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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

October 9, 2017  
5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

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

Present: Jeffrey Cooper, Mayor  
Thomas Small, Vice Mayor  
Jim B. Clarke, Council Member  
Göran Eriksson, Council Member  
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Council Member

Note: The City Council also sits as Members of the  
Governing Board(s) convened as part of the meeting.

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**Closed Session**

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

**CS-1** CC - Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Title: Police Chief  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

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**CS-2 CC - Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

Title: Fire Chief

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

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**CS-3 CC - Conference with Labor Negotiators**

City Designated Representatives: City Manager John M.

Nachbar; Administrative Services Director Serena Wright;

Chief Financial Officer Jeff Muir

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

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

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**Regular Session**

Mayor Cooper reconvened the City Council and convened the Culver City Housing Authority Board and the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board at 7:00 p.m. with all Members present.

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**Recognition Presentations**

Item R-1

**CC - Presentation of a Proclamation Designating October as Disability Awareness Month 2017**

Council Member Sahli-Wells presented a proclamation designating October as Disability Awareness Month 2017.

John Adams indicated that he was taking over as Senior Disability and Social Services Specialist.

Dr. Jay Shery, Disability Advisory Committee, announced the Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game at the High School on October 13, and he invited everyone to attend the 15th Annual Disability Awareness Kids Carnival on October 22; he thanked the sponsors who help make the event possible; and he invited

the Mayor to act as referee for the wheelchair basketball game.

Dr. Janet Hoult read a poem thanking Culver City for the recognition of those with disabilities.

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Item R-2

**CC - Presentation of a Commendation to Scott Bowling, Psy.D for his Contributions to the Disabled Community in Culver City**

Council Member Clarke presented a commendation to Scott Bowling for his contributions to the disabled community in Culver City.

Scott Bowling thanked the City for the acknowledgement and for building an inclusive community.

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Item R-3

**CC - Presentation of a Proclamation Designating October 22, 2017 as the Bicentenary of the Birth of the Founder of Bahá'í Faith**

Mayor Cooper presented a proclamation designating October 22 as the Bicentenary of the Birth of the Founder of Bahá'í Faith.

Mesu Yaganagi thanked the City for the honor and invited everyone to attend a celebration on October 22 in the Garden Room at Veterans Auditorium.

Keivan Hassan thanked the City for the recognition.

Ailees Poehls presented a packet to the City Council with information about the Bahá'í faith with an invitation to the Bicentenary.

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**Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

John Nachbar, City Manager, led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steven Gourley.

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**Report on Action Taken in Closed Session**

Mayor Cooper indicated nothing to report from Closed Session.

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

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that parking validation machines were available at the back of City Council Chambers.

Council Member Clarke reported that he was starting to grow a moustache for Movember, Men's Health Awareness Month.

Council Member Sahli-Wells discussed the mass shooting in Las Vegas and asked that the victims be remembered with a moment of silence; discussed the fires burning up north and locally, cautioning those with breathing difficulties to take extra precautions; reported serving on "Making Connections", a panel uplifting racial equity; wished everyone a Happy Indigenous Peoples' Day; discussed the suffering resulting from colonization and years of oppression; and she noted the large amount of bad news lately, the importance of learning from the past, and honoring those who have come before with respect for everyone to help make everyone stronger.

Mayor Cooper acknowledged the many difficult things happening in the world right now; discussed recent events in Las Vegas; expressed concern with the reaction of the Federal government to the situation in Puerto Rico; and he expressed pride in Culver City as a City of Kindness.

Vice Mayor Small reported participating in an event at the Wende Museum celebrating their imminent opening in November.

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

Mayor Cooper invited public comment and discussed procedures for public speaking.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

James Johnstone discussed the proclamation of the president regarding flying the flags at half-mast; the AmVet policy for flying flags at half-mast; an AmVet member lost in the shooting; he asked for assistance from the City arborist regarding a tree; and he discussed first responder veterans.

Lashinda Demus reported being a two-time Olympian and local resident; asked that the City Council discuss a 5K/10K run partnered with the Health Expo; she discussed the importance of fitness; and she indicated that a portion of the profits from the event would go to the School District to help establish fitness programs at the elementary level.

Council Member Sahli-Wells discussed the Centennial 5K and suggested that staff connect Ms. Demus with the organizers for next year's event.

Dr. Janet Hoult reported viewing a community alert video bulletin concerning a robbery at the Culver City High School; noted the importance of working together; and she read a poem about the Culver City Police Department.

