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

June 25, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building’s Rotunda Room.

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

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

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Presentations

Item P-1

Selection of the Winners of the Raffle Held for the Opening of the Culver City Exposition Light Rail Station on June 20, 2012.

Mayor Weissman announced this item would be postponed so that the presentation could be done in the City Council Chambers.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

No announcements were made at this time.

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Weissman invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Alex Chironis made a comment on the parking near his property located at Washington and McLaughlin.

Goran Eriksson – Chair of the Chamber of Commerce noted that on July 1 a new law would take effect that requires businesses to recycle.

Stella Davis – Baldwin Hills area resident. Urged Culver City to put a ban on fracking.

Paul Ehrlich – Commented on the City’s budget. Asked what is the cost of the election and the hiring of a consultant. He also asked about the costs of studying the options to fracking. He estimated the costs at $500,000.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O’LEARY, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1

JOINT CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: Cash Disbursements

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O’LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 2, 2012 – JUNE 15, 2012.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-4.

Item C-1

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Downtown Business Association for Maintenance Services in Downtown Culver City for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN DOWNTOWN CULVER CITY AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED $54,540 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013;

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-2

1) Adoption of a Resolution Granting a Fireworks Permit Jointly to the Culver City Exchange Club and Pyro Spectaculars to Conduct the Annual Fireworks Display Sponsored by the City of Culver City and the Culver City Exchange Club to be held on July 4, 2012; and 2) Approval of a License Agreement Authorizing the Culver City Exchange Club's Use of the City's GEM Car for the Fourth of July Event.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) ADOPT A RESOLUTION GRANTING A PERMIT JOINTLY TO THE CULVER CITY EXCHANGE CLUB AND PYRO SPECTACULARS TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF CULVER CITY AND EXCHANGE CLUB TO BE HELD ON JULY 4, 2012;

2) APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE CLUB’S USE OF THE CITY’S GEM CAR AT THE FOURTH OF JULY EVENT;

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.

Item C-3

(1) Acceptance of Work Performed by Sequel Contractors, Inc.; (2) Authorization to File a Notice of Completion; (3) Approval of a Related Construction Contract Amendment; and (4) Authorization to Release the Retention Payment upon Expiration of the 35-Day Lien Period, for the Baldwin Avenue Streetlight Improvement and Rain Garden Project, P-428

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) ACCEPT THE WORK PERFORMED BY SEQUEL CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE BALDWIN AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT AND RAIN GARDEN PROJECT, P-428;

2) APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH SEQUEL CONTRACTORS, INC., TO INCREASE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AN ADDITIONAL $ 16,307.28 FOR THE BALDWIN AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT AND RAIN GARDEN PROJECT, P-428;

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

4) AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE $18,723.24 IN RETENTION TO SEQUEL CONTRACTORS, INC. AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD.

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Item C-4

Approval of Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for the Linwood E. Howe Safe Routes to School Project, P-941.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) APPROVE THE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE LINWOOD E. HOWE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT, P-941; AND,

2) AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LINWOOD E. HOWE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT, P-941.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

PUBLIC HEARING Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for the Albright Avenue Street Lighting Assessment District - Fiscal Year 2012/2013

Mayor Weissman summarized the item.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS AND POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

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

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

No one came forward.

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

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING THE LEVY FOR THE ALBRIGHT AVENUE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT - FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

Item PH-2

PUBLIC HEARING - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for the Higuera Street Landscape and Lighting Assessment District - Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Mayor Weissman summarized the item.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS AND POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

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

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

No one came forward.

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

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND AFFIRMING THE EXISTING ASSESSMENT LEVY FOR HIGUERA STREET LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT - FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

Item PH-3

PUBLIC HEARING - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for Landscaping Maintenance District No. 1 - Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Mayor Weissman summarized the item.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE

AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS AND POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

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

Mayor Weissman invited public input.

No one came forward.

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

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND ASSESSMENT LEVY FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT #1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

(Note from the City Clerk – Important additional information on this item PH-3 appears later in these minutes)

Joint Action Items

Item J-1

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA ITEM: (1) Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving the Transfer of Housing Assets and Obligations From the City to the Culver City Housing Authority to Implement the Housing Projects and Programs Identified in the City-Culver City Housing Authority Cooperation Agreement; (2) Adoption of a Resolution by the Culver City Housing Authority Accepting the Transfer of Housing Assets and Obligations from the City; (3) Adoption of a Resolution of the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Effectuating the Transfer of Housing Assets and Obligations to the Culver City Housing Authority Pursuant to AB 1X 26; and (4) Adoption of a Culver City Housing Authority Resolution Accepting the Transfer of Housing Assets and Obligations from the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment

Agency; and Housing Authority Approval of a Related Budget Amendment.

Mayor Weissman summarized the item.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE TAKEN:

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE HOUSING ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS FROM THE CITY TO THE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE HOUSING PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED IN THE CITY-CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD: ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF HOUSING ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS FROM THE CITY; ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF HOUSING ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY; AND APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING $150,000 FROM AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE TO ACCOUNT 4767100.619800 TO COVER EXISTING LEGAL AND FINANCIAL EXPENSES (A BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE).

FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY: ADOPT A RESOLUTION EFFECTUATING THE TRANSFER OF HOUSING ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO AB 1X 26

At this time, Nancy Wileman addressed the City Council regarding Item PH-3. Ms. Wileman indicated she received notice of the Public Hearing that indicated the place of the public hearing was at the City Council Chambers.

