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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

June 7, 2011
5:03 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present: Micheál O'Leary, Mayor
D. Scott Malsin, Vice Mayor
Christopher Armenta, Councilmember
Jeffrey Cooper, Councilmember
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember

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Closed Session

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Re: Gracie Thompson v. Culver City et al.
LASC Case No. SC110030
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

CS-2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Re: Kandace Simplis et al. v. City of Culver City et al.
Case No. CV10-9497 JHN (MANx)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

CS-3 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Re: Deujanye Grissom et al v. City of Culver City
Case No. SC111317
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

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Recess

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

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Reconvene

The City Council reconvened its meeting at 6:51 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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Closed Session Report

Mayor O'Leary indicated there was nothing to report out of Closed Session except that the Armory item (Closed Session Item CS-2 from the June 6, 2011 meeting) would be deferred to a future agenda.

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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 Fire Chief Chris Sellers.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda.

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

There was no response.

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Public Comment - Items on the Agenda.

Mayor O'Leary invited public participation.

There was no response.

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Joint Action Item

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Budget Study Session - City Manager's/Executive Director's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012: Presentation on the Proposed Budgets for the City Council, City Manager's Office, City Clerk's Office, City Attorney's Office, Information Technology Department, Human Resources Department, Finance Department, Transportation Department and Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department (Scheduled to Be Considered on June 6, 2011), Fire Department, Police Department, Community Development Department [including the Redevelopment Agency], and Public Works Department [including Capital Improvement Projects] (Scheduled to be Considered on June 7, 2011).

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

There was no response.

Budget presentations commenced:

Fire Chief Chris Sellers provided a brief overview of the proposed budget for the Fire Department.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding appreciation for the commitment to continue to provide a high level of service; critical areas and areas stretched thin; concern with the proposed elimination of the Training Officer position; the aging workforce; upcoming retirements; staffing challenges; impacts of the budget reductions; maintaining levels of service and Class 1 accreditation; who would cover duties for the eliminated position; and mandatory duties.

Further discussion ensued regarding recruit hiring and training; opposition to the elimination of the Training Officer position; the retiring medical benefits liability and feasibility of reducing prepayments; the level of turnover; value of the Fire Department; the structural deficit; the across the board approach to reducing budget costs; reserves; increasing the deficit; state funding realizations; removing the elimination of the Training Officer position; and the specific cost of the Training Officer position.

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At this time, Police Chief Don Pedersen provided an overview of the proposed budget for the Police Department.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the Animal Services Officer position; supplemental coverage of animal services by the County of Los Angeles; the Juvenile Diversion program; concern for the stability of the City; appreciation for the work of the Police Department; impacts to service levels; the Communications Operator and DNA Consultant positions; relying on volunteerism; parking enforcement; the Walker Parking Study; the true cost of the Juvenile Diversion Program; and grants.

At this time, Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director provided an overview of the proposed budget for the Community Development Department.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding appreciation for the work of the Redevelopment Agency; the Globe Avenue project; the green zone program; eligible AIP areas; expectations for increases in tax increments; projects and community impacts; and redevelopment timelines.

At this time, Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director/ City Engineer, presented the proposed budget for the Public Works Department.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding appreciation for the presentation and the work of the department; the Safe Routes to School grant; permit parking issues; storm water issues; maintenance of street infrastructure; managing the Enterprise Fund; reducing pension and benefit costs; the graffiti crew; maintaining the tree lined street canopies; alleys and street improvements; the future of the Fire Station No. 3 property; new parking meters; the Sepulveda Boulevard widening project; the closure of a portion of the San Diego Freeway slated for July 2011; multiple tree species per street; instituting a special assessment for properties adjacent to alleys; zoning of the Fire Station No. 3 property; testing new parking meters; and traffic signal synchronization.

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At this time, Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the next steps in the budget process.

John Nachbar, City Manager, indicated that staff would be exploring options regarding the Juvenile Diversion Program; and offered his viewpoint on the budget process.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda - Continued.

Mayor O'Leary invited public participation.

There was no response.

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Receipt of Correspondence

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

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Items from Staff

Items Presented by Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk:

- Closed Session for the meeting on June 13, 2011 will begin at 5:00 p.m.

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Items from the City Council

No action was taken on this item.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:17 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to a meeting to be held on June 13, 2011.

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Ela Valladares
DEPUTY CITY CLERK of the City of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council, City of Culver City,
California

APPROVED _____

MICHEÁL O'LEARY
MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California