Nicholas Cregor distributed visual aids to Council Members; discussed effective and enforceable zoning rules; requested that the City Council instruct the Planning department to formulate recommendations on closing all loopholes that have allowed the development of a multi-family unit at 10753 Cranks Road within a single family neighborhood; he discussed the Hillside Development meeting of August 17, 2017; effective enforcement measures; affordable housing; and he reported strong community support for closing loopholes in the zoning code and for effective enforcement.

Kate Cregor reported buying her home 17 years ago and being advised that Culver City had strict zoning rules; expressed disappointment with City approval of the development on Cranks Road; concern with parking issues; and she noted that the neighborhood is R-1 and should stay single family.

Jennifer Merlis echoed concern with 10753 Cranks Road; she reported that the homeowner is intending to rent out the apartment on the lower level; she indicated buying her home expressly because it was in an R-1 neighborhood; and she asked that the City Council agendaize a discussion of closing loopholes and enforcing R-1 zones.

Christian Foster reported issues with a neighbor renting his house out excessively for film production; discussed working with City staff and LA Films to address issues; asked that an item be agendaized; he noted nothing in the municipal code precludes denying issuance of film permits; discussed the number of allowable special events per year; and permit revocation.

Mayor Cooper received clarification regarding staff response time.

Steven Gourley expressed appreciation for the acknowledgement of honoring people who came before and he expressed support for agendaizing a discussion of enforcement of R-1 zoning in the City.

Melina Pillar expressed concern about the duplex being developed at 10753 Cranks Road; she expected City enforcement of R-1 zoning and the prevention of the illegal use and rental of the space; and she requested an agendaized discussion of the issue at a future City Council meeting.

Jamie Burton-Oare, Film LA, indicated willingness to speak with Mr. Foster regarding his concerns with frequency of filming in homes in the City; noted additional assistance provided when filming takes place; and she indicated that they are the official permit office for Culver City and are available to discuss the matter.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the current moratorium on hillside development; when staff recommendations will come back before the City Council; whether R-1 zoning codes would be included with the discussion; extension of the moratorium; the work of the consultant team; follow up from the community meetings; the need for a third community meeting; draft recommendations for consideration by the City Council; expiration of the moratorium on May 19, 2018; addressing zone text amendments; use of the consultant team to address R-1 development standards City-wide; the different phases; building a two

family home in a single family neighborhood; City Council direction to discuss additional items not part of the original intent of the moratorium; allowing two kitchens in a single family home; clarifying the definition of a duplex; community concern with the vagueness of the building code; adding specificity; defining single family units vs. duplexes; waiting to see if the consultant recommendations satisfy the community at the next community meeting on December 7; addressing resident concerns; and alerting the consultants to the concerns.

Council Member Sahli-Wells received clarification that the community meeting on December 7 would be at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Veterans Memorial Complex.

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

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that six pieces of correspondence had been received for Items Not on the Agenda and seven for Item A-2.

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

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

No changes were made.

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#### **Consent Calendar**

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-1, C-2, C-4, C-7, C-9 AND C-10.

Item C-1

#### **CC:HA:SA - Cash Disbursements**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2017.

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Item C-2

**CC:HA:SA - Meeting Minutes**

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, noted that several typographical errors had been corrected in the minutes.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CONSOLIDATED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2017.

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Item C-3

**CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Edison Carrier Solutions for Use of the Public Right-of-Way along National Boulevard, Helms Avenue and Higuera Street**

This item was removed from the agenda.

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Item C-4

**CC- (1) Approval of an Agreement with Setpoint Systems Corporation for the Installation of an Energy Management System (EMS) at the Teen Center; and Incorporation of Lighting Controls into the Existing EMS at the Senior Center in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$68,865.00; and (2) Authorization to the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Approve Amendments to Such Agreements in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$6,887.00**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SETPOINT SYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT THE TEEN CENTER AND FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE EXISTING LIGHTING CONTROL AT THE SENIOR CENTER INTO THE ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$68,865.00; AND;



2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO SUCH AGREEMENT IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$6,887.00; 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-7  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - Approval of Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for the Westwood Avenue Sewer Main Extension Project, PZ230**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WESTWOOD SEWER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT, PZ-230; AND

2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTWOOD SEWER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT, PZ-230.