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Martin Cole recommended the City Council consider a motion to re-open the Public Hearing for Item PH-3 and, in the case notice was incorrect, that staff would return to the City Council at a later date to correct any mistake.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL REOPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ITEM PH-3.

Item PH-3
(Public Hearing Reopened)

PUBLIC HEARING - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Levy for Landscaping Maintenance District No. 1 - Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Nancy Wileman addressed the City Council and requested the pine trees be removed.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding trees and their impacts on the fence; the cost to the district of the removal of the trees; and the fact that such removal of trees would be a charge to the assessment district in fiscal year 2013/2014.

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

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O’LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEER’S REPORT AND ASSESSMENT LEVY FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT #1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

Action Items

Item A-1

Appointments and/or Reappointments to the Planning Commission, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Affairs Commission, Disability Advisory Committee, Los Angeles Airport Advisory Committee; Committee on Homelessness; Advisory Committee on Redevelopment and the Landlord-Tenant Mediation Board.

Mayor Weissman summarized the item.

The following persons addressed the City Council regarding the appointments to the Planning Commission:

David Voncannon
Kevin Lachoff
Cliff Moser
Steven Murray

After discussion, the City Council tentatively appointed Kevin

Lachoff to the Planning Commission.

After brief discussion, the City Council tentatively re-appointed Rick Hudson to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission.

The following persons addressed the City Council regarding the appointments to the Civil Service Commission:

Miguel Ramirez

After brief discussion, the City Council tentatively re-appointed Richard Ochoa to the Civil Service Commission.

The City Council then considered appointments to the Cultural Affairs Commission. The following persons addressed the City Council:

Regina Klein
John B. Williams
David H. Young

After discussion, the City Council tentatively appointed Regina Klein to the Cultural Affairs Commission.

Marla Koosed, Vice Chair of the Cultural Affairs Commission, suggested that any unsuccessful candidates could perhaps work on the Cultural Affairs Foundation.

The City Council then considered appointments to the Disability Advisory Committee. The following persons addressed the City Council:

Alex Lee
Jay Shery
Barbara Effros Schwartz

Rhonda Wolf addressed the City Council indicating that she would like to be considered for appointment to the Disability Advisory Committee.

After discussion, the City Council tentatively appointed/reappointed Barbara Effros-Schwartz, Alexander Lee, Robert Montgomery, and Rhonda Wolf to the Disability Advisory Committee.

The City Council then considered appointments to the Committee on Homelessness.

After brief discussion the City Council tentatively appointed Ira Diamond and Deborah Wallace to the Committee on Homelessness.

The City Council then considered appointments to the Landlord/Tenant Mediation Board.

Councilmember Sahli-Wells suggested consideration of expansion of the Landlord/Tenant Mediation Board's duties.

After discussion, the City Council appointed Seth Lennon Weiner to the Landlord/Tenant Mediation Board.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAKE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

Kevin Lachoff to the Planning Commission;
Rick Hudson to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission;
Scott Ochoa to the Civil Service Commission;
Regina Klein to the Cultural Affairs Commission;
Barbara Effros-Schwartz, Alexander Lee, Robert Montgomery, and Rhonda Wolf to the Disability Advisory Committee;
Ira Diamond and Deborah Wallace to the Committee on Homelessness; and
Seth Lennon Weiner to the Landlord/Tenant Mediation Board.

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At 9:04 p.m., Mayor Weissman declared a short recess.

At 9:14 p.m., Mayor Weissman reconvened the City Council with all members present.

Item A-2

SECOND OF FIVE PLANNED COMMUNITY DIALOGUES ON CITY FINANCES - A Presentation from the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer on the State of City Finances and Acceptance of Public Input and Comment.

Chief Financial Officer Muir began his PowerPoint presentation and noted that a summary of the presentation is available on the City’s website and hard copies were available for the audience.

Mr. Muir’s presentation focused on the revenues and expenditures in the General Fund. He touched on the major decreases in the revenues in the General Fund. Also, certain areas of expenditures have increased – especially fuel costs, medical costs, and pension costs. The City has taken significant steps to reduce expenditures. There was an overall decrease in staffing of 12%. $1 million in other costs were reduced. Approximately $6 million in costs were reduced in the General Fund. These reductions included collaboration with bargaining units to implement cost reductions and implementation of the cafeteria plan with an inflation cap. A second tier of benefits was initiated for new employees.

He continued by mentioning the support of Proposition 22 – which was meant to protect local funds from being raided by the State and thereby maintain service levels to the public.

Discussion ensued between members of the public, the City Council, and staff regarding naming rights; use of volunteers; Los Angeles increased parking ticket fees and Code enforcement fees; noting that implementation of the proposed tax would be an impact of $0.05 on a $10.00 purchase; the results of the community survey; competition with other sales tax measures on the ballot; the need for the City to continue to seek ways to be more efficient.

Items from the City Council

Items from Council Member Sahli-Wells

Mentioned that Solar Power was being considered for other locations in the City.

Items from Council Member O’Leary

There will be a Hazardous Waste Round-up on June 30.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:27 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to a meeting on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK of the City of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council, City of Culver City
Culver City, California

ANDREW WEISSMAN
MAYOR of the City of Culver City, California