

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

May 5, 2008
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

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

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Closed Session

The Agency immediately recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation – (1 item)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b)(1)

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Recess to Closed Session

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

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Reconvene

The Agency Chair Weissman reconvened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. with all Members present.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was led by Executive Director Jerry Fulwood. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Janet Holt.

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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

MOVED BY AGENCY MEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY AGENCY MEMBER O'LEARY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE AGENCY COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

Item C-1

Secretary's Report

The Agency approved the Report of the Secretary.

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Item C-2

Cash Disbursements

The Agency approved the Cash Disbursements from April 5 to April 18, 2008.

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Recess/Reconvene

Chair Weissman recessed the Agency meeting to the City Council meeting at 7:13 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

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Joint Item

Item J-1

Presentation of Draft Actuarial Valuation Study of Post-Retirement Health Benefits

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief summary of the material of record.

Brad Au, AON Consulting, addressed the Agency Council. AON Consulting performed an actuarial study associated with the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45. (GASB 45) to determine the City's long-term cost of medical insurance for retirees. Mr. Au reviewed their study and its findings.

Brad Au responded to questions from the Agency Council regarding pre-funding rate of return through the CalPERS Retiree Health Trust Fund; whether the City should pursue pre-funding or pay-as-you-go; the financial implications of the different methods; the rising costs associated with retiree benefits and the need to control and fund them.

Discussion ensued between the Agency Council and staff regarding the benefits offered through CalPERS; the need for significant economic development in order to deal with the rising costs; and acknowledgement of the City's structural deficit and its implications.

MOVED BY AGENCY CHAIR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY AGENCY MEMBER SILBIGER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.

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Item J-2

Budget Study Session – Fiscal Years 2008-09 & 2009-10 Proposed Budget: Budget Overview

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, gave the summary of the material of record. Mr. Muir reviewed the proposed City Budget, sources of revenue, City liabilities, general economic issues, and budget forecasts.

Mr. Muir then reported on the Redevelopment Agency budget and related issues.

Council and staff discussion focused on: public notification and input; the advantages of having a two-year versus one-year budget; a request for a comparisons of fees with neighboring cities; the policy on spending reserves; reserves kept by other cities; and an assertion that public input can lead to unrealistic expectations.

At this time, department budget presentations began.

City Manager Office:

Jerry Fulwood, City Manager presented an overview of the City Manager's Budget.

Discussion ensued between the Agency Council and staff regarding public notification for the budget study sessions; the need to complete capital projects; the budget item for conferences and meetings; whether the Executive Assistant to the Council should be a part-time or full-time position; and the City Council work program.

Recess

The Agency Council recessed its meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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Reconvene

The Agency Council reconvened its meeting at 10:19 p.m., with all Members present.

Department budget presentations continued:

City Clerk Department:

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk presented the overview for the City Clerk Department budget.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding procedures used for public notification; and a document management program to be overseen by the City Clerk Department.

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Risk Management:

Marlee Chang, Assistant City Manager presented the Risk Management budget overview.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the breakdown between staff costs and operating expenses; FEMA reimbursement; the City's Wellness Program for employees; the increase in workers compensation claims; feasibility of conducting a study regarding environmental health and safety issues in City buildings; and concerns regarding depletion of fund balance reserves.

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer made certain clarifications and corrections to budget documents.

MOVED BY AGENCY MEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY AGENCY MEMBER SILBIGER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE AGENCY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORTS.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (Continued)

None.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY AGENCY CHAIR WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY AGENCY MEMBER SILBIGER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE AGENCY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Items from Staff

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

- Announced that applications for the City Commissions, Boards and Committees were being accepted at the City Clerk's office until May 19, 2008.

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Items from the Agency

Items Presented by Agency Member Silbiger:

- Requested support to agendize discussion regarding the procedure used to place items on the agenda. Currently, consensus of three or more Councilmembers has to be obtained to place an item on the agenda.

The Agency Council concurred with the request.

- Requested support to agendize discussion regarding creation of a Youth Advisory Council.

The Agency Council concurred with the request.

- Inquired into the status of the construction at Culver and Sepulveda Boulevards.
- Inquired into the status of the new City Council Office in City Hall.

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Items Presented by Agency Member Armenta:

- Spoke about the need to finish Council meetings by 11 p.m.

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Items Presented by Agency Chair Weissman:

- Spoke about the need to consider the creation of subcommittee deal with PXP issues and West Los College.

Agency Member Malsin commented that issues regarding West Los Angeles College fell under the purview of the Economic Development Subcommittee.

Agency Member Weissman requested support to agendize discussion regarding forming a PXP subcommittee.

The Agency Council concurred with the request.

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Adjourn in Memory

MOVED BY AGENCY MEMBER O'LEARY, SECONDED BY AGENCY MEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF STANLEY ZEITLIN, FATHER OF SHARON ZEITLIN, CULVER CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM DIX, A CULVER CITY RESIDENT WHO DIED IN KUWAIT; AND JO ELLEN WEAVER, A VOLUNTEER AT THE CULVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE CULVER CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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Items Presented by Agency Member O'Leary:

- Reported on positive press that Culver City restaurants had received.

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Items Presented by Agency Member Malsin:

- Announced that the George Barris “Crusin’ Back to the 50s Car Show” will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008.
- Announced that Art Walk 2008 would be held on May 31, 2008.
- Announced that Culver City would be hosting the Westside Cities Council of Government’s Annual Issues Summit on Sustainability at the Kirk Douglas Theatre in June.
- Thanked the staff responsible for the implementation of the traffic diverter system for the northbound traffic on Berryman Avenue.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 11:50 p.m., the Agency adjourned in memory of Stanley Zeitlin, father of Culver City Civil Service Commissioner Sharon Zeitlin; Private First Class William Dix, a Culver City resident who died in Kuwait; and Jo Ellen Weaver, volunteer at the Culver City Chamber of Commerce and a long-time member of the Culver City Historical Society to a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

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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