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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

March 23, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Rotunda Room at the Veterans Memorial Building.

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

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Closed Session

The City Council recessed to Closed Session to consider the following items:

CS-1 Conference with Labor Negotiators
City Designated Representatives: City Manager John Nachbar, Director of Human Resources Serena Wright
Employee Organizations: Culver City Employees Association, Culver City Management Group, Culver City Police Officers' Association, Culver City Police Management Group, Culver City Firefighters' Association Local 1927, AFL-CIO, Culver City Fire Management Group
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

CS-2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 4909/4911 Overland Avenue
City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Martin R. Cole, Assistant City Manager; Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager
Other Parties Negotiators: L.A. Goal and Culver City Unified School District
Under Negotiation: Both Terms and Price
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 10808 Culver Boulevard
City Negotiators: John M. Nachbar, City Manager; Martin R. Cole, Assistant City Manager
Other Parties' Negotiators: The Wende Museum
Under Negotiation: Both Terms and Price
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

CS-4 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation 1 Item
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

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Reconvene

Mayor Sahli-Wells reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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Reflection/Pledge of Allegiance

The Reflection was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Booker Pearson.

Mayor Sahli-Wells reported a request to have the meeting translated into Spanish.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Attorney/City Clerk, discussed logistics and cautioned everyone to take care of the wires taped down on the floor.

Yohana Coronel, City Clerk's Office, provided translation services to those requesting such services.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated nothing to report out of closed session.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 9, 2015, "2015 Stand Up 4 Transportation Day"

Art Ida, Transportation Director, announced that April 9, 2015 had been deemed a National Day of Advocacy, focusing on infrastructure funding by the American Public Transportation Association that had initiated Stand Up 4 Transportation Day, and he discussed the intended message noting that Culver CityBus was dependent on Federal funding for many components of the program.

Mayor Sahli-Wells presented the proclamation.

Mayor Sahli-Wells received no objection from Council Members to honor the request from IndieCade to postpone their funding request in item J-2.

{Note from the City Clerk: As a result, the City Council did not take any action on the IndieCade portion of Item J-2 this evening.}

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/ Information Items from Staff

Council Member Clarke reported testifying on behalf of the City on the need for transportation funding before the State Senate Transportation Committee, and he asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Culver City Democratic Club Secretary Cecelia Guttenberg.

Council Member Weissman asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Disability Advisory Committee member Karen Hassan.

Mayor Sahli-Wells announced the passing of Ken Rubin and Fortunate Dallal and asked that the meeting be adjourned in their memory.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF FORMER CULVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB SECRETARY CECELIA GUTTENBERG, FORMER DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER KAREN HASSON, KEN RUBIN, AND FORTUNATE DELAL.

Mayor Sahli-Wells announced a fundraising gala for Farragut Elementary School on April 18 at Fresh Paint Art Gallery, and an Earth Day celebration on April 18 held in Whittier by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Department.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, announced the opening of the application period for those interested in serving on Commissions, Committees and Boards beginning on March 30, and he explained different methods of applying.

Council Member Weissman received clarification that specific notice would be sent to those Commissioners, Committee and Board Members who are eligible for reappointment and to those who have applied in the past and were not selected for a position. Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Cole indicated such notice would be provided.

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Joint Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Jonathan LeSane, Star Education, provided background on the organization and announced the 15th Annual Children's Earth Day Celebration on April 19.

Vice Mayor O'Leary expressed support for the event.

Stephen Murray, Culver City's Alternate Representative to the LAX Community Noise Roundtable, reported that the first changes to the LAX flight paths by the FAA would be released in May with a 30 day public comment period to follow; he explained the reason for the changes to the flight paths; the upcoming environmental assessment; frequency of meetings of the LAX Roundtable; and he asked for any assistance the City could offer to help organize and distribute information soliciting reasonable feedback to the FAA.

Council Member Weissman received clarification regarding the dates for the public comment.

Dr. Janet Hoult reported that the American Diabetes Association Alert day would be March 24; she encouraged everyone to take a one-minute diabetes risk test for Type 2 diabetes; she discussed her experiences with Type 2 Diabetes; and she read a poem about diabetes.

