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REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 11, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Lee called the regular meeting of the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Lee announced that at least a portion of the consolidated meeting would be conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953 in that Council Member Eriksson would be participating by speaker phone, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and his teleconference location had been identified in the notice and agenda for the meeting.

Present: Daniel Lee, Mayor
Albert Vera, Vice Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member*
Alex Fisch, Council Member
Yasmine-Imani McMorrin, Council Member

Council Member Eriksson was offline from 8:37 p.m.
to 8:41 p.m.*

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk received clarification from Council Member Eriksson that he could hear the meeting clearly; he had a copy of the agenda for the meeting; a copy of the agenda was posted at his location; there were no members of the public

present at Council Member Eriksson's location; she asked any member of the City Council to speak up if they were not able to hear Council Member Eriksson and no Council Member indicated that they could not hear Council Member Eriksson, nor did they indicate that there was any reason to doubt that was Council Member Eriksson taking part in the teleconference; and she indicated that all votes would be taken by roll call during the meeting.

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Closed Session

Mayor Lee invited public comment.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, indicated that no public comment had been received.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

At 5:36 p.m. the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned to Closed Session to consider the following Closed Session Items:

CS-1 CC - 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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CS-2 CC - Conference with Labor Negotiators
City Designated Representatives: City Manager John Nachbar;
Assistant City Manager Onyx Jones
Employee Organization: Culver City Employees Association;
Culver City Management Group; Culver City Police Officers
Association; Culver City Fire Fighters Association; Culver City
Police Management Group; Culver City Fire Management
Association; Executive Management Employees
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

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Reconvene

Mayor Lee reconvened the meeting of the City Council at 6:56 p.m. with five Council Members participating for recognition presentations.

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Recognition Presentation

Item R-1

CC - A Proclamation in Honor of July as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month

Mayor Lee presented a proclamation in honor of July as "Parks Make Life Better!" month.

Dani Cullens, Recreation and Community Services Manager, thanked the City Council for the honor.

Jane Leonard, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commissioner, thanked PRCS staff and the City Council for making the parks, and everyone's lives better.

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Item R-2

CC - Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Lynne Davidson, Tito's Tacos for Outstanding and Dedicated Involvement in the Community

Mayor Lee presented a Certificate of Recognition to Lynne Davidson, Tito's Tacos for Outstanding and Dedicated Involvement in the Community and played a video recognition for Tito's Tacos.

Lynne Davidson invited everyone to National Taco Day and National Vodka Day on October 4 noting that all proceeds go to the Culver City Arts Foundation.

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Regular Session

Mayor Lee reconvened the meeting of the City Council, Successor

Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, and Culver City Housing Authority Board at 7:06 p.m. with five Council Members participating.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported issues with video on Webex noting that people could participate but would not be able to see the proceedings, and she encouraged anyone wanting to view the meeting to visit culvercity.org/agendas, watch on the City cable channel, or to go to youtube.com and search under City of Culver City government.

The following item was considered out of sequence.

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Community Announcements by Members/Information Items from Staff

Mayor Lee reported that Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Collections Manager, had passed away suddenly on July 3 and he asked that she be remembered when looking at the public art in the City.

Council Member McMorris indicated that her thoughts were with family and community members mourning the significant loss of Louise Coffey-Webb; noted that July was Disability Pride month; discussed Minority Mental Health Awareness month; and going beyond the numbers.

Council Member Fisch announced Movie Night at the Ivy Station on July 15 and a New Orleans Jazz Band playing at Ivy Station on July 16.

Vice Mayor Vera asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Louise Coffey-Webb.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported that an announcement had been made at the beginning of the meeting, prior to Closed Session, that Council Member Eriksson would be participating in the meeting pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953

in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and his teleconference location had been identified in the notice and agenda for the meeting, and Council Member Eriksson confirmed that he could see and hear everything that is going on at the meeting.

Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director, discussed funding secured by City staff from (Assembly Bill) AB178 for a large scale street light project; objectives of the project; and he expressed appreciation to Senator Sydney Kamlager.

Senator Sydney Kamlager expressed appreciation to staff who are working to modernize the City; discussed using Smart Technology to modernize the streetlights; efforts to improve safety and save energy; the hard work of staff; and she expressed appreciation for the work of the City to provide safe and clean transportation and to the public for their engagement.

Ali Shokatian, Transportation Operations Manager, discussed the Downtown Circulator Service; invited everyone to ride the circulator; thanked everyone for their work on the project and for their support; and, responding to inquiry, provided information on outreach efforts.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, discussed the call for the election; the nomination period from July 18 through August 11; invited anyone interested in becoming a potential candidate to make an appointment to receive their paperwork; she provided contact information: city.clerk@culvercity.org or (310) 253-5851; and she indicated that brochures regarding requirements were available at the back of Council Chambers with additional information available at www.culvercity.org/vote.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Lee indicated nothing to report out of Closed Session.

