

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

May 27, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Agency was called to order at 8:26 p.m.

Present: Andrew Weissman, Agency Chair
Christopher Armenta, Agency Vice Chair
D. Scott Malsin, Agency Member
Michaél O'Leary, Agency Member
Gary Silbiger, Agency Member

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

This was done during the City Council meeting.

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MOVED BY MEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER ARMENTA AND
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THAT ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ELA VALLADARES
RECORD THE MEETING MINUTES.

Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

None.

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Public Comment for Items On the Agenda

None.

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Consent Calendar

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Secretary's Report

MEMBER MALSIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE POSTING
OF THE AGENDA. MEMBER SILBIGER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Joint Item

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**Budget Study Session – Fiscal Years 2008-09 & 2009-10 Proposed Budget:
Finance Department, Human Resources Department, City Council
Allocations, and Finalization of all Budget items**

Department presentations commenced:

Human Resources Department:

Serena Wright, Human Resources Director presented the proposed budget for the Human Resources Department for fiscal years 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the role of the Civil Service Commission; retirement, recruitment and retention issues; retiree health benefits; comparisons with neighboring cities; streamlining the application process; the Student Apprenticeship Program; diversification efforts; employee training; and praise for the ongoing efforts of the department.

Finance Department:

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, presented the proposed budget for the Finance Department for fiscal years 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the department's reorganization; fee collection consolidation; efforts to reduce paper use; addressing City retiree benefit liabilities accruing at a rate of \$7 million per year; deferred maintenance issues; and praise for the ongoing efforts of the department.

City Council Allocations:

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council;

Sally Fairman, Executive Director, The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company, reviewed her organization's history, focus and accomplishments, and requested a \$10,000 budget allocation to be put toward a year of funding.

Susan Millmann, representing the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, spoke about their Domestic Violence Clinic and asked for assistance with their funding.

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Lee Welinsky, spoke in support of funding assistance for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles' Domestic Violence Clinic.

Ela Valladares, Deputy City Clerk read written comments submitted from Paul Erlich regarding the budget process.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding a review of the allocation requests; a review of the history of the allocation protocol; and concerns with making substantive allocation decisions at the meeting in light of other under-funded needs.

At this time, Councilmember O'Leary stated he was withdrawing his request from the City Council Allocation List to send notification to residents to sign up for the Master E-mail Notification list due to the cost estimated at \$20,000.00.

Further discussion ensued regarding prioritization of services and allocations.

At this time, the following motion was proposed:

MOVED BY AGENCY MEMBER ARMENTA AND SECONDED BY AGENCY MEMBER WEISSMAN, THAT THE AGENCY APPROPRIATE \$100,000.00 BUT CONSIDER ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS AT A FUTURE DATE.

Following discussion, the following vote was taken:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARMENTA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROPRIATE \$100,000.00 BUT CONSIDER ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS AT A FUTURE DATE.

AYES: Agency Members Armenta, O'Leary, Silbiger, Weissman
NOES: Member Malsin
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

A Redevelopment Agency item regarding allocation from unrestricted funds for additional concerts for the Culver City Music Festival was discussed and added to the agenda for the Redevelopment Agency Meeting of June 2, 2008.

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)

None.

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Items from Staff

Assistant City Manager Cole announced City Manager Fulwood's intent to have the first Agency and Council meetings of August and September go dark.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY MEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER ARMENTA AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Items from the Agency

Items Presented by Member O'Leary:

- Suggested recycling paper related to the tract map item
- Clarified two consent calendar issues
- Announced the upcoming third annual ArtWalk event Culver City event will take place on May 31, 2008.

Items Presented by Member Silbiger:

- Announced the upcoming Taste of the Nation event on June 1, 2008. Requested support for a City Commendation for the event.

Agency Council concurred with the request.

- Announced an upcoming ceremony at West LA College honoring Congresswoman Diane Watson will take place on May 29, 2008.

Items Presented by Member Malsin:

- Reported on a program produced by the Public Works Department and the Metropolitan Water District on Drought Tolerant Landscaping

- Reported on a complaint about the conditions of an abandoned service station at Washington Place and Sawtelle Boulevard.
- A Metro Board meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2008. Reported on concerns regarding funding for the Gold Line extension.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 11:12 p.m., the Agency Council adjourned to a regular meeting on Monday, June 2, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers.

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Alice Prasad
SECRETARY of the City of Culver City Redevelopment Agency, California

APPROVED

Andrew Weissman
CHAIRPERSON of the Redevelopment Agency, City of Culver City, California