Charles Black discussed broken sprinklers in the parkway of Higuera Street; he expressed concern with wasted water; he discussed the current drought; and he suggested that the City move to a Level 3 water shortage designation.

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that the issue would be addressed; thanked Mr. Black for bringing the matter to their attention; she encouraged all residents to report any water waste; and she provided information on ways to contact the City for any issue.

Dr. Jay Shery provided handouts and invited Council Members to attend a Police Recognition Luncheon put on by the Culver City Rotary Club and Exchange Club on April 1 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel.

Vice Mayor O'Leary received clarification that Council Members had received a letter from Cindy Green regarding wood burning and staff agreed provide a report on the issue.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that correspondence received by the City Clerk's Office before 2:00 p.m. had been distributed to the Council Members and all would become part of the record of this meeting.

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

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Joint Consent Calendar

Item JC-1

Joint Culver City Council/Culver City Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item: Cash Disbursements

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2015 – MARCH 13, 2015.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor O'Leary received information regarding follow up on an item regarding having Culver City remain on the way finding signage along the Expo line.

Mayor Sahli-Wells received clarification regarding requested changes made to the minutes.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-8.

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2015 WITH MINOR AMENDMENTS.

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Item C-2

Approve an Amended Work Plan for the Finance Advisory

Committee

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE THE AMENDED FAC WORK PLAN.

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Item C-3

Receive and File the Measure Y Sales Tax Status Report from the Finance Advisory Committee

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE MEASURE Y SALES TAX STATUS REPORT.

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Item C-4

Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Software Maintenance Agreement with Accela, Inc. in an Amount Not-To-Exceed $55,857 to Support the City’s Enterprise Permitting, Citizen Relationship Management (CRM) and Code Enforcement Tracking Systems; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to Extend the Agreement for Three Additional One-Year Periods for a Cost Not-To-Exceed the Prior Year by 10%.(1) Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Software Maintenance Agreement with Accela, Inc. in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $55,857 to Support the City’s Enterprise Permitting, Citizen Relationship Management (CRM), and Code Enforcement Tracking Software Systems; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to Extend the Agreement for Three Additional One-Year Periods for a Not-to-Exceed Cost Exceeding the Prior Year by 10%

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1) APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ACCELA, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $55,857.00; AND,

2) AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT AT THE END OF THE INITIAL TERM FOR THREE ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS FOR A COST NOT-TO-EXCEED THE PRIOR YEAR BY 10%; AND,

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.

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Item C-5

Authorization to File an Application for Funds Made Available Through the National Institute of Justice for the Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program, FY 2015

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, COVERDELL NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM; AND,

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-6

(1) Approval of an Agreement with Michael Baker International in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $100,430 to Prepare a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan on Behalf of the City and the Culver City Unified School District; and (2) Approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of $116,462

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $116,462; AND,

2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL TO PREPARE A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY AND THE CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $100,430; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED

$16,032; AND,

4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

5. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-7

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Freedom Telecommunications dba WILCON for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on Sepulveda Boulevard between Venice Boulevard and Culver Boulevard and the Alley Southwest of Sepulveda Boulevard

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH FREEDOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. DBA WILCON; AND,

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-8

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with AT&T for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on Washington Boulevard near Delmas Terrace

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH AT&T; AND,

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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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Joint Action Items

Item J-1

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY AGENDA ITEM: (1) Discussion of the Projected Funding Shortfall for Housing Programs Provided by the City and (2) Provide Direction to the City Manager/Executive Director as Deemed Appropriate

