reported that Culver City would be getting a Donate Life Ambassador and the Culver City location of the State Department of Motor Vehicles would be added to their catalog of DMVs, and he introduced Rachel Greenberg and Donna Hoch whose family members donated organs and tissue to save lives.

Mayor Cooper thanked Donate Life representatives for coming to the meeting.

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Community Announcements by City Councilmembers/Information Items from Staff

Interim Police Chief Scott Bixby introduced new Culver City Police Officers Sam Hawkins and Nikki Cavazos.

Councilmember Clarke announced a tree planting in front of Tito’s Tacos in honor of Arbor Day on April 22, and he reported that Culver City had been awarded a plaque on Children’s Earth Day at the Star Eco Station on April 6.

Councilmember O'Leary distributed Expo project updates to the City Council noting that the signage issue had not been resolved yet.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells invited everyone to attend the Honorary Service Awards for Volunteers in Culver City Schools on April 27, and the meeting at the Kenneth Hahn Park Community Room on April 24 for the Five Year Review of the Community Standards District regulating the Inglewood Oil Field.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF UGO PASCARELLA.

Mayor Cooper announced a performance of the Culver City Symphony Orchestra on April 26 at Veterans Auditorium, and the L.A. Modernism Show on April 26-27.

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Michelle Isenberg, Public Art Advisor, reported writing the Art in Public Places Ordinance in 1988, and she requested the establishment of a City Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy Department funded by the General Fund with two full-time staff to begin operating in fiscal year 2014-2015 allocating funds from the Cultural Trust Fund to conduct a study establishing a baseline knowledge of the arts and culture in Culver City pointing to areas of economic opportunity.

Dr. Janet Hoult announced an Ice Cream Social by the Culver City Women's Club on April 26 at the Culver Palms Methodist Church.

Grace Elliott announced the completion of the Fourth Walk with a Doc; provided background on the event; and encouraged everyone to participate.

Jeffrey Penso, M.D. thanked Grace Elliot for her work on Walk with a Doc; indicated that Walk with a Doc is a national event sponsored by the California Medical Association Foundation and the L.A. County Medical Foundation; and he invited everyone to attend on the third Saturday at each month at Veterans Park.

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, invited everyone to their next concert on April 26 at Veterans Auditorium.

Sami Shanman, Fifth Grade Safety Patrol at El Marino Language School, invited everyone to attend Fiesta Bicicleta, a bike safety event on May 10 to celebrate National Bike to School month.

Councilmember O'Leary received clarification from the speaker regarding the Fifth Grade Safety Patrol.

Michael Cousineau suggested an ordinance restricting the use and sale of e-cigarettes in Culver City.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers regarding consensus to consider e-cigarettes on the same agenda as the smoking in multi-family dwellings item.

Seth Horowitz, General Manager of the Culver Hotel, read and distributed a letter he wrote to the City Council and City Manager regarding a rise in the visibility of the City; additional development coming in the City; the Culver Hotel; the need for a vibrant and active arts and cultural community; and he requested support for establishing a City Arts, Culture, and Creative Economic Department.

Danielle Brazell, Arts for L.A., discussed her organization; the City's strategic use of resources through redevelopment; reimaging reinvesting in arts and culture in the City; the return on investment; leadership; and she offered herself as a resource.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manger/City Clerk, reported the receipt of additional correspondence before 4:00 p.m. and additional correspondence placed on the dais by staff.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-2
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of Respective City Council and Successor Agency Board Resolutions Approving (1) the Transfer and Acceptance of Real Property (Assessor's Parcel No. 4206-029-935) (at Town Plaza) from the Successor Agency to the City of Culver City for Governmental Use Pursuant to the Long Range Property Management Plan; (2) the Grant Deed; and (3) Related Actions

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that the Resolution had been updated and he requested that the motion include the updated Resolution.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING (1) THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 4206-029-935) FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY FOR GOVERNMENTAL USE PURSUANT TO THE LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ON MARCH 18, 2014; (2) THE GRANT DEED TO EFFECTUATE THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND (3) RELATED ACTIONS.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE ITEMS C-2, C-3, C-4, C-6 AND C-7.

Item C-2
(Out of Sequence)

Approval of an Amendment to an Existing Professional Services Agreement with Kosmont & Associates, Inc. to Provide Real Estate, Economic Development, and Financial Analysis Assistance Related to Dissolution of the Former Culver City Redevelopment Agency

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KOSMONT & ASSOCIATES, INC. INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY $15,050 (FROM $29,950 TO $45,000) FOR ASSISTANCE RELATED TO DISSOLUTION OF THE FORMER CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (FORMER CCRA); 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.

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Item C-3

Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Power Source Systems, Inc. for the Repair of the Palm Tree Surround Lighting Located along Washington Boulevard between National Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue in an Amount Not-To-Exceed $32,000.00

Jeremy Green, Management Analyst, read a comment submitted by:

Dean Gebroe

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH POWER SOURCE SYSTEMS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $32,000.00 FOR THE REPAIR OF THE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD PALM TREE SURROUND LIGHTING; 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.

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Item C-4

(1) Acceptance of Work Performed by All American Asphalt; (2) Authorization to File a Notice of Completion; and (3) Authorization to Release the Retention Payment after the Expiration of the 35-Day Lien Period for the 2013 Pavement Overlay Project, PZ-863, PZ-903

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) ACCEPT THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE CONTRACTOR, ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT, FOR THE 2013 PAVEMENT OVERLAY PROJECT, PZ-863, PZ-903; AND,

2) AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE FOR RECORDATION; AND,

3) AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF RETENTION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $60,868 TO ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT UPON EXPIRATION OF THE THIRTY-FIVE DAY LIEN PERIOD.

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Item C-6
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of Resolutions Approving Encroachment Agreements with Time Warner Cable for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on Buckingham Parkway and Jefferson Boulevard

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE TWO ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS WITH TIME WARNER CABLE; 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.

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Item C-7

Approval of a Purchase Order with UTC F & S for MobileView Camera Surveillance Hardware, Software, and Accessories for Six New Buses in an Amount Not-To-Exceed $56,310

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH UTC F&S FOR A MOBILEVIEW SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND

ACCESSORIES FOR SIX NEW BUSES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $56,310, AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item JC-1
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of Respective City Council and Successor Agency Board Resolutions Approving (1) the Transfer and Acceptance of Certain Real Properties from the Successor Agency to the City of Culver City for Use to Fulfill Contractual Enforceable Obligations Pursuant to the State Department of Finance Approved Long Range Property Management Plan; (2) the Related Grant Deeds; and (3) Other Related Actions

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding Parcel B; the public process; the disposition of 9300 Culver Boulevard; effectuating the long-standing use of the property for parking purposes; and required use.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING (1) THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (3844-3848 & 3864 WATSEKA AVENUE; ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NOS. 4207-001-900, 4207-001-901, 4207-001-902, 4207-001-903, AND 4207-001-904) FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY FOR USE TO FULFILL CONTRACTUAL ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THE LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ON MARCH 18, 2014: (2) THE GRANT DEED TO EFFECTUATE THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND (3) RELATED ACTIONS.

2) ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING (1) THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (3757 ROBERTSON BOULEVARD; ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NOS. 4206-033-932, 4206-033-934, AND 4206-033-935) FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY FOR USE TO FULFILL CONTRACTUAL ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THE LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN

APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ON MARCH 18, 2014; (2) THE GRANT DEED TO EFFECTUATE THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND (3) RELATED ACTIONS.

3) ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE (1) ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (3825 CANFIELD AVENUE; ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 4206-030-901) FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY FOR USE TO FULFILL CONTRACTUAL ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THE LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ON MARCH 18, 2014; (2) THE GRANT DEED TO EFFECTUATE THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND (3) RELATED ACTIONS.

4) ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE (1) ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (9099 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD; ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 4206-029-932) FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY FOR USE TO FULFILL CONTRACTUAL ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THE LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ON MARCH 18, 2014; (2) THE GRANT DEED TO EFFECTUATE THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND (3) RELATED ACTIONS.

5) ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING (1) THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (9415- 9425 VENICE BOULEVARD; ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NOS. 4313-019-900, 4313-019-901, 4313-019-902, AND 4313-019-903) FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY FOR USE TO FULFILL CONTRACTUAL ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THE LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ON MARCH 18, 2014; (2) THE GRANT DEED TO EFFECTUATE THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND (3) RELATED ACTIONS.

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Item C-1
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution (a) Approving Culver City's Participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Block Grant Fund Program for Fiscal Years 2014/2015 Through 2017/2018 and (b) the Related Cooperation Agreement

Councilmember Clarke received clarification on a County condition regarding Civil Rights demonstrations; the Cooperation Agreement; and funding conditions.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells received clarification regarding the Senior Center loan; affordable housing funding crises; continuing the Rental Assistance Program and homeless programs; and census tracts.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING (A) CULVER CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014-2015 THROUGH 2017-2018 AND (B) THE RELATED COOPERATION AGREEMENT; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

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Item C-5
(Out of Sequence)

Authorize Solicitation of Proposals for (1) Final Design of the New Bankfield Sewer Pump Station Located at 5722 Bankfield Avenue; (2) Final Design of Diversion Sewer Pipes to Abandon the Bristol, Fox Hills, Mesmer, and Overland Sewer Pump Stations; and (3) a Feasibility Study Regarding the Conversion of the Mesmer Sewer Pump Station to Storm Water Quality Purposes

Councilmember Clarke received clarification regarding back-up pumps; combining into one sewer pump station; redundant force mains; and secondary and back-up systems.

Councilmember O’Leary received clarification regarding the date of construction for one of the pump stations; upgrade plans; permits required for the new station; easements; the diversion project; private property owners; plans for different routes; changing the Memser Station; creating a filtration system for storm water; run off issues; and Ballona Creek.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: AUTHORIZE THE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR (A) FINAL DESIGN OF THE NEW BANKFIELD SEWER PUMP STATION LOCATED AT 5722 BANKFIELD AVENUE; (B) FINAL DESIGN OF DIVERSION SEWER PIPES TO ABANDON THE BRISTOL, FOX HILLS, MESMER, AND OVERLAND SEWER PUMP STATIONS;

AND (C) A FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING THE CONVERSION OF THE MESMER SEWER PUMP STATION TO STORM WATER QUALITY PURPOSES.

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Item C-8
(Out of Sequence)

Award of a Construction Contract to Malibu Pacific Tennis Courts, Inc., as the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $50,000 ($39,800 Base Bid Plus $10,200 in Change Order Authority) for the Citywide Bicycle Parking Project, PF-001

Councilmember Clarke wanted to see more artistic elements included, and he received clarification regarding the amount of bicycle parking included.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding locations for bicycle parking; money allocated; requests for rack placement; parental requests for bicycle parking at Linwood E. Howe Elementary School; and the ability of residents to make requests for bicycle racks.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO MALIBU PACIFIC TENNIS COURTS INC. AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, FOR THE CITYWIDE BIKE RACK PARKING PROJECT, PF-001 IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000 ($39,800 BASE BID PLUS $10,200 IN CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY); AND,

2) AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $10,200, IF NECESSARY; 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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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

Introduction of an Ordinance 1) Amending the Culver City Zoning Map, as referenced in Title 17, Zoning, of the Culver City Municipal Code, Section 17.200.015, to Rezone the Project Site from Commercial Neighborhood (CN) to Open Space (OS) (ZCMA P-2014018); and 2) Approving a Comprehensive Plan (CP P-2013176) to Allow the Conversion of the Armory Building into the Wende Museum, and to Allow the Continued Use of the Am Vets Post 2 Facility Located at 10808 Culver Boulevard and 10858 Culver Boulevard, Respectively

Joshua Williams, Associate Planner, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Justin Jampol, Ph.D., Wende Museum, thanked the City for their support and provided a presentation on the museum.