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Joint Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Mayor Lee invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Ronald Ostrin discussed millennials who feel left out; social

media; isolation; mass shootings; actions by the Supreme Court to make it harder to regulate guns; the number of guns on the street; criminalizing something that people want to own or do; being realistic and smart about change; the importance of a well-equipped police force as the best defense against the escalation of gun violence; doing the work to keep Culver City a safe place; and ensuring the City does not appeal to the emotions ideologies.

Megan Oddsen Goodwin requested that an emergency moratorium be enacted on new gun sellers doing business in the City, as well on any expansion of existing gun sellers in the City; she discussed the review of the firearms ordinance in process; focusing on preventative measures; assessing the needs of other departments; taking a reactive approach vs. proactive approach; militarizing the police; creation of a comprehensive education program for the schools; concern with focusing on response rather than on prevention; and she spoke in favor of lowering the local voting age.

Jennifer Carter asked that the City Council enact a moratorium on gun sellers and all gun related businesses in or near residential areas; discussed the review of the City's gun violence prevention ordinances; wanted to see an item on the August 8 City Council agenda; and she asked that a minimum linear distance of 1,000 feet be required to separate all establishments offering firearms from schools, parks, playgrounds and religious institutions.

Sarah McMahon requested that consideration of an emergency moratorium on all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries as well as on any expansion of any existing businesses of that type until a detailed review of the City gun violence prevention ordinance is completed be placed on the August 8 City Council agenda; she noted that the ratio of gun sellers per resident in the City is the highest in California; and she discussed proximity to schools, parks, playgrounds, and houses of worship.

Ti Nghiem-Eilbeck provided background on herself; requested that an emergency moratorium be enacted on all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries as well as on any expansion of any existing businesses of that type until the issue of gun violence has been addressed; discussed increased gun violence nationwide; and she felt the request was a modest one.

Ron Bassilian indicated that he would share all his views for

all agenda items; discussed the probable response to comments requesting a gun moratorium vs. the response to addressing issues with homelessness; professional activists; militarization of police; ballot harvesting at Culver High; actions of the Council majority; Culver City Democratic Club leadership; expected election endorsements; public comment as a formality; he reminded the City Council that elections were coming in November; he indicated that residents like the police department and safe and clean streets and parks; and he discussed the passage of Measure CC.

Melody Hansen requested an agenda item be added to the August 8 City Council agenda to consider enacting an emergency moratorium on all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries as well as on the expansion of any existing businesses of that type until a thorough review of the City's gun violence prevention ordinances are complete, and she discussed proximity of gun sellers and stores to schools and sensitive places.

Bubba Fish echoed previous requests to place an item on the August 8 City Council agenda to consider temporarily pausing authorization of all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries as well as on expansion of any existing businesses of that type until the City review of compliance with the 1,000 foot rule is complete and there is a resolution around firearm ordinances in the City; he discussed the number of people lost to gun violence each year in the county; the high volume of gun sales at the Martin B. Retting Gun Store across the street from an elementary school; and he expressed support for allowing 16-year-olds and above to vote and encouraging participation in City politics.

Carolyn Libuser discussed the tents around the Senior Center; criminal activity; cooking in tents; trash; she suggested building a fence around the area; noted disregard for seniors by the Planning Commission when they discounted a survey as mostly filled out by old people; she referenced money considered for a bulb out under the 405 freeway; and she stated that the seniors would be thinking about the Senior Center when they vote in November.

Mary Daval, Bike Culver City, announced a recent grant received from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for Project Visibility; discussed the proposed outreach plan; personal visibility for bicycles and pedestrians; identification of qualified recipients for safety gear; bilingual outreach; she asked to be contacted with information

on people or businesses that would benefit from Project Visibility at projectvis@gmail.com noting that there is a process to assess eligibility and distribute the equipment; and she indicated the goal of creating a program that could be replicated by other area organizations.

Mayor Lee asked that the BPAC (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) and organized groups around cycling be called upon to activate the space on Main Street to recruit and distribute the materials and Ms. Daval indicated the intent to be present at the Farmers Market.

Michelle Weiner expressed concern that not enough has been done to protect schools, places of worship, parks, and playgrounds in the City, and she requested that the City Council enact an emergency moratorium on all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries as well as on any expansion of any existing businesses of that type until a detailed review of current City ordinances is completed to see what more can be done to protect the community from gun violence.

Prisca Gloor questioned whether the City wanted to mirror the federal level by putting money into militarizing the police; discussed AB481; asked about the implementation of alternative policing programs; she requested that the City Council enact an emergency moratorium on all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries; expressed support for allowing 16-year-olds to vote; and she asked that the City Council stand on the right side of history.

Disa Lindgren discussed the percentage of gun deaths that are suicides; gun violence as the leading cause of death for children in the country; she requested that the City Council place consideration of enacting an emergency moratorium on all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries in residential areas and in areas zoned for businesses on the August 8 City Council agenda; she thanked those raising their voices; and she asserted that gun violence was preventable and the City needed to do their part.