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, provided background on the Rental Assistance Program (RAP); discussed alternatives; the Section 8 program; the RAP waiting list; RAP participation term limits; families using the RAP program; families that leave the program; the annual amount of subsidy; options to help families transition; and providing access to a Relocation Specialist if the program is discontinued.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the Section 8 program; administrative costs; the possibility of RAP participants moving to the Section 8 program; the current waiting list; families currently in the program; landlord participation; program requirements; incentive areas; new developments; the ratio of fair market to affordable housing; the maximum number of affordable housing units that could be built; encroachment in existing residential areas; affordability assumptions; the number of units possible per site; different income designations; base densities; thresholds; incentive zoning; basic assumptions; applying the incentives to the entire area; state density bonus law; relaxation of development standards; underlying zoning; R-2 in existing residential neighborhoods; adding potential affordable housing; whether any other cities in Los Angeles County fund housing programs through their General Fund; the former Redevelopment Agency mandate to provide affordable housing; set-aside funds; state recognition that redevelopment resulted in displacement of low-moderate income households and resulting allocation of funds to address the issue; the breakdown of funding for the Homeless RAP, the regular RAP, and the homeless outreach program; proceeds from the sale of the Pacific Theater; and the cost for three full time staff members to administer programs.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Marty Hente, Habitat for Humanity, provided background on himself; asked that the City Council approve the proposal to build 10 affordable housing units on the Globe Avenue site and allocate $400,000 to close the funding gap; he discussed the breakdown of units in the project and who they would be made available to; he asserted that affordable housing was not available in Culver City; and he noted that Habitat for Humanity would work with staff to realize the project.

Mayor Sahli-Wells clarified that the item being discussed this evening was saving housing programs, and she asked about the timeline for a specific discussion of the Globe Avenue project.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that staff would alert Mr. Hente when the Globe Avenue project is scheduled to come before the City Council.

Diane Tyau, Habitat LA, Westside Church Coalition, urged the City Council to move discussion of the Globe Avenue project forward; she expressed support for the Habitat for Humanity project on Globe Avenue; and she asked the City to consider a grant to support the project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern that due to the large number of people present to speak on the Globe Avenue project which is not on the agenda, people dependent on the RAP might not be heard; a suggestion that those present in support of the Globe Avenue project speak at another time when that item is on the agenda; clarification that the City is waiting for Habitat to come forward with a proposal for the Globe Avenue project; agreement from staff that information be disseminated to the public on the topic; clarification that the property on Globe Avenue had been acquired by the former Redevelopment Agency for the purpose of building affordable housing; costs of the property; and the City donation of the land.

Sal Princiotta thanked the Housing Authority for their support and he asked the City Council to preserve the housing assistance programs; discussed his experience with mediation when his rent was increased; he felt that many people were not aware of the availability of mediation; he discussed the importance of helping homeless people; he offered his assistance; and he suggested that renters be able to earn equity after a certain period of time.

Rosalind Lewis received clarification regarding specific developments in the City.

Mayor Sahli-Wells clarified the item being discussed; noted that those who want to speak on items not on the agenda are allocated time at the beginning or at the end of the meeting; and she requested that people stick to the specific agenda item.

Roxann Anderson described the experiences of her sister Louise who is a RAP participant, and she expressed concern with the difficulties that would ensue if her sister were forced to move or take on a roommate.

Joseph Rosa asserted that the RAP program was crucial for him; he discussed his previous experience living in his car; indicated that he did not have family support; noted that the RAP program had provided a roof over his head; he described his health issues; and he hoped that the program would continue.

Tom Wilson, Upward Bound House, discussed the CalWorks program; the number of homeless families in Los Angeles; the fact that children in foster care come from homeless families; the number of people from foster families that end up in prison; costs to run foster care programs; work by Upward Bound to eradicate homelessness; and he urged the City to continue funding at its current level for family homelessness.

Booker Pearson, Upward Bound House, discussed the partnership with the City; the My Brother's Keeper initiative; their commitment to ensure that there are no homeless children in the City; work with the school system; work with the Housing Authority to plan to move RAP participants to more affordable housing and more benefits; the housing locators for benefits for children; and he discussed the shelter in the City and average length of stay.

Discussion ensued between Council Members and Mr. Pearson regarding the number of currently homeless children in the City; the number of children served; other funding; rapid re-housing; establishing a permanent home with 6-12 months of rental assistance; the Federal model; supplanting Section 8; the 16,000 homeless families in CalWorks; increasing numbers; and the commitment to assist homeless families in the City.

Janice Johnson discussed the importance of the RAP program for her; concern with finding another affordable handicap unit; she discussed services in the City; she asked that the City protect and keep the housing program for the disabled, elderly, and families less fortunate; she felt that affordable housing saved lives just like the Fire and Police Departments; she thanked the property owners that accept the programs and keep the units affordable; and she was concerned that those less fortunate were reduced to dollar figures.

Vanessa spoke in support of the RAP program and discussed her experiences with Upward Bound and the RAP program.

