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REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

December 12, 2011
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: D. Scott Malsin, Agency Chair
Jeffrey Cooper, Agency Vice Chair
Christopher Armenta, Agency Member
Micheál O'Leary, Agency Member
Andrew Weissman, Agency Member

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Closed Session

The Redevelopment Agency will adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

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

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Recess

The Redevelopment Agency recessed to Closed Session at 5:30 p.m.

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Reconvene

The Redevelopment Agency reconvened its meeting at 7:02 p.m. with all Members present.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, Executive Director, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Matthew Stuart of Boy Scout Troop #108.

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Closed Session Report

Member O'Leary indicated nothing to report out of closed session.

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Community Announcements By Board Members/Information Items From Staff

None.

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Joint Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

Member O'Leary invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Redevelopment Agency:

Bob Pine, Culver City Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CCARES), reported a mention of CCARES in the December edition of American Relay Radio League Magazine for their participation in an annual emergency communication event, and he invited everyone to participate in the next one on June 23-24, 2012.

Member O'Leary received clarification that no training was required in order to participate.

Seth Horowitz requested support for holding the WestDoc Conference in Culver City that would utilize the Culver Hotel and Pacific Theatres and the space between the theatre and the hotel.

A discussion ensued between staff and the Agency Board regarding placing the item on the January 9, 2012 agenda for full consideration; sponsorship; the use of the space between the Pacific Theaters and the Culver Hotel; a suggestion that staff meet with WestDoc representatives, the DBA, and representatives from the Culver Hotel and Pacific Theatres; and ensuring that there is no conflict with IndieCade.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

MOVED BY MEMBER ARMENTA, SECONDED BY MEMBER WEISSMAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY CHAIR MALSIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER WEISSMAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE AGENCY BOARD APPROVE ITEMS C-1 AND C-2.

Item C-1

Agency Meeting Minutes

THAT THE AGENCY BOARD APPROVE THE AGENCY MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2011 AND NOVEMBER 14, 2011.

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Item C-2

Cash Disbursements

THAT THE AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE THE CASH DISBURSEMENT REPORT FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2011 – DECEMBER 2, 2011.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made at this time.

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Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda

Member O'Leary invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Agency Board:

Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda (Continued)

Cary Anderson discussed audio issues with the previous meeting and suggested that the meeting be replayed; he suggested that a message be displayed onscreen with information on who to contact if there is an issue with the transmission or when Channel 35 goes off the air; and he discussed the effects of heavy crowds in the downtown area on the residential neighborhood south of Town Plaza.

Responding to Member O'Leary, Martin Cole, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager, clarified that the sound issue last week was due to a malfunction of Time Warner equipment and the issue has been addressed; he reported that an email blast with a link to the broadcast of the meeting had been sent out; he agreed to re-broadcast the meeting on Channel 35 on December 17, 2011; and he discussed the operating budget for Channel 35.

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Items from Agency Board Members

Items from Vice Chair Cooper

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Noted changes to the City Council in the upcoming year and expressed appreciation for the dynamic of the City Council.

Items from Member Armenta

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Items from Member Weissman

- Expressed pride in the cooperation and good faith of the City employees in addressing short and long-term pension and health benefit issues.
- Expressed appreciation for his colleagues.

Items from Chair Malsin

- Expressed appreciation to involved residents for their continuing commitment to the City.
- Announced his resignation as a Council Member and explained his reasoning.

Items from Agency Board Members (Continued)

A discussion ensued between staff and the Agency Board regarding City Charter requirements in the event of a vacancy; a suggestion to add the item to the agenda as an emergency item; the election code and potential costs; deadlines; legally accepting the vacancy for the record; amending the resolution to allow for the additional seat; the opportunity to notice the election in a timely matter; and whether the Agency Board could act until the vacancy is in effect.

MOVED BY MEMBER ARMENTA, SECONDED BY MEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA AS AN URGENT MEASURE UNDER BROWN ACT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(b)2.

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Recess

The Agency Board took a brief recess for staff to compile information at 9:33 p.m.

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Reconvene

The Agency Board reconvened its meeting at 10:11 p.m. with all Members present.

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Added Item

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, read into the record the title of the proposed resolution amending the resolution calling the April 2012 election.

MOVED BY MEMBER ARMENTA, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE AGENDA AS AN URGENT MEASURE UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(b) (2).

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, discussed City Charter requirements regarding City Council vacancies; deadlines for filing nomination papers for the next general municipal election; and he read the text of the proposed resolution into the record.

Added Item (Continued)

Member O'Leary invited public comment.

There was no response.

A discussion ensued between staff and the Agency Board regarding the differences in terms for the four seats; whether to appoint an interim Council Member; adding another agenda item; calling a special meeting; considering making an appointment as an agenda item on January 9, 2012; the Charter requirement that the seat be put on the April 2012 ballot; publishing requirements for the Notice of Election and costs; concern with engaging in dialogue without the item being agendaized; the policy for a split vote; public input; and concern with having enough time to select an appointee. The Agency Council majority indicated no interest in appointing an interim Agencymember.

Following discussion, the following motion was made:

MOVED BY MEMBER ARMENTA, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR COOPER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE AGENCY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R101 [A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R087 CALLING THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY AND FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS A QUESTION RELATING TO INCREASE THE CITY'S TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX FROM 12% TO 14%].

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Items from Agency Board Members (Continued)

Items from Mayor O'Leary

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:37 p.m., the Agency adjourned its meeting to a meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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

APPROVED

D. Scott Malsin
CHAIRPERSON of the Redevelopment Agency, City of Culver City, California