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CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 27, 2015  
5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

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 Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
Re: Initiation of Litigation - 1 Matter  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

**CS-2** Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
Re: Graner v. Culver City  
Case No. WCAB ADJ8077731; ADJ8570846  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

**CS-3** 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-4** Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
Re: City of Inglewood et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.  
Case No. BC 529180  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

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**Reconvene**

Mayor Sahli-Wells reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:12 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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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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**Reflection/Pledge of Allegiance**

The Reflection was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by CCUSD Board of Education President Nancy Goldberg.

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**Presentations**

Item P-1

**A Proclamation Designating May as Historic Preservation Month**

Council Member Clarke presented the proclamation designating May as Historic Preservation month to Michelle Bernardin.

Michelle Bernardin thanked the City for the proclamation on behalf of the Historical Society and discussed the importance of historical preservation.

Cultural Affairs Commissioner Thomas Small thanked the City for the Proclamation on behalf of the Cultural Affairs Commission.

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Item P-2

**A Proclamation Designating May as Bike Month and May 6, 2015 as Bike to School Day**

Mayor Sahli-Wells presented the proclamation.

Jim Shanman accepted the proclamation on behalf of all the parents and children who bike in the City; he discussed upcoming events; expressed appreciation for the support from the City; encouraged residents to contact their school to find out about Bike to School Day on May 6; announced the Walk & Roll Festival on May 3 at El Marino Language School; he acknowledged the work done by Mayor Sahli-Wells to support biking in the City; and he presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mayor Sahli-Wells on behalf of the Culver City Walk 'n Rollers.

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**Community Announcements by City Council Members/  
Information Items from Staff**

Mayor Sahli-Wells announced Tribute to the Stars on May 2 at Sony Studios to benefit the Culver City Education Foundation, and A Shoes for the Homeless fundraiser on April 28 at the Wende Museum with an award given to Justin Jampol.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, announced that applications were being accepted until May 7 for the City's Commissions, Committees and Boards with applications available at City Hall or on the City's website.

Mayor Sahli-Wells received clarification that positions were open on almost every Board, Committee or Commission and she encouraged everyone to apply.

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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:

Marta Zaragoza thanked Public Works Director/City Engineer Charles Herbertson for dealing with an issue on her street, and she presented flowers to Vice Mayor O'Leary's mother from her and her son.

Paul Mandeville expressed support for continuing City Council efforts to mitigate airplane noise issues in the City.

June Lehrman, LAX Noise Roundtable representative, discussed a recent public meeting where residents expressed concerns regarding overflights in the City; changed flight paths and decreased altitude; she reported gathering data; provided an update on the March LAX Noise Roundtable meeting; discussed the need to expend City resources to get the expert report completed; she felt that litigation might be on the horizon; asserted that data needed to be compiled to prove the case; she reported that the FAA and LAX were denying that changes had been made; noted that air space redesign is underway and will be revealed in the near future with a 30 day window of opportunity provided for comment; she wanted to make sure that people were prepared to submit comments; she reported 8,000 comments submitted by the City of Phoenix; she noted that there would be 90 days to sue after the final environmental assessment comes out; and she asked that there be another public meeting once the 30 day period opens.

Responding to Council Member Cooper, Ms. Lehrman reported fliers in the back of Council Chambers; discussed the LAX Overflights button on Culver City Connect; City compilation of information; and she noted the importance

of providing contact information to stay informed and be part of the public notification system.

Mayor Sahli-Wells discussed the Go Request app.

Council Member Cooper expressed appreciation for the work done; discussed increased noise issues; noted potential decreases to property values; and encouraged all residents to provide comments.

Bert Bochner expressed concern with the building of "McMansions;" he asked the City to form an exploratory committee; he indicated that members of the Concerned Citizens of Carlson Park were present in support of the issue; and he provided photographs to the City Council.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding when the issue might be discussed by the City Council; the number of resident complaints over the past six months; a suggestion to place a moratorium on that type of development as other cities have done; possible regulations to control the issue; time to complete the ordinance; zoning; available options; and public notification.

Dorsay Dujon, Make Music Los Angeles, provided background on the event that takes place on June 21 each year; discussed plans to make the day a national holiday; she requested City Council endorsement of the event; and she distributed cards for the event.

Mayor Sahli-Wells suggested that Ms. Dujon approach the Cultural Affairs Commission for assistance, and she proposed a possible proclamation for the day.

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#### **Receipt and Filing of Correspondence**

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that no correspondence had been received by the City Clerk's Office.

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#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-3 AND C-5.

Item C-1

**Meeting Minutes**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2015.

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Item C-2

**Approval of a Funding Agreement for the Los Angeles County California Multi-jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (Cal-MMET) for Public Safety Realignment Funds between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Culver City in the Amount of \$153,510**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE CAL-MMET FUNDING AGREEMENT; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BE HALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-3

**Approval of the Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for the Streetlight Improvement Project, PZ-684 on Washington Place between Zanja Street and Centinela Avenue and Washington Boulevard between Centinela Avenue and Inglewood Boulevard and between Berryman Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE STREETLIGHT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PZ-684 ALONG WASHINGTON

PLACE BETWEEN ZANJA STREET AND CENTINELA AVENUE,  
WASHINGTON BOULEVARD BETWEEN CENTINELA AVENUE AND  
INGLEWOOD BOULEVARD AND BETWEEN BERRYMAN AVENUE AND  
SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR  
THE STREETLIGHT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PZ-684 ALONG  
WASHINGTON PLACE BETWEEN ZANJA STREET AND CENTINELA  
AVENUE, WASHINGTON BOULEVARD BETWEEN CENTINELA AVENUE AND  
INGLEWOOD BOULEVARD AND BETWEEN BERRYMAN AVENUE AND  
SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

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Item C-5  
(Out of Sequence)

**Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement  
with XO Communications for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on  
Hannum Avenue, Bristol Parkway, and Slauson Avenue**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH XO COMMUNICATIONS FOR PROPOSED FIBER OPTIC  
TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES ALONG HANNUM AVENUE, BRISTOL  
PARKWAY, AND SLAUSON AVENUE; 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-4  
(Out of Sequence)

**Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment  
Agreement with AT&T for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on  
Wesley Street**

Mayor Sahli-Wells recused herself.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL  
MEMBER WEISSMAN 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.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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#### **Order of the Agenda**

No changes were made.

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#### **Joint Action Items**

Item JA-1

**CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PARKING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/FINANCING AUTHORITY JOINT AGENDA ITEM: (1) City Council Election of its Mayor and Vice Mayor; (2) Confirmation by the Housing Authority/Parking Authority/Successor Agency/Financing Authority that the Mayor and Vice Mayor of the City Shall Serve as Chair and Vice Chair of these Bodies, Respectively; and (3) Direction Related to the Upcoming Agenda Item for City Council Outside Agency/ Subcommittee Appointments**

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that it had been a pleasure and honor to serve as Mayor of Culver City for the past year.

MOVED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ELECT VICE MAYOR O'LEARY TO SERVE AS MAYOR.

Mayor O'Leary assumed the Chair.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER WEISSMAN TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR

The Mayor and Vice Mayor received their pins.

Vice Mayor Weissman thanked former Mayor Sahli-Wells for her service; discussed his seven years serving the City on the City Council; thanked Council Member Clarke for his nomination; discussed issues faced by the City over the years; and looked forward to preserving the special quality of life in the City.

Council Member Cooper thanked the former Mayor for her service over the past year, and he encouraged everyone to attend the Car Show on May 9.

Council Member Clarke thanked former Mayor Sahli-Wells for her service.

Council Member Sahli-Wells indicated that she was looking forward to having Mayor O'Leary lead the City especially with his interest in clean water and his role on the state level.

Mayor O'Leary thanked former Mayor Sahli-Wells for her service; thanked the City Council for choosing him to serve as Mayor; and he indicated that he would do his best to serve the City well.

Mayor O'Leary opened up nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Financing Authority, Housing Authority, Parking Authority, and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that it is customary for the Mayor and Vice Mayor to serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the Financing Authority, Housing Authority, Parking Authority, and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR SERVE AS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE FINANCING AUTHORITY, HOUSING AUTHORITY, PARKING AUTHORITY, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding City Council appointees; whether to retain existing

appointments except for those that change with the new Mayor and Vice Mayor; whether to review all appointments; a suggestion to consider the item on May 26 rather than May 11 if a comprehensive review is to be undertaken; and City Council consensus that that the City Council consider continuing existing positions on May 11, 2015.

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**Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda**

Mayor O'Leary invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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**Items from the City Council**

None.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 8:11 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to Monday, May 11, 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

April 27, 2015

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MICHEÁL O'LEARY  
MAYOR of Culver City, California