Karla Meeks indicated that her daughter attended Farragut Elementary School; discussed her experience with Upward Bound and the RAP program; and she expressed hope that the City would find a way to continue to help those in need.

Mark Lipman discussed the mid-year budget report; a budget surplus from recurring funds; revised budget totals; he asserted that the City had the money to make the programs work; he urged the City to take care of their residents; discussed the importance of maintaining the social safety net; and the size of the Police Department budget.

Carlene Brown discussed the importance of taking care of others in the community; keeping the program alive; the 600 people being served; the importance of not choosing to sacrifice people; using proceeds from the theatre sale; and a suggestion for an annual fundraising drive to support the programs.

Dr. Kin Gyi discussed speakers with disabilities; her experience at Culver Crest; and she suggested a redundant program that could be eliminated with savings to go to the housing program.

Kevin Lachoff discussed the abolishment of the Redevelopment Agency; noted that the Chamber supported affordable housing and one-time funding for purchase and investment; felt that housing quality and affordability should be addressed at the national, state or county level; he asserted that incentives could be offered to create more affordable units; he suggested consideration of zoning and development incentives; expressed concern with committing to recurring expenses with cyclical funding; discussed the loss of the dedicated source of funding; the burden on the General Fund; the Measure Y sales tax; increases to property and sales taxes; and he expressed concern with overtaxing.

Marilyn Kaplan discussed her experiences as a landlord with Section 8 families and RAP families; management of Section 8 properties; she did not want to see the program lose funding; she discussed her positive experiences with the Housing Authority in the City; and expressed support for the program.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding program participants; concern that during the time that redevelopment money was available, predecessors created programs that alleviated their duty to build affordable housing in the City; money in set-aside funds; the utilization of programs rather than building affordable housing; the Great Recession; creative ways to support residents; disagreement that it would be irresponsible to continue the program without being able to identify permanent funding; fixed income program participants; City responsibility for the problem; figuring out a way to continue the programs; using proceeds from the sale of the Pacific Theaters; General Fund revenue; City reserves; the long-range financial forecast; the required spend down of reserves over time; financial planning; the coming ramp up of expenditures; clarification that the proceeds of the Theater sale were already built into the financial structure; increases by the state for public employee retirement payments; significant costs for urban runoff mitigation; sunsetting of the sales tax provisions; large looming liabilities facing the City; serious fiscal challenges to the City for the next 10-15 years; the reasoning of previous City Councils; concern with using short term funds to pay for an ongoing program; people currently on the street that are not being served; encouraging construction of affordable housing units; increased density; the 4043 Irving Place development; the Globe Avenue project; tensions in the community; encouraging creation of additional affordable housing; developer incentives; increased density and height; mansionization; changing the character of neighborhoods; the creation of an unsustainable rental assistance program; whether the program is a General Fund obligation; providing assistance for a limited period of time; providing opportunities for participants to identify other available options; appreciation to those who spoke; support for continuation of the funding; the indefinite phase out; those on the five year program; financial responsibilities; priorities; clarification that the list is closed and new people will not be added; prioritizing RAP recipients as new units are built; the larger discussion of affordable housing coming forward; curated density; qualified participants; the annual recertification; the move-in date into the unit; costs to maintain the existing program through the upcoming fiscal year; concern with tying the hands of future City Councils; identifying new sources of funding; uncertainty of the City Council vs. the uncertainty for people to remain where they are living; the ability of future Councils to agendize the issue; program costs and staff costs; adjusting staff to match the workload; the existing level of homeless services; hotel/motel vouchers; the availability of shelter beds; the growing need; the relationship with St. Joseph's and Upward Bound; previous action to convert the Homeless RAP to administrative dollars for Upward Bound; ensuring that no children are homeless in the City; funding to deal with the increase in numbers; mental illness; saying no to other programs to support these programs; whether funding the program would hurt the City; clarification that the program would not be indefinite but would continue as long as current program participants remained; a suggestion to stamp congratulations on the outside of the letter sent to program participants that remain; and the importance of being open to other funding resources.

Mayor Sahli-Wells proposed a motion to approve the indefinite phase out of the RAP Program, continue to support the Homeless RAP and Homeless Outreach Programs; that the City further consider funding sources as laid out in the staff report to ensure that the City can pay for housing with certain fees to provide ongoing resources to fund staff that is absolutely necessary to keep the programs going; and when having the affordable housing community discussions that the other proposals made in the staff report be discussed along with those that come up during the course of the community meeting. Vice Mayor O'Leary seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor O'Leary requested that letters sent to RAP participants be marked congratulations on the outside to let them know that the program will continue, and he asked that participants share their stories so that they may be shared in the pursuit of revenue sources.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification that the City Council could not commit future City Councils to continue funding for the program; concern with what is communicated to the participants; and a suggestion to bifurcate the motion.

Council Member Clarke proposed a substitute motion to establish a policy to fund the RAP until such time as people can be transitioned into affordable housing units and provide additional funding to homeless services as necessary to maintain the current level of service without increase.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the lowest level of payment by RAP participants; the affordability mix of a particular development; and clarification that most projects do not address those in the extremely low income category.

The substitute motion failed due to lack of a second.

Mayor Sahli-Wells agreed to bifurcate her motion to separate out the RAP indefinite phase out from the Homeless RAP and the Homeless Outreach programs. Council Member Weissman seconded the motion to bifurcate.

MOVED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PHASE OUT, OVER AN

INDEFINITE PERIOD, THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP). THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COOPER, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS
NOES: CLARKE, WEISSMAN

MOVED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

DIRECT STAFF TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS IN THE STAFF REPORT (AND ANY THAT ARE BROUGHT UP AT THE FUTURE COMMUNITY MEETING ON THE CREATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING) REGARDING HOMELESS OUTREACH AND HOMELESS RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, FUNDING SOURCES, INCLUDING FEES; TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS AND THE RELATED STAFF; AND INCLUDE CONGRATULATIONS IN THE LETTER TO EXISTING RAP PARTICIPANTS INFORMING THEM OF THE CITY COUNCIL’S DECISION AND REQUEST, BUT NOT REQUIRE, RAP PARTICIPANTS SHARE THEIR STORIES ABOUT THE RAP PROGRAM WITH THE CITY.

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Item J-2

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD AGENDA ITEM:(1) Consideration of the Amount of In-Kind Assistance for and Possible City Sponsorship of The Culver City Car Show, The Los Angeles Modernism Show, and IndieCade: International Festival of Independent Games; (2) Approval of Street Closures Where Applicable; and (3) Approval of Related License Agreements

At the request of the event producer, the City Council did not consider the IndieCade portion of the item this evening.

Council Member Cooper recused himself from consideration of the Car Show portion of the item. He left the dais and the meeting room.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Dr. Jay Shery, Culver City Exchange Club, provided background on the Exchange Club and on the Car Show; emphasized that all proceeds were donated back to City organizations; discussed costs to produce the Car Show; comparable entry fees; a request for a sponsorship contribution for hard and soft costs; and City costs in 2014.

Discussion ensued between Council Members and Exchange Club representatives regarding actual expenses for 2014 and estimated expenses for 2015; participation of the Downtown Business Association; CycLAvia; perception; and hard evidence vs. anecdotal evidence.

Cary Anderson distributed handouts; discussed the lack of support from the downtown area; suggested holding the event at Westfield next year as there is more parking available; discussed the lack of parking enforcement; notification to businesses and residents in the area; signage and advertising; and providing directions to parking areas.

Sylvia Bianchi, Downtown Business Association, spoke in support of the Car Show; discussed building a partnership; participation of individual downtown businesses; promotion of the event through social media and the website; and the Exchange Club presentation scheduled for the Wednesday DBA meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff, Council Members and Exchange Club representatives regarding the suggestion to move the venue to Westfield; charging admission and changing the character of the event; the request for a waiver of hard and soft costs from the City; banners; net profit; sanitation expenses; the limited resources of the City; support given to City organizations from money raised by the Car Show; sponsorships; the move of the Independence Day Fireworks to West Los Angeles College; potential consequences to moving the Car Show to a different location and charging admission; re-characterization of the event; and monetizing the event.

Vice Mayor O'Leary moved to continue the same level of funding for the Car Show and the LA Modernism show as last year with IndieCade excluded from the item per their request.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding firm figures for soft coasts; police staff costs; and coverage of sum certain costs.

Council Member Weissman proposed a substitute motion that the Car Show be a City sponsored event with soft costs of $8,720. Mayor Sahli-Wells seconded the motion.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding costs for hanging the banners; staff time utilized for the function; soft costs vs. hard costs; clarification that the City writes a check to pay the company to hang the banners; using soft costs rather than specifying a specific number; and approval of the license agreement.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. WAIVE SOFT COSTS FOR CULVER CITY CAR SHOW (ESTIMATED AT $8,720); AND,

2. DESIGNATE THE CAR SHOW 2015 EVENT AS A CITY SPONSORED EVENT; AND,

3. APPROVE LICENSE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE EXCHANGE CLUB FOR THE USE OF CITY PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND IN-KIND STAFF TIME FOR THE EVENT; AND,

4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

5. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: NONE
RECUSED: COOPER

Council Member Cooper returned to the dais.

Jeremy Green, Management Analyst, reported that no representatives from the L.A. Modernism show were present as they are based in Illinois.

Mayor Sahli-Wells reported that the L.A. Modernism show had requested soft costs in the amount of $1,900.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THE WAIVER OF SOFT COSTS (ESTIMATED AT $1,900); AND,

2. DESIGNATE THE L.A. MODERNISM SHOW 2015 EVENT AS A CITY SPONSORED EVENT; AND,

3. APPROVE LICENSE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND DOLPHIN PRODUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF CITY PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND IN-KIND STAFF TIME FOR THE EVENT; AND,

4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,

5. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Mayor Sahli-Wells announced the birth of her niece Zara.

Action Items

Item A-1

Approval of the Washington National Transit Oriented Development District Streetscape Plan

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, indicated that the item was a review of a preliminary plan and required City Council feedback, and he provided background on the item.

Evan Mather, AHBE Landscape Architects, provided a visual presentation on the project.

Nick Grove, LineSpace, discussed their task of providing the graphic and way finding for the Culver City Transit District, and he discussed defining the area and creating an identity as the public transfers from different modes of transportation.

Discussion ensued between Council Members and Mr. Grove regarding the logo; using a bolder image; concern with using blue as the color of the Metro system rather than the green from Culver City buses; the connection of green to the identity of the City; tying in the City brand; adding an art element to the pillars; adding a light projection element onto the bridge; concern with leaving the area blank; historical aspects; public art; the transit logo; creating a true identity; and a suggestion to name the area something other than the Culver City Transit District.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Tom Wulf, Lowe Enterprises, expressed support for the overall streetscape plan; discussed streetscape components; additional bicycle parking; access; branding and identity; and he expressed eagerness to work together on the project.

Elizabeth Flynn, Walter N. Marks, Inc., reported attending meetings connected to the streetscape plan; concurred with the staff report with respect to most items; she noted that they agreed with graphics and way finding with the caveat that the final color and copy differentiate from other City transit; discussed naming of the station; including the name of the City at every opportunity as it is the only Culver City stop on the Expo line; and creating a sense of place.

William Feldman, Culver Crossing, expressed support for the project and felt that the station would be the gateway to Culver City.

Eric Bruins, Bicycle Coalition, discussed his use of Expo; felt the station would be a gateway to Culver City; wanted to ensure a seamless user experience for people accessing the station from all modes; discussed the public right-of-way; he felt that the landscape plan focused outside of the curb and was unintentionally locking in the curb before figuring out a better bicycle solution between Culver City station and downtown; discussed curb to curb width; wanted to keep options open; wanted to keep the bicycle racks consistent with the racks just installed around the City; and he wanted to see a comprehensive conversation about Washington Boulevard and bicycle access, with the plan complimenting bicycle access as it moves forward.

Jeremy Green, Management Analyst, read a comment submitted by:

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Kevin Lachoff expressed support for the project; concern that the logos did not necessarily fit in with some of the other City logos; and he wanted to see additional work done on the naming aspect.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding support for the project; concern with the lack of bicycle access; concern with the bike guard and bike racks; the Safer People, Safer Streets pledge; the importance of complete streets to create unique spaces successful for businesses and communities; safety issues; the first and last mile; concern with locking in the curbs with the current plan; concern with putting the plan in place without looking at the bicycle infrastructure as a compliment to the system; the Complete Streets policy; making the streets safe for all users; bioswales; concern with letting the plan move forward until bicycles are included in the plan; funding for active transportation; parking on Washington Boulevard between National and Robertson; the Landmark project; right-of-way; the Greystar project; proposed bike lanes for National between Washington and Venice; the gap between the Grandmark Project to National Boulevard; the plan to have bike lanes radiate from all directions from Washington and National; clarification that there would be designated bike lanes but not protected lanes; and a request to add that to the renderings.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, summarized that City Council direction included looking at naming; the color for identification of the area; being less diagrammatic and more literal in the inclusion of bikes in the right-of-way; and he noted that staff had been addressing the bike lane issues consistent with the Master Plan with dedications for every development project going forward.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding increased maintenance costs; water usage; the Urban Water Runoff mitigation; meeting obligations under new storm water legislation; design details; drought tolerant plantings; the irrigation requirement consistent with water needs; owner installation of streetscape as a condition of their development; City funded improvements; concern with adding development that requires water usage for landscaping; use of smart watering systems; state mandates; the non-protected bike lane on Venice Boulevard; concern with funding the maintenance of the way finding signage; conditions of development for projects going forward; investment in the area; a suggestion for wraps on utility boxes with maps of the district; the importance of programming maintenance; creative solutions to lower costs; concern with a piecemeal process; the approved streetscape plan; accommodating bike lanes; directional signage to the parking structures; and a request to put bicycles and pedestrians on the banners to indicate that active transportation is welcome on the streets.

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Item A-2

Adoption of a Resolution (1) Establishing Parking Meter Fees (Including a New Parking Meter Rate of $0.75 for 15 Minutes), the Time Period Covered by Such Fees, the Time of Operation for the Parking Meter Locations, and (2) Rescinding Resolution Number 2013-R063

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson expressed support for the proposal; discussed encouragement of parking turnover; facilitating food pick-up; 85% meter occupancy rate for key periods; 100% occupancy on Sundays; and he suggested using the changes as a pilot program to test the technology and to extend the hours to 11 p.m. and include Sundays.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarity of signage; the feasibility of extending the hours; enforcement; and feedback from the DBA.

Sylvia Bianchi, Downtown Business Association, noted that the original intent was to address lunch business and she discussed the volume of clientele that chooses to dine in.

Further discussion ensued between staff, Council Members and the speaker regarding the Walker Parking Study; revisiting the extension of parking meter hours downtown; installation costs for the sensors; the monthly fee; the fact that the request is specifically for the downtown area; a request that the DBA pay for installation; incremental efforts to help parking issues downtown; the desire to move the project forward; one-time costs vs. monthly costs; a suggestion that the current issue be discussed along with valet parking with the Traffic subcommittee; amending the resolution; and including the extension of hours into the Walker Study.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PARKING METER FEES (INCLUDING A NEW PARKING METER RATE OF $0.75 FOR 15 MINUTES), THE TIME PERIOD COVERED BY SUCH FEES, THE TIME OF OPERATION FOR THE PARKING METER LOCATIONS, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R063 WITH THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION TO SHARE THE COSTS 50/50 OF INSTALLATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN
NOES: COOPER

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Item A-3

Consideration of Presenting a Letter Signed by all City Council Members to the Metro Board of Directors Requesting the Addition of "Culver City" to all Expo Line Train Headsigns, Station Signs, Way-Finding Signs, and Marketing Materials

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public participation.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE A LETTER FOR SIGNATURE BY ALL FIVE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS REQUESTING "CULVER CITY" BE INCLUDED ON ALL EXPO LINE TRAIN HEADSIGNS, STATION SIGNS, WAY-FINDING SIGNS, AND MARKETING MATERIALS.

Council Member Clarke indicated that he would deliver the item at the next Expo Construction Authority meeting.

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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from the City Council

None.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/ City Clerk, discussed options for scheduling hearings for the two work plans that had not been heard.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 11:44 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of Cecelia Guttenberg, Karen Hassan, Ken Rubin and Fortunate Dallal to Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

March 23, 2015

MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS
MAYOR of Culver City, California