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## CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Cultural Affairs Commission will listen to the public on any item on the agenda or item of interest that is not on the agenda. The Cultural Affairs Commission cannot legally take action on any item not scheduled on the agenda. Such items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future agenda.

If you wish to speak to the Commission, please complete a Speaker's Card and present it to the Secretary before the agenda item is called. You will be called to the podium by name when it is your turn to speak to the Commission.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Persons wishing to speak on agenda items will be called at the time the agenda item is brought forward. Comments will generally be limited to five minutes per speaker; however, a three-minute limit may be declared by the Chair from time to time for agenda items for which many Speaker Cards have been submitted.

NOTE: AT OR ABOUT 11:00 P.M., COMMISSIONERS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER TO CONTINUE WITH DISCUSSION OF REMAINING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OR TO CARRY SOME/ALL OF THE ITEMS OVER TO A FUTURE MEETING DATE.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

A total of twenty minutes shall be devoted to audience participation at the beginning of the agenda. Speakers will be called on in the order cards were received by the Secretary. If additional time is needed, the Chair will allow for some at the end of the agenda.

When the Secretary calls your name, please advance to the podium, state your name and city of residence. Speakers must limit their comments to five minutes in length. A three-minute time limit may be declared by the Chair if there are a large number of individuals desiring to address the Commission.

### **CELL PHONES AND OTHER DISTRACTIONS**

Use of cell phones, pagers and other communication devices is prohibited while the Commission meeting is in session. Please turn all devices off or place on a silent alert and leave the Chambers to use. During the meeting, please refrain from applause or other actions that may be disruptive to the speakers and the conduct of City business.

### **MEETING INFORMATION**

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## AGENDA

### Cultural Affairs Commission

January 10, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Mike Balkman Council Chambers - Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

**Chair Ronnie Jayne**  
**Vice Chair Susan Deen**  
**Commissioner Clement Hanami**  
**Commissioner Luther Henderson**  
**Commissioner Gayle Smashey**

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PUBLIC COMMENT – Items Not On the Agenda

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *Note: Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine in nature and may be approved by one motion. Public requests to discuss Consent Calendar items must be filed with the Secretary before the Consent Calendar is called.*

**C-1.** Receive and file Secretary's Report on Posting of Agenda. ***Approve report.***

**ACTION ITEM** *Public requests to discuss Action Items must be filed with the Secretary before the item is called.*

**A-1.** Town Hall Meeting

Staff will open the annual Cultural Affairs Town Hall Meeting by presenting a brief overview of the development of and updates to the adopted Community Cultural Plan, a summary of accomplishments for 2005 and updates on projects already underway for 2006.

**A-2.** Members of the public are invited to come forward and address the Commission with comments and ideas regarding existing or future Cultural Affairs programs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)**

**RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**ADJOURN**

**Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting**

**Mike Balkman Council Chambers**

**February 14, 2006**

**7:00 PM**

**Upcoming Public Meeting Tentative Schedule --January 2006**

| Date                               | Day       | Time   | Location         |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|------------------|
| <b>City Council</b>                |           |        |                  |
| January-17 Joint                   | Tuesday   | 7:00PM | Council Chambers |
| January-23                         | Monday    | 7:00PM | Council Chambers |
| <b>Redevelopment Agency</b>        |           |        |                  |
| January-17                         | Tuesday   | 7:00PM | Council Chambers |
| <b>Civil Service Commission</b>    |           |        |                  |
| January-18                         | Wednesday | 7:00PM | Council Chambers |
| <b>Cultural Affairs Commission</b> |           |        |                  |
| January-10                         | Tuesday   | 7:00PM | Council Chambers |
| <b>Planning Commission</b>         |           |        |                  |
| January-11                         | Wednesday | 7:00PM | Council Chambers |

- Times and dates may be changed.
- Meetings may be added or changed

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| <b>AGENDA ITEM: Town Hall Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                        |  |
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| Fiscal Impact: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | General Fund: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                 |  |
| Public Hearing: <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | Action Item: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachments: <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

**MOTION:**

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