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Item C-9  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - Receive and File the Measure Y Sales Tax Status Report as Approved by the Finance Advisory Committee**

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

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Item C-10

**CC - Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title 17, Zoning, of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) Code, Section 17.300.020 - Setback Regulations and Exceptions, Relating to**

**Standards and Requirements for Front Yard Trellis Structures  
(Zoning Code Amendment, P2017-0117-ZCA)**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT P2017-0117-ZCA, AMENDING TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE (CCMC), SECTION 17.300.020.E - ALLOWED PROJECTIONS INTO SETBACKS.

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Item C-8  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - Award of a Five-Year Professional Services Agreement with Siemens for Regular Testing, Maintenance and Repair of the Fire Safety System at City Hall, Transportation Facility, Senior Center and Police Station**

Council Member Eriksson recused himself and exited the dais.

MOVED BY MAYOR COOPER AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SMALL THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AWARD OF A FIVE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SIEMENS FOR REGULAR TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FOR THE FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS AT CITY HALL, TRANSPORTATION FACILITY, POLICE STATION AND SENIOR CENTER IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNTS OF \$37,402.00 (YEAR 1), \$37,963.00 (YEAR 2), \$38,532.00 (YEAR 3), \$39,109.00 (YEAR 4) AND \$39,695.00 (YEAR 5), AND;
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND;
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THESE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL  
NOES: NONE  
RECUSED: ERIKSSON

Council Member Eriksson returned to the dais.

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Item C-5  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - Approval of Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for the Carlson Park Streetlight Upgrade Project, PZ-684**

Council Member Sahli-Wells thanked staff for their outreach efforts on the project noting that residents appreciate being given a choice.

Council Member Eriksson received clarification regarding resident feedback.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CARLSON PARK STREETLIGHT UPGRADE PROJECT, PZ-684; AND
2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CARLSON PARK STREET LIGHT UPGRADE PROJECT, PZ-684.

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Item C-6

**CC - (1) Adoption of a Resolution Amending the 2017-18 Budget to Incorporate the Paving of Sepulveda Boulevard from Ballona Creek to Sawtelle Boulevard in the List of City Projects to be Funded by SB 1 (The Road Repair and Accountability Act); and (2) Approve a Related Budget Amendment (Requires a Four-Fifths Vote)**

Council Member Sahli-Wells received agreement from staff to contact the City of Los Angeles to see if they would agree to improve their portion of the street and she discussed economies of scale.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017-18 BUDGET TO INCORPORATE THE PAVING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM BALLONA CREEK TO SAWTELLE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY'S LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY SB 1 (THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT); AND

2. APPROVE A RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT (REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE) .

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SMALL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-5 AND C-6.

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### **Action Items**

#### Item A-1

**CC - (1) Discussion of Options Regarding Consolidation of Future Culver City Municipal Elections with California Statewide Elections, in Response to the California Voter Participation Rights Act and Related Opinion by the State Attorney General; and (2) Direction to the City Clerk as Deemed Appropriate**

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

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Alex Fisch expressed concern with creating barriers to participation in the electoral process; discussed scheduling elections to coincide with state and national elections; average turnout in the most recent statewide general elections vs. municipal elections; the groups that benefit the most from low turnouts; and he advocated for holding local elections at the same time as state and federal elections and lessening discrimination against marginalized voters.

Daniel Lee spoke in support of consolidating elections; discussed a Supreme Court case on gerrymandering; voter suppression; progressive policies in Culver City; allowing people to be part of the process; neighborhoods that do not feel represented in the City or in the electoral process; encouraging broader participation; and seeking a clear representation of what the people in Culver City want from their elected officials and from staff.

Steven Gourley spoke as someone who has participated in elections in and out of Culver City, asserting that if elections were to be consolidated, the costs of each election would be tripled for the candidates; he discussed candidate meetings; post office policies for political mailers; the theory that more people might show up and vote for the City Council race; concern with changing the election for a theory; and the practicality of mixing local elections with statewide and national elections.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the challenge of the Attorney General's decision by Whittier; the strategic plan goal to increase voter turnout; increased turnout with vote by mail; weekend voting; School Board elections; increased costs to candidates; increased contribution limits; the unlimited in-kind loop-hole; lawn signs; public preference for consolidated elections; acknowledgement of the downsides to consolidation; appreciation for input from the public; an observation that the arguments against consolidation are increased difficulty for candidates, not voters; concern with average turnout for off-cycle local elections vs. average general election turnