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SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

May 20, 2019
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the special budget meeting of the City Council to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall with all Council Members present.

Present: Meghan Sahli-Wells, Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Vice Mayor
Alex Fisch, Council Member
Daniel Lee, Council Member
Thomas Small, Council Member

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Judith Martin-Straw.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Fisch reported that he had not been involved in the altercation at the Contract Cities event the previous weekend.

Mayor Sahli-Wells thanked Ed Wolkowicz for bringing the passing of Jerome Ackerman to her attention, and she asked that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

MOVED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF JEROME ACKERMAN.

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Joint 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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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Mayor Sahli-Wells received clarification that no correspondence had been received.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC:HA:PA:FA:SA - Budget Study Session - City Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020: Presentation of the Proposed Budget for Each City Department by its Respective Department Head

Onyx Jones, Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and she reported that the City had received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for 2018.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the Public Employees Pension Reform Act (PEPRA); completion of the Fee Study; the Refuse Fund; the loan from the General Fund to the Municipal Fund; the Construction Loan; the Working Capital Loan; carryover projects; ending fund balance; the

mid-year budget; the projected deficit; ongoing enhancements; the need for adequate service delivery to meet increased needs; development revenue; mental health services; safety; increased costs with deferred maintenance; business license taxes; Measure CW; implementation strategies; the need for analysis to ascertain the economic impacts of new developments; scaled taxing; direct vs. indirect revenue; low property taxes; public outreach; answering fundamental questions; the need to increase safety to address increased numbers of people in the City; ensuring that people pay their fair share; the unfunded liability; measuring the benefits of job creation; clearly communicating City efforts to get as much as possible from the organizations; communication with businesses regarding their need to participate in the City in new ways; support for the companies coming in; public benefit; concern with putting a dollar value on every type of benefit provided; the democratic process; the projected structural deficit; the 30% Reserve Policy; Planning and Recreation funds; the GFOA standard; the statewide nature of the unfunded liability issue; the liability borne by the City; options to consider; comparisons to other cities; appreciation to the City Manager for the Executive Summary and the candid information; contract cities; older cities; the timeline for the report from the consultant; whether Culver Connect would be subject to the Utilities Users Tax (UUT); the natural decline in UUT; the Downtown Connector Project; alternate sources for funding improvements; and joint projects.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that the meeting was available for viewing on channel 35 on Time Warner and channel 37 for Verizon subscribers, but was currently unable to be streamed on the City website due to issues that the service provider was experiencing.

Scott Bixby, Police Chief, introduced members of the Police Department present to answer questions, and he provided an overview of proposed enhancements to the Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding upcoming retirements; School Resource Officers; cross training; recruitment to fill positions; Special Enforcement Teams (SETs); response time; funding for the second clinician;

dedicated mental health officers; peak periods; resources; demand; the new dispatch; cost increases; the Jackson Gate; resources to support the jail vs. contracting out services; compliance with the state auditing entity; staffing; UCLA Department of Social Welfare; social workers interacting with the Police and Fire Department; overtime levels; supplemental services; level of safety for bike patrol officers; bicycle infrastructure improvements; Animal Control; concern with subpar service from the county and increased prices; support for investigating the feasibility of a second Animal Control Officer; licensing; the number of animals in the City; outreach; increased coverage; and the Youth Diversion Program.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, provided an overview of proposed enhancements to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and he thanked staff and the Commission for their support and assistance.

Gabby Monzon, City Clerk Specialist, reported that the meeting had become available online for streaming through the City website.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern that revenue is growing more slowly than expenses; review of City Council policies and fee structure; value of the afterschool programs; the update of course equipment; water stations rather than traditional water fountains; relocation of certain Fiesta La Ballona activities to paved areas to improve accessibility; swim classes; utilizing mobile apps; incentives; a suggestion for a scavenger hunt app; outreach by the Activities Ad Hoc Subcommittee; partnerships; sponsors; appreciation for the wholistic view taken with Lindberg Park; utilization of the online version of Culver City Living; marketing; social media; print copies; keepsakes; resident engagement; field improvements; Bill Botts; staff vacancies; City-run programs; land subsidence; irrigation; preventative maintenance; work with user groups; the evaluation by the Turf Consultant; improved maintenance practices; regular closure of Vets after Fiesta La Ballona; the request for Adobe In-Design; storm water capture; grants; floodable fields; cross-department protocol; fee recovery;

youth programs; cannabis revenue; diversion; and examination of fees for non-resident users.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Charles Clemente discussed his experience as an Airbnb host and the amount of Transit Occupancy Taxes (TOT) the City is receiving; he expressed concern with restrictions placed on duplexes and triplexes; and he asked that the matter be considered further.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the intent of the restriction on duplexes and triplexes; additional consideration; the state-wide housing crisis; policy issues; Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) rules; TOT received from short term rentals; passage of the ordinance; increased TOT and business license revenue; clarification that revenue from Airbnb TOT has not been budgeted as the ordinance has not been adopted; and potential revenue depending on parameters of the ordinance.

Adrian Ak discussed income generated for the City and local businesses by Airbnb users.

Art Ida, Transportation Director, provided a presentation on the proposed Transportation Department budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; indicated that he would be retiring soon; and he asked for recognition of the hard work of the Transportation Department staff.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the work of Mr. Ida; NextGen; challenges faced by the industry; microtransit; public/private partnerships; collaborative efforts; education; changes to the industry; planning for employees into the future; statistics regarding the number of senior citizens in the region; the Smart Bus project; increased ridership; the need for two-sided signs at bus stops; real time information signs; naming bus stops; realigning bus lines; the comprehensive operational analysis; retaining ridership; sustainability; congestion relief; dedicated bus lanes; regional coordination; coordination with the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD); creation of a Real Time app; and regional coordination.

Dave White, Fire Chief, introduced members of the Fire Department present to answer questions; provided an overview of proposed enhancements to the Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; and he encouraged everyone to follow them on social media and to enroll in the City's emergency notification system, Everbridge.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding grants; transitioning from fire prevention to community risk reduction; regional reimbursement; recruitment; concurrent runs; paramedic transport capacity; response times; the driving force behind adding an additional ambulance unit; necessary resources to provide expected services; statistical modeling; Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) the Malibu fires; pre-positioned materials; Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams (NERTs); educating residents to have stockpiles of water and food; replacement of the frontline fleet over the past three years; repeat callers; social workers; intervention; the single facilities project; Community Risk Reduction; increased inspections; the General Plan Update; appreciation for the work of the Fire Department; and acknowledgement of the loss of Jesse Luna.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, provided an overview of proposed enhancements to the City Attorney's Office budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding priorities; appreciation to staff for the feedback and helpful tips; the oil drilling issue; complexities; and appreciation for the work of the team.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided an overview of proposed enhancements to the Public Works Department budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the Pavement Condition Index (PCI); the Storm Water Management Master Plan; multi-benefit projects; coordination; the Ballona Creek gardens; the advertising budget for refuse collection; messaging that encourages people not to produce waste in the first place; innovations to address recycling issues; cleaning up existing recycling to make better products; contamination; predictive analytics; nature-based storm water enhancements; regular communication between departments; identifying best

opportunities; parks; alleys; Adaptive Traffic Control Systems (ATCS); improved traffic signal operations; refuse fees; economic incentives; shifting costs; pay as you throw pricing; consultant review; smaller containers; Neighborhood Traffic Management Plans (NTMPs); staffing; upcoming construction; building capacity; the need for a pedestrian safety feature in front of the library; concern with creating a false sense of security with mid-block crosswalks; effective measures; safety improvement grants; Measure M; Bike Share; reduced usage; competitive programs; public options; addressing concerns with signal synchronization; phasing; funding for Expo to downtown; grants; funding sources; placing the focus on active transportation; prioritization and guidance; public vs. private transportation options; differences between Culver City and surrounding areas; providing consistent, reliable transportation options; bilingual communication; pedestrian signals; upgrades to traffic signal controllers; rust at City Hall; the Right of Way Management Program; building improvements at the parks; gender neutral bathrooms; the bike lane on the Overland Bridge; expansion of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator position to full-time; and appreciation to staff for their work.

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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 Council Members

None.

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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:04 p.m., the City Council adjourned the meeting in memory of Jerome Ackerman to May 21, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

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Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council
Culver City, California

MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS
MAYOR of Culver City