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CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

October 14, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Robert Montgomery.

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Presentation

Item P-4
(Out of Sequence)

A Proclamation Designating October 24, 2013 as World Polio Day

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells presented the proclamation.

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October 14, 2013

Item P-3
(Out of Sequence)

A Proclamation Designating October as National Arts & Humanities Month

Councilmember Clarke presented the proclamation.

Arleen Chikami thanked residents for supporting the work of the Cultural Affairs Foundation and invited everyone to attend Dine and Donate on October 23 at Pitfire Pizza.

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Item P-2
(Out of Sequence)

A Commendation to Fred Galvez for his Contributions to the Disabled Community in Culver City

Councilmember Weissman presented the commendation.

Fred Galvez thanked the City for the recognition and introduced his family.

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Item P-1
(Out of Sequence)

A Proclamation Designating October as Disability Awareness Month

Mayor Cooper presented the proclamation.

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, thanked the City for the proclamation and announced the Disability Awareness Carnival on October 20 at the Senior Center.

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Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information Items From Staff

Assistant Fire Chief David White provided a report on a brush fire in Baldwin Hills earlier in the day; discussed brush clearance; and he commended the Police Department response to a report of fire on October 1.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the cause of the Baldwin Hills brush fire.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells reported attending a tour with State Senator Carol Liu highlighting community/school partnerships noting that she would discuss that at the next Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting on December 16; discussed maximizing resources and improving the community; and she announced Global Frack Down Day on October 19 at Veterans Park, and an Education Foundation fundraiser at L.A. Urban Homes on October 19.

Mayor Cooper reminded everyone to attend the Cultural Affairs Foundation fundraiser at Pitfire Pizza on October 23.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Gary Robinson discussed his previous requests to reinstate bus service at West Los Angeles College; procedures to make the change; and he requested that the item be placed on an agenda for discussion.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding coordinating the bus schedule with the school schedule; previous actions of the City Council; actions of the different presidents of West LA College; development of the current schedule; the summer school schedule; residents in the surrounding community; and a suggestion that West LA College be consulted to find out whether they supported changes in the schedule. Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Martin Cole responded to City Council that he would direct the Transportation Director to make contact with the administration of West Los Angeles College on this subject.

David Von Cannon discussed an accident on Washington Boulevard near the mosque; the opening of Tilden Terrace; increased congestion in the area; he requested that a crosswalk be placed in the vicinity of the mosque; and he requested that a traffic study be done.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Von Cannon, staff and Councilmembers regarding the timing of the traffic study; costs of a traffic study; concern that a crosswalk provides a false sense of security; waiting until Tilden Terrace is at full capacity; and traffic calming efforts in the area.

Lucille Garber discussed Sepulveda Crossroads; parking and traffic congestion in the area; lighting in the area; Commonwealth; she suggested installing counters for incoming traffic; expressed concern with an increase in rats; and she discussed the use of the property.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding a request for the Conditions of Approval for the Sepulveda Crossroads project, and a request for copies of the studies done for the project. Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Martin Cole indicated such information would be provided to the City Council.

Mayola DelGado discussed the number of parking spaces allocated for the Sepulveda Crossroads project; parking issues; traffic; an instance where the Culver City Police were unable to get through the traffic in the area; driveway blockage; parking enforcement; she requested that access to Sepulveda Crossroads on Commonwealth be closed; she asked for speed bumps on the street and permit parking; she felt there were way too many liquor licenses in the area; and she expressed concern with loitering.

Yvonne Krause discussed traffic issues on Commonwealth; headlights in her living room; odors from restaurants in the area; the number of establishments serving liquor in the immediate area; noise issues; and she requested that a study be done.

Scott Wyant reported serving as the volunteer technical director for IndieCade; discussed the success of the event; and he thanked City staff for their help with the event.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding enforcement on Commonwealth; a suggestion to investigate turning restrictions for the Commonwealth driveway; refuse truck pick up times; permit parking; allowable hours of operations for gardeners; contact information for noise and parking complaints; conditions allowing review after a period of time; and standard conditions of approval.

Elena Sweda Neff, Los Angeles County Vector Control District, provided an update on the West Nile Virus; recommendations on how to avoid the virus; and she discussed what to do if you find a dead crow.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells provided contact information for dead bird and squirrel pick up, and for mosquito complaints and mosquito fish.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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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 WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2013 - OCTOBER 4, 2013.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1, C-2, AND C-3.

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that a spelling correction requested in the minutes had been made.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2013, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2013, AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2013.

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Item C-2

Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with ACCO Engineered Systems for the Replacement of the AJAX and Raypak Boilers and Storage Tanks Located at City Hall in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$72,152 (\$65,593 for the Base Contract and \$6,559 in Change Order Authority)

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ACCO ENGINEERED SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,593.00 FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING BOILER AND STORAGE TANKS AT CITY HALL; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$6,559.00; 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-3

Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with Barry Kurtz for Support Services for the Traffic Engineering Section of the Public Works Department in an Additional Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$47,000

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARRY KURTZ TO PROVIDE PART-TIME SUPPORT FOR THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SECTION ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, IN AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$47,000; 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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Public Comment – Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from the City Council

Items from Councilmember Clarke

- Reported that Councilmember O’Leary would be moderating the Water Summit in Long Beach on October 16-17

Items from Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Thanked Planning Commissioner Scott Wyant along with the organizers of the recent Indie Cade event, and she discussed the creative play aspect of the event
- Reported serving on a panel with the founder of the Transition Town Movement in Westchester
- Reported that she would be serving on a sustainability panel in Washington DC called Local Progress

Items from Mayor Cooper

- Discussed the famous Chicago Cubs game of October 14, 2003

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:19 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting to Monday, October 28, 2013 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

JEFFREY COOPER
MAYOR of Culver City, California