Bryan Sanders, Common Sense Culver City, discussed comments made by Council Member Fisch at the Culver City Democratic Club Candidate Forum on June 29; demonizing the police and cheapening the atrocities; he asserted that offensive analogies did not bring anyone closer to humane solutions; and he expressed hope that Council Member Fisch would be held accountable for the impact of his words.

Maria Vivanco requested that the City Council place an item on the August 8 City Council agenda to consider enacting an emergency moratorium on all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries in residential areas and those zoned for business as well as on any expansion of any existing businesses of that category until a thorough review of current City gun violence prevention ordinances in place or being considered is completed; discussed the need for common sense laws; the public health crisis of gun violence; and the need for due diligence.

Rebecca Rona Tuttle, Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee (EHRAC) Chair, discussed harm created when people say demeaning or derogatory things about others at meetings; creating unnecessary division; the ability to express opposing points of views and still speak respectfully; she indicated that draft Civil Discourse Guidelines created by the EHRAC were available for public consideration online and at the back of Council Chambers; and she invited everyone to provide comments on the guidelines and to attend the next EHRAC meeting on July 26.

Melissa Sanders echoed comments made by Bryan Sanders expressing disgust at comments made by Council Member Fisch and she questioned the willingness of the City to waste money to build out a sidewalk and on the painting in connection with MOVE Culver City instead of approving Pallet Housing to help the homeless.

Laura McMullen requested that the City Council enact an emergency moratorium on all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries as well as on any expansion of any existing gun sellers; she discussed recent gun violence; asked the City to prioritize prevention by reviewing current gun ordinances and creating new ordinances to ensure that Culver City does not end up on the list of places affected by gun violence; noted requests by the Culver City Police Department (CCPD) to help address the increase in gun violence; and the need for common sense gun safety.

Cornelius Polite expressed concern with guns in the community; discussed a recent incident when a pistol went off at the Mall; expressed appreciation to the police for their response; he reported putting together a marathon to raise money to place cameras in Ladera Heights; noted the need to take action; acknowledged differences with the police; and he suggested working together on prevention.

Margot Bennett, Women Against Gun Violence; provided background on the organization and on herself; applauded the City Council for their composure and stamina; discussed what the City wanted to be known for; concern with the gun store that remained open during the pandemic; a widely circulated picture of the gun store with long lines that put the City up to be ridiculed; and she requested that the City Council place an item on the August 8 agenda to consider enacting an emergency moratorium on all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries as well as on any expansion of any existing businesses of that type until a detailed review of current City ordinance is completed.

Marci Baun observed that many speakers were making the same comments, verbatim; she wanted the Culver City Police Department (CCPD) to know there was support for them in the City; discussed MOVE Culver City; shopping at the Farmers Market; the push to get people out of their cars; the need to provide sufficient safe parking for bicycles; and she reported that employees do not want to return to work due to traffic on Washington and the difficulty getting in to work.

Lorri Horn discussed comments made about lifting up people with equity and access, and human rights and justice; concern with statements comparing treatment with the unhoused to sending people off to concentration camps; appropriation and marginalizing other groups; and the need for an apology.

Nathan Cooley discussed procedures for special events outlined in the municipal code vs. what is followed by the Finance Department and expressed concern with the reclassification of events to collect taxes and fees.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Cooley, staff, and Council Members regarding clarification that events in Culver City require a business license; applications to the Committee; business records required to hold an event; the Special Events Process; and staff agreement to follow up with Mr. Cooley.

Jay Garacochea presented brochures in English and Spanish on how to protect homes from mosquitoes.

The City Council agreed to agendize consideration of enacting an emergency moratorium on all new gun sellers, gun ranges, and gun smitheries and on the expansion of any existing businesses of that type within the existing agenda item planned for August 8 with guidance provided to staff on what direction to pursue.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Staff worked for several minutes to address issues with Council Member Eriksson's connection to Webex.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Order of the Agenda

Community Announcements from Members/Information Items from Staff were heard before the Closed Session Report; Item C-3 was considered separately before the rest of the Consent Calendar; and Items C-10 and C-12 were considered separately at the end of the Consent Calendar.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-3
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Approval of a Five-Year Professional Services Agreement with Community Partners, dba Sustainable Works, to Continue the Citywide Sustainable Business Certification Program in an Aggregate Amount of \$470,000 (\$94,000 annually); and 2) Authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Continue the Certification Program Each Fiscal Year Based on Set Criteria and Approve an Annual Fee Increase Based on Cost of Inflation

Mayor Lee invited public participation.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Disa Lindgren expressed support for the important sustainable work being done.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, DBA SUSTAINABLE WORKS, TO ADMINISTER A CITYWIDE SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$470,000 (\$94,000 ANNUALLY); AND,
2. IF COMMUNITY PARTNERS CERTIFIES A MINIMUM OF 10 BUSINESSES UPON CONCLUSION OF THE FIFTH YEAR OF THE PROGRAM, AND PROVIDED FUNDS ARE APPROVED IN THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET, AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER TO ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVE CONTINUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR AND TO APPLY THESE SAME CRITERIA EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR FOR UP TO FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE, AT THEIR DISCRETION, COMMUNITY PARTNER'S REQUESTS, UP TO ONCE ANNUALLY, TO INCREASE THEIR ANNUAL FEE AS A DIRECT RESULT OF HIGH INFLATION RATES; AND
4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
5. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-9, AND C-11.

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Item C-1

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Cash Disbursements for June 18, 2022 to July 1, 2022

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 18, 2022 TO JULY 1, 2022.

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Item C-2

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting on June 27, 2022

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 27, 2022.

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Item C-4
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with CWE for Engineering Design Services for the Citywide Bioretention Basin Project, PW006, in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$353,500 (Proposed Fee \$321,363 with 10% Contingency \$32,137); and (2) Authorization to the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Approve Amendment(s) to the Agreement up to the Contingency Amount

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CWE FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CITYWIDE BIORETENTION BASIN PROJECT, PW006, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$353,500 (PROPOSED FEE \$321,363 WITH 10% CONTINGENCY \$32,137); AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE AMENDMENT(S) TO THE AGREEMENT UP TO THE CONTINGENCY AMOUNT; 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

CC - (1) Approval of a Commingled Recyclables Processing Agreement with Athens Services; and (2) Approval of a Termination Agreement and Mutual Release with Los Angeles County Sanitation District

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES PROCESSING AGREEMENT WITH ATHENS SERVICES; AND,
2. APPROVE A TERMINATION AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT; 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-6

CC - Adoption of a Resolution (1) Approving the Engineer's Report for the Sewer User's Service Charge, (2) Declaring the Intention to Order the Sewer User's Service Charge for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, and (3) Setting the Date, Time, and Place for Public Hearing

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE SEWER USER'S SERVICE CHARGE, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO ORDER THE LEVY OF THE SEWER USER'S SERVICE CHARGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023, AND (3) SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUGUST 8, 2022.

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Item C-7

CC - Approval of a Purchase Order with Stryker for 26 Automated Chest Compression Devices in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$683,802.51

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH STRYKER FOR THE PURCHASE OF 26 AUTOMATED CHEST COMPRESSION DEVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$683,802.51; AND;
2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO EXECUTE SUCH PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-8

CC - (1) Approval of a Purchase Order with Hedstrom Environmental to Purchase Refuse, Recycling, and Organics Plastic Containers, in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$230,000 Annually for FY 2022/2023, FY 2023/2024, and FY 2024/2025; and (2) Authorization to the Purchasing Officer to Approve Additional Purchase Orders for FY 2025/2026 and FY 2026/2027 in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$230,000 Annually

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH HEDSTROM ENVIRONMENTAL TO PURCHASE REFUSE, RECYCLING AND ORGANICS CONTAINERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$230,000 ANNUALLY FOR FY 2022-2023, FY 2023-2024, AND FY 2024-2025; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE ORDERS FOR FY 2025-2026 AND FY 2026-2027 IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$230,000 ANNUALLY; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO ISSUE THE PURCHASE ORDERS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-9

CC - Adoption of a Professional Services Agreement with Tripepi Smith and Associates for Strategic Communications Support Services for the Transportation Department in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$50,000

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRIPEPI SMITH AND ASSOCIATES FOR STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES

FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$50,000; 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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Item C-11
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Approval of an Amendment to an Existing Professional Services Agreement with Kristi Callan to Continue Providing Meeting Transcription Services for an Additional Four-Month Period in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$20,000

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KRISTI CALLAN FOR MEETING TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOUR-MONTH PERIOD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000; 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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Item C-10
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Authorization to Accept Grant Funds from the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 10 Grant 5240(038), in the Amount of \$677,000 for the Overland Avenue High Friction Surface Treatment Project; (2) Authorization to Accept Grant Funds from the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 10 Grant 5240(039), in the Amount of \$2,766,760 for the Signalized Intersections Safety Improvement Project at 10 Locations; (3) Authorization to Accept Grant Funds from the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 10 Grant 5240(040), in the Amount of \$1,545,700 for the Unsignalized Safety Improvement Project at 12 Locations;

and (4) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of a Related Budget Amendment to Allocate the Grant Funds

Mayor Lee invited public participation.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Khin Khin Gyi expressed concern with the loss of the school crossing guard and received clarification that the intersection of Kelmore/Ranch/Overland fell under the purview of the unsignalized intersection safety improvement project.

Ron Ostrin, with one minute ceded, discussed the need for clarity with issues related to grants and sources of funding; unintended consequences; legally operating gun control and gun stores; dealing with practical realities; regulations; and he wanted to see the City run for maximum benefit rather than for people to feel good about themselves.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the project timeline; procedures; outreach; transparency; projects on the workplan for the upcoming fiscal year; appreciation for the work of staff to secure funding; and bringing items to the attention of the public.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) CYCLE 10 GRANT 5240(038), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$677,000 FOR THE OVERLAND AVENUE HIGH FRICTION SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HSIP CYCLE 10 GRANT CYCLE 10 GRANT 5240(039), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,766,760 FOR THE SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT 10 LOCATIONS; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HSIP CYCLE 10 GRANT 5240(040), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,545,700 FOR THE UNSIGNALIZED SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT 12 LOCATIONS; AND,
4. APPROVE A RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE THE GRANT FUNDS (FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIRED).

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CC - Receipt and Filing of FY2021/2022 2nd Quarter Measure CC and C Sales Tax Status Reports and FY2021/2022 3rd Quarter Measure RE Property Tax Report as Approved by the Finance Advisory Committee

Mayor Lee invited public participation.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Bryan Sanders was called to speak but did not respond.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the effect of inflation and flat numbers expected with the current economic climate.

Bryan Sanders was called to speak but did not respond.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: RECEIVE AND FILE THE MEASURE CC, C, AND RE STATUS REPORTS.

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MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-10 AND C-12.

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Public Hearings

Adoption of a Resolution Confirming and Levying the Assessment for the Higuera Street Landscape and Lighting Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mate Gaspar, Public Works Engineering Division Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Lee expressed appreciation to Public Works staff for saying a few words at the storm water opening.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Lee invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Simon Horwitz discussed lack of implementation of the Maintenance Assessment District; the process; maintenance that has not been being done; efforts to gain information about the issue; lack of funding; he received clarification that the contract with Marina Landscaping is administered by the Parks Department; and he was directed to contact Armando Abrego if there is a lack of maintenance or specific issues that need to be addressed.

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, reported issues with Webex that precluded communication with Council Member Eriksson.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FISCH, LEE, MCMORRIN, VERA
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ERIKSSON

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding reduced assessment district monies over time; barren traffic circles; allowing volunteer gardening by community members; and communication with the Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Association.

Council Member Eriksson rejoined the meeting.

MOVED BY MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT LEVY FOR THE HIGUERA STREET LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023.

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Adoption of a Resolution Confirming and Levying the Assessment for Landscaping Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mate Gaspar, Public Works Engineering Division Manager, provided a summary of the material of record

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Lee invited public comment.

No requests to speak were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR VERA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT #1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023.

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Action Items

CC - (1) Adoption of a Resolution Calling a General Municipal Election to be Held in the City of Culver City on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 to Elect Two Council Members to the City Council, Each for a Full Term of Four Years, and to Place on the Ballot One Proposed Charter Amendment Regarding Lowering the Voting Age to 16 for City and School District Elections and One Proposed Ordinance to Update the Business License Tax Ordinance, Including Tax Rates and Classifications; 2) Adoption of a Resolution Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Consolidate a General Municipal

Election with the Statewide General Election, and to Render Full Election Services to the City Related to the Conduct of Said Election; (3) (If Desired) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Council and/or Certain Council Members to Submit Primary Ballot Arguments Regarding Each of the Ballot Measures; (4) Potential Creation and Appointment of Members to Ad-Hoc Subcommittee(s) to Draft and/or Submit Such Ballot Argument(s); (5) Adoption of a Resolution Approving Rebuttal Arguments; (6) Instruction to the City Clerk to Post a Notice Setting the Date After Which No Arguments May be Submitted; and (7) Instruction to the City Attorney to Prepare the Impartial Analysis for the Two Ballot Measures

Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk, provided a summary of the material of record.

Onyx Jones, Assistant City Manager, provided a presentation on the proposed Business License Ballot Measure and she noted minor administrative changes to the document including: changing the amount of time listed for maintenance of records in Section 11.01.060, Audits and Adjustments from two years to four years, deleting the first sentence in Section 11.01.075, Unlawful Businesses Prohibited: "In no event shall any business tax certificate be granted for any use or activity that is illegal or unlawful under federal, state or City laws or regulations", and also delete the third sentence in Section 11.01.075,: "Notwithstanding the foregoing, a business tax certificate may be granted for businesses permitted under Chapter 11.17 of this Code, provided the applicant has complied with all other provisions of this Code and state law."

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the presentation and for the adjustments made in response to community feedback; misconceptions about business tax rates for studios; and clarification on the tax rate for over \$100 million.

Mayor Lee invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Ron Ostrin discussed raising taxes during a pandemic; asked that the business tax be tabled; expressed concern with spending in the City; he did not support allowing 16-year-olds to vote; wanted the Council minority to be allowed to express their views; discussed young men who engage in violence; and providing additional time to mature before voting.

Melissa Stuckey was called to speak but did not respond.

Carolyn Libuser expressed concern with adding additional taxes to small businesses; indicated that as a retired high school teacher, she did not support allowing 16-year-olds to vote; and she discussed reasons for the original age limit that was established in order to vote.

Disa Lindgren was called and she indicated that she had wanted to speak on Item A-2.

Bryan Sanders was called to speak but did not respond.

Khin Khin Gyi discussed the amendment to lower the voting age; state law; logistics; consolidation of City and county elections; violating provisions of the Charter; concern with a conflict of interest by allowing Council Members to submit primary ballot arguments; and she proposed moving forward with the business license tax after the City has recovered from pandemic conditions which dampen business.

Andrew Lachman indicated that the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) had not had a chance to vote on the proposal; discussed issues coming forward at the last minute; the ability of the FAC to act as a resource; allowing more time for consideration; appreciation to the correction regarding movie studios; comparability with other cities; multi-media businesses; remaining competitive; he proposed changing the categorization from Level F to D or B to be above Los Angeles but remain competitive with other cities; he noted savings for small businesses; he proposed bringing restaurants and retail down to Level A; discussed timing for implementation of the tax; affects to the bottom line on delaying the tax; agreement that the tax needs to be updated; ensuring that the tax structure reflects businesses coming in and those businesses the City would like to attract; appreciation for the oil tax; the gap on multi-media businesses; and he clarified that he felt the multi-media tax should be adjusted anywhere from Level B to D.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification that there is currently not a category for multi-media businesses; the Computer Software Development category; the Professions category; and post production companies.

David Voncannon, Culver City Chamber of Commerce, echoed comments made by previous speakers; expressed appreciation for

carve outs for smaller businesses; discussed the timing of the measure; businesses struggling to recover; concern with causing businesses to move out of the City; creating a prohibitive tax structure; the City budget; concern that prices would be raised in response to an increase in the business license tax; and he expressed appreciation to the City for their work.

Eric Shabsis discussed his previous requests to delay the business tax in order to have the business community included in the discussion and the decision of the City Council not to delay the process; promises made to engage with the business community; insufficient discussion on the particulars of the measure; getting the measure right; following through on promises for transparency in the development of the measure; and he urged the City to pause the process to adequately engage the business community in order to put the measure in a better position for passage on a future ballot.

Cary Anderson discussed the mental acuity of 16- and 17-year-olds and he played a recording of 16- and 17-year old protestors outside of the Mayor's house in 2020.

Paul Ehrlich discussed passage of the business tax; priorities; he questioned how money provided to the City would achieve the goal of better emergency response time; he felt that the goal was too vague and unmeasurable; and he questioned the penalty for failing to meet the goal.

Bryan Sanders, Common Sense Culver City, discussed his opposition to Measure RE; money collected each month; residents and businesses in opposition to putting the item on the ballot; concern with a lack of inclusivity; questioned the rush to move forward with the measure; and he indicated that people did not oppose the item, they just opposed the timing of the matter.

Nancy Barba expressed support for the business license tax measure and for lowering the voting age to 16 for municipal elections; stated other cities that have lowered their voting age; voter engagement; allowing youth participation in the process; the delay in moving the business license tax forward from prior years; the choice of previous Councils not to revise the business license tax; concern with placing the blame on the current City Council for moving forward with a long overdue change; she asserted that there had been sufficient time for business engagement noting consideration of the matter since 2019; and she felt the business license tax should be placed on the current ballot.

Onyx Jones, Assistant City Manager, noted that the City Attorney had provided a correction to the previous correction in Section 11.01.075, Unlawful Businesses Prohibited: the second deletion should have only been for: "Notwithstanding the foregoing" and the rest of the sentence should be kept: "A business tax certificate may be granted for businesses permitted under Chapter 11.17 of this Code, provided the applicant has complied with all other provisions of this Code and state law."; and she indicated that the corrected version of the ordinance would be kept and published with the ballot.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the process; businesses exempted from business license taxes; gross receipts reported; the lack of a clear definition of small businesses; providing a carve out for the multi-media category; support for moving forward; concern with the timing of the ballot measure; separating out the vote; appreciation for the work of the subcommittee; compromises made; the power behind voting; support for creating a new classification; acknowledgement of the work by the FAC; appreciation for the collaboration; and City Council consensus was achieved to create a new classification for multi-media businesses.

Punit Chokshi, Senior Management Analyst, read the definition for multi-media businesses.

MOVED BY MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CULVER CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 TO ELECT TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE CITY COUNCIL, EACH FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS.

MOVED BY MAYOR LEE AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT TWO (2) MEASURES: 1) A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE TO 16 FOR CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AND 2) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CCMC CHAPTER 11.01 TO UPDATE THE CITY'S BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RATES, CLASSIFICATIONS, AND OTHER PROVISIONS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FISCH, LEE, MCMORRIN
NOES: ERIKSSON, VERA

MOVED BY MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND RENDER FULL ELECTION SERVICES TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding forming a subcommittee to work on a primary argument in favor of lower the voting age to 16; formation of a committee for Vote 16; preference and priority as part of the election code; collaboration with staff; previous work done on Vote 16 by Council Member Fisch and the Mayor and agreement that they would serve on the subcommittee; approval of colleagues to submit a ballot argument; the option to submit the argument by the subcommittee or present the item as a City Council presentation of the argument; consideration and approval of the argument at the August 8 meeting; logistics; participation by Vote 16 organizers in the process; a suggestion to create an argument from the City Council and provide one from Vote 16; and agreement that Council Members Fisch and McMorris would serve on the subcommittee to draft the argument for the business license tax.

MOVED BY MAYOR LEE AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL AND/OR CERTAIN COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT PRIMARY BALLOT ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF VOTE 16 AND THE BUSINESS LICENSE; AND

2. CREATE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND APPOINT MAYOR LEE AND COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH TO THE VOTE 16 AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FISCH AND MCMORRIN TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING OF THE PRIMARY BALLOT ARGUMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE SUBCOMMITTEES TO SUBMIT THE PRIMARY BALLOT ARGUMENTS BY THE FILING DEADLINE OF 5:30 P.M. ON AUGUST 19, 2022.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FISCH, LEE, MCMORRIN, VERA
NOES: ERIKSSON

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding determining letter designations for the measures; providing alternatives; and creation of rebuttal arguments.

MOVED BY MAYOR LEE AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO POST A NOTICE SETTING THE DATE OF AUGUST 19, 2022 AFTER WHICH NO ARGUMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED; AND,
2. DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE IMPARTIAL ANALYSES FOR THE TWO MEASURES BY THE DEADLINE OF AUGUST 19, 2022; AND,
3. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CREATION OF THE REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES BY THE FILING DEADLINE OF 5:30 P.M. ON AUGUST 29, 2022.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FISCH, LEE, MCMORRIN, VERA
NOES: ERIKSSON

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Item A-2

CC - Approval of a Purchase Order with International Armored Group U.S., Inc. for Two Armored Ford Transit Vans in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$427,000

Troy Dunlap, Culver City Police Department (CCPD) Captain, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding realistic delivery time and the armored material under the traditional looking exterior.

Mayor Lee invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Ron Ostrin, with one minute ceded, discussed the need for practicality; unintended consequences and costs related to the Vote 16 resolution; the importance of providing basic protections; recent mass shootings; he felt that it would be crazy to say no when the equipment would not cost the City any

money; and he felt it was better to have the equipment and not need it.

Stephanie Benjamin, with one minute ceded, read names of people killed in school shootings; discussed giving up on gun control; delayed and failed background checks; concern with regulating the police but allowing criminals free rein; Right to Carry laws; the need to work with CCPD and provide armored vehicles; transparency; mass shootings in 2022; and the importance of uplifting the work of CCPD and prioritizing safety needs.

Maria Jacobo was called to speak but did not respond.

Gary Brown was called to speak but did not respond.

Kelli Estes discussed difficulty hearing speakers; research into federal and state laws; funding sources; increased crime; and she expressed support for approving the CCPD request to purchase the protective vans.

Michelle Weiner discussed AB481; the prohibition of acquiring military equipment until policy has been established; policy not yet adopted by the City Council; usage by SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Teams; discouragement of formation of SWAT Teams by the Center for Public Safety Management; fatality rates for police vs. other professions; the goal of overwhelming enemies vs. community policing; spending money on more services to compliment unarmed emergency response teams; and she asked that the request be rejected.

Stephen Jones requested clarification from the City Attorney as to whether state law would be violated by acquiring the equipment before adopting policy for the equipment; discussed costs for the proposed armored vans; and concern with short circuiting discussions at the recent community meeting regarding military equipment.

Disa Lindgren noted agreement by all that public safety is important and gun violence is tragic; discussed use of public funds; advancing public safety; support for the prevention of gun violence rather than for the militarization of CCPD; the need to help neighbors harmed by lack of services; fear mongering; the importance of providing support to prevent violence; concern with creating a war zone by militarizing CCPD; the lack of support for the BEARCAT (Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter Attack Truck); dangers of acquiring

military equipment in a civil society; and the need to use funds for public good.

Bryan Sanders asserted that CCPD needed support and that many people in the City support the police; discussed money spent painting butterflies on the street; the argument against spending the money on armored vehicles; the feeling that militarizing CCPD would invite violence; and the importance of protecting police officers so they do not die protecting residents.

Khin Khin Gyi expressed support for the purchase and she discussed the obligation to protect those who protect residents.

Marci Baun discussed money spent on paint vs. the proposed expenditure to protect CCPD and residents, and she expressed support for buying the vans to allow CCPD to do their job properly.

Quoc Tran discussed the word "rescue"; costs for the proposed vans; lifespan of the vans; length of time shootings take place; response time; he felt that the City needed all the help it could get; and he expressed support for acquiring the vans.

Cary Anderson questioned how an armored Amazon van constituted militarization; discussed money spent on MOVE Culver City; increases to violent crime in the City; comparing the BEARCAT to an Amazon van; license plate reader vehicles; and he questioned whether the City wanted armed people on bicycles to rescue people.

Freddy Puza discussed the importance of public safety; holding departments accountable; appearance vs. function; lack of data to support the need to further militarize CCPD; the fact that vehicles do not prevent emergencies; the number of times the City has needed to access to the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team since 1994; urgency and fear when talking about public safety; continuing the dialog about what makes a community safe; creating a community of care and respect; creating policies informed by those most impacted by over-policing; and focusing on prevention and providing services and resources.

Quoc Tran read a statement from Dr. Luther Henderson and Patricia Sievers in support of acquiring the armored transit vans to enhance the ability of CCPD to maintain law and order and public safety.

Paul Ehrlich questioned why two vehicles were needed; asked about included equipment and training; he requested information about use of the vehicles in other places; discussed sales pitches vs. reviews; the number of lives that would be saved; and he expressed concern with fire safety related to materials used in vehicle construction.

Nancy Barba discussed the need for a care-centered budget; lack of a mobile crisis response unit; her opposition to the BEARCAT purchase in 2020; costs; training; maintenance; and she asked the City Council not to approve the purchase of the armored transit vans.

Marta Valdez expressed support for obtaining equipment needed by CCPD; support for statements by Ron Ostrin, Bryan Sanders, Marci Baun, and Kelli Estes; she discussed increased crime in the City; the importance of keeping the community safe; and she asked the City Council to approve the acquisition of the equipment.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding AB481; whether the proposed vans qualify as military equipment; interpretation of the new legislation; adoption of the policy and the ordinance; compliance; money from the Asset Forfeiture Fund; concern that the budget did not reflect a concern in investing in systems of care rather than military and punishment; reflecting the many needs in the City; appreciation for the leadership in CCPD; safety in the community due to resources, not police on every corner; addressing concerns about gun violence; providing resources to respond to violent encounters and mass casualty incidents; emergency response time; eradicating the threat and rescuing people; first aid capabilities of the vans; de-escalation of violent encounters; the importance of equipment and a quick response to save lives; delayed police response; less expensive options; costs for training and maintenance; systems that failed the Uvalde shooter; prevention; School Resource Officers (SROs); partnership with the schools; restorative justice; the lack of a correlation between investment in punishment and decreased crime rates; the long overdue armored vehicle that is needed to provide full service to the community; ensuring that things are done safely, effectively and efficiently; operating professionally; the goal to be self-reliant; increased numbers of guns on the street and increased crime; recent armed robberies; the change in approach; minimizing use of force; quarterly, mid-year, and annual reports; support for acquiring the vehicles; the concern expressed regarding fire safety; use

of the vehicles by other cities; being a full-service City; concern that if money is used for one program other programs suffer; support for something less problematic than the BEARCAT; recognition that mental health issues and homelessness would not be solved with the purchase; improving overall emergency preparedness; compliance with AB481; transparency; inaccurate figures reported for MOVE Culver City; the need for messaging to clarify monies spent on painting; support for saving even one life; extreme views on both sides; the need for balance and compromise; doing the right thing for the community; ballistic panels on the Ford Explorer; providing resources; red flags; the importance of partnerships with the schools; and appreciation to CCPD for their efforts.

Council Member McMorris clarified that she had asked questions about prevention but her views were not in alignment with comments made to support the growth of SRO programs.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH INTERNATIONAL ARMORED GROUP U.S., INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$427,000 FOR TWO ARMORED FORD TRANSIT VANS; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO ISSUE SUCH PURCHASE ORDER.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, FISCH, VERA
NOES: MCMORRIN
ABSTAIN: LEE

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Lee invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Stephen Jones discussed the grace period offered by AB481; he asked the City to review the text again; and he indicated that public trust would be lost if the basics of the law are disregarded or overlooked.

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Items from Council Members

None.

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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

City Council consensus was received by Mayor Lee and Council Members Fisch and McMorris to agendize discussion of the Minimum Wage Ordinance for Healthcare Workers, which had been adopted by the City of Los Angeles and citing Los Angeles Council File 22-1100-S4 for additional information.

Council Member Fisch expressed appreciation to the City Council for adjourning in memory of Louise Coffey-Webb and he encouraged everyone to take a look at pictures from the James Webb Telescope.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 11:29 p.m. the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned in memory of Louise Coffey-Webb to a meeting to be held on August 8, 2022.

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Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council and SECRETARY of the
Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency
Board, and Culver City Housing Authority Board
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DR. DANIEL LEE
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Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, and
Culver City Housing Authority Board

Date: _____