Cary Anderson expressed support for the project, discussed the parking study for the project; employee parking spaces; and he asked that the museum have designated parking spaces.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding previous consideration of the item by the Planning Commission and the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission; parking concerns; events; egress on to Coombs and concern with traffic in the neighborhood; evaluating operations after 12-months; the Am Vets use; special events at the museum; communication; special permits; the Special Event Ordinance;

who gets priority; adding a condition that a common calendar be kept and coordinated between various uses; the Master Calendar concept; the Scout Hut; living next to a multi-use park; the parking study; the limited size and hours of operation; average daily number of visitors; responsibility for the calendar; current location and usage; looking at limited egress for special events after six-months; display of the Berlin Wall pieces; landscaping; seismic retrofitting; the signage plan; collaborating with Vets; and fiscal impact.

Keith Jeffreys, Am Vets Post 2 and United States Veterans Artists Alliance, thanked staff for their work and discussed working with the Wende Museum.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding communication; the surrounding community; transportation; outreach; and museum users.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: INTRODUCE A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CULVER CITY ZONING MAP, AS REFERENCED IN TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 17.200.015, TO REZONE THE PROJECT SITE FROM COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD TO OPEN SPACE (ZONING CODE MAP AMENDMENT, ZCMA-P2014018) AND APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE WENDE MUSEUM AND AM VETS POST 2 (CP P-2013176) WITH AN ADDED CONDITION OF APPROVAL. (NOTE: Such Ordinance included the addition of a condition that a common "Master Calendar" be kept and coordinated by the City for the various events held at the Museum.)

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that with the permission of the City Council, the second reading of the item would be placed on the April 28, 2014 agenda.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of City Sponsorship for the 48th Annual 4th of July Fireworks Show Charitable Fundraising Event Produced by the Exchange Club of Culver City, a Non-Profit Organization Proposed to Be Held on the Campus of West Los Angeles College

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

John Cohn, Exchange Club, discussed the cancellation of the event last year; logistics; the offer from West LA College to accommodate the event; increased costs; policing; interagency cooperation; new and unusual challenges; and he requested support from the City for the event.

Michelle Ford discussed the 4th of July fireworks show and requested support for the event.

Discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers and Mr. Cohn regarding financial responsibility for additional services; involvement of the County; City resources; clarification that responsibility for certain costs had not been determined; money raised vs. expenses; and requesting a budget at the time that a contribution is decided upon.

Earl Eskridge reported that after the show, costs, expenses and profit made would be provided to the City; he indicated that all money made would be given back to the community; he clarified that the Exchange Club is a non-profit organization; stated that the event was created almost 50 years ago; discussed use of money contributed by the City; and he urged the City Council to keep the event going.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding promoting patriotism; use of the money contributed by the City; in-kind services; involvement of the County Sheriff’s office; and appreciation to West LA College for offering to host the event.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O’LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. DETERMINE TO PROVIDE $24,000 IN DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF IN-KIND STAFF SUPPORT TO THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF CULVER CITY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. FOR ITS 4TH OF JULY EVENT ON FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2014 AT WLAC; AND,

2. (IF AT LEAST $1,000 IN SUPPORT IS PROVIDED) DESIGNATE THE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW AS A CITY-SPONSORED EVENT.

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Item A-2

Consideration of City Sponsorship for the First Annual Culver City Arts District Summer Solstice Event in Culver City

Elaine Warner, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

There were no cards submitted and no speakers came forward.

Councilmember Clarke received clarification that if the event did well it could become an annual event.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A) SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE WAIVERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $750 AND B) $1,340 OF IN-KIND STAFF TIME FOR ASSISTANCE IN PRODUCING THE FIRST ANNUAL CULVER CITY ARTS DISTRICT SUMMER SOLSTICE EVENT, AND;

2. DESIGNATE THE CULVER CITY ARTS DISTRICT SUMMER SOLSTICE AS A CITY-SPONSORED EVENT.

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Item A-3

(1) Consideration of the City Council's Position on Measure CC, the Culver City Unified School District's Proposed Bond Issuance, Which Appears on the June 3, 2014 Ballot and (2) Adoption of a Resolution Related Thereto

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, read a comment submitted by:

Dr. Janet Hoult

Cary Anderson discussed a mailer in support of Measure CC containing images of the Natatorium.

Stephen Murray questioned the appropriateness of a City endorsement of the measure; the amount of most bonds; size of the school district; property values vs. wage increases; concern with costs; increases to costs to fill a budget; management of the schools; and he asked that the City Council defer endorsement of the measure.

Kathy Paspalis, Member of the CCUSD Board of Education and Co-Chair of the Bond Committee, discussed the quality of schools in the City, and she thanked the City Council for their support of the measure.

Sue Robins, Member of the CCUSD Board of Education, requested support for the school bond.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding public outreach; allowing the people of Culver City to decide; and support for the measure.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT MEASURE CC.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that a certified copy would be sent to the Superintendent’s Office.

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Item A-4

Receive and File the Culver City Fire Department’s 5-Year Community-Driven Strategic Plan

David White, Assistant Fire Chief, presented the Fire Department’s Community Driven Five Year Strategic Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding increased transport outside of Culver City; billing and collection; the former Brotman Medical Center; concurrent runs; use of outside ambulance companies; non-licensed ambulance companies; the Department of Health Services; inter-facility transfers; convalescent homes; the final version of the report; the importance of excellent service to residents; accredited status; the increase in use; average length of time for an ambulance run; overcrowded hospitals; wall time; and community comments.

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed Southern California Hospital; general transport; the strategic planning committee; and he asked that getting a third ambulance be made a priority.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE CULVER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT’S 2014 FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.

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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from Councilmembers

Items from Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Submitted a case study on The Relationship Between Broadband and Economic Development to the City Manager that she had received at the National League of Cities Conference

- Provided information from a workshop called Los Angeles Alliance for Community Health and Aging at the California Endowment to be forwarded to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dan Hernandez

Items from Councilmember Clarke

- Reported that he would be attending the League of California Cities Legislative Lobby Day on April 23 in Sacramento and indicated willingness to speak about any issues the City was interested in having him talk about with the State Senator or Assemblyman

- Commended the Mayor on a successful year

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:44 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of Ugo Pascarella to Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
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SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 28, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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Closed Session

At 6:00 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Re: Initiation of Litigation - 1 Matter
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

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

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Cooper indicated there was nothing to report from closed session.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:07 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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FINANCING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND
PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD

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

April 28, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor/Chair Cooper called the meeting of the City Council, Financing Authority, Housing Authority, Parking Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Jeffrey Cooper, Mayor/Chair
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Vice Mayor and Vice Chair
Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember/Board Member
Micheál O‘Leary, Councilmember/Board Member
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember/Board Member

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, City Manager/Executive Director, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Wynn.

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Community Announcements by City Councilmembers/Information Items from Staff

Mayor Cooper announced the 11th Annual Car show on May 10th.

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Rebecca Rona Tuttle congratulated Meghan Sahli-Wells on her upcoming appointment as Mayor; she discussed fracking; read her letter to the editor of the Los Angeles Times; and she invited everyone to attend a meeting of the Sierra Club Fracking Committee on May 1 at the Culver City Teen Center.

Dr. Janet Hoult read a poem distributed to Councilmembers on the new Council year.

Simon Hannah, The Actors Gang, welcomed the new Mayor; urged the City Council to support the arts in the upcoming fiscal year; expressed support for the proposal submitted by the Cultural Affairs Commission; discussed a letter submitted by the Actors Gang to the City Council; encouraged the City Council to establish a City Arts, Culture and Creative Economy Department employing two full time staff members with funds allocated from the Cultural Trust Fund to study options and opportunities in the Arts and Culture sector in the City; discussed developments in the last decade, and hoped that further strategic approaches to the arts could benefit the local economy, residents, and establish a future for the City as a cultural destination.

Justin Jampol, Ph.D., Wende Museum, expressed support for Cultural Affairs in the City and thanked the City for their support.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

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

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells reported that Culver City had submitted comments for the five year review of the Community Standards District that regulates the Inglewood Oil Field noting that they would be available on the City website starting April 29th, and she thanked staff for their hard work on the document.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, expressed appreciation to the Oil Drilling Subcommittee for their help and to participating neighborhood organizations and community members.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Adoption of an Ordinance 1) Amending the Culver City Zoning Map, as Referenced in Title 17, Zoning, of the Culver City Municipal Code, Section 17.200.015, to Rezone the Project Site from Commercial Neighborhood (CN) to Open Space (OS) (ZCMA P-2014018); and 2) Approving a Comprehensive Plan (CP P-2013176) to Allow the Conversion of the Armory Building into the Wende Museum, and to Allow the Continued Use of the Am Vets Post 2 Facility Located at 10808 Culver Boulevard and 10858 Culver Boulevard, Respectively

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O’LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE:

1) AMENDING THE CULVER CITY ZONING MAP, AS REFERENCED IN TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 17.200.015, TO REZONE THE PROJECT SITE FROM COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD (CN) TO OPEN SPACE (OS) (ZCMA P-2014018); AND

2) APPROVING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (CP P-2013176) TO ALLOW THE CONVERSION OF THE ARMORY BUILDING INTO THE WENDE MUSEUM, AND TO ALLOW THE CONTINUED USE OF THE AM VETS POST 2 FACILITY LOCATED AT 10808 CULVER BOULEVARD AND 10858 CULVER BOULEVARD, RESPECTIVELY.

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1

Cash Disbursements

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH 15, 2014 – APRIL 18, 2014.

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Action Item

Item A-1

Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on April 8, 2014 and Stating the Results of Such Election in Accordance with the City Charter

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, discussed the election; the process; turnout; and he thanked the Canvassing Board.

Councilmember O'Leary expressed appreciation for democracy at work.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 8, 2014 AND STATING THE RESULTS OF SUCH ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CHARTER.

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Joint Action Items

Item JC-1

CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PARKING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/FINANCING AUTHORITY JOINT AGENDA ITEM:
(1) Administration of the Oath of Office to the Council Members-Elect; (2) Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor; and (3) Confirmation by the Housing Authority/Parking Authority/ Successor Agency/Financing Authority that the Mayor and Vice Mayor of the City Shall Serve as Chair and Vice Chair of these Bodies, Respectively

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, discussed procedures and administered the oath of office to re-elected Councilmembers Jeff Cooper and Jim B. Clarke.

Mayor Cooper opened the nominations for Mayor.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS TO SERVE AS MAYOR OF CULVER CITY FOR 2014-2015.

Mayor Sahli-Wells took the chair. Mayor Sahli-Wells opened the nominations for Vice Mayor.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT MICHEÁL O'LEARY TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR OF CULVER CITY FOR 2014-2015.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor received their pins.

Mayor Sahli- Wells congratulated Councilmembers Cooper and Clarke on their re-election; discussed the functions of the Mayor; thanked former Mayor Cooper for his service in the past year; she challenged residents to make Culver City the best City in which to raise children in the United States; thanked staff for their hard work; discussed the environment; putting people before machines; cyclists in the City; the importance of supporting the arts; finding funding to create affordable housing; coming development in the City; clear communication;

and she thanked her High School Government teacher and her family.

Councilmember Cooper expressed appreciation to everyone for their support over the past year; thanked staff and his fellow Councilmembers for their hard work; and he wished the new Mayor luck in the next year.

Councilmember Clarke thanked everyone for their support of his re-election; wished Mayor Sahli-Wells luck in the new year; thanked staff for their hard work; expressed concern with low voter turnout; suggested an all-mail ballot as a way of increasing voter participation; discussed walking the precincts; resident concerns; suggested creating an ad hoc City Council committee to tackle parking and traffic issues; and he discussed the upcoming Centennial.

Councilmember Weissman congratulated his fellow Councilmembers on their re-election and appointments; expressed appreciation for the way City Council business is conducted; thanked former Mayor Cooper; and wished Mayor Sahli-Wells the best for the next year.

Vice Mayor O'Leary echoed comments made by previous speakers and discussed the upcoming increase in development.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR SERVE AS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE FINANCING AUTHORITY, HOUSING AUTHORITY, PARKING AUTHORITY, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF CULVER CITY.

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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:02 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency, Financing Authority, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority adjourned their meeting to Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 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 Successor Agency, Financing Authority, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority
Culver City, California

MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS
MAYOR of Culver City, California and Chair of the Successor Agency, Financing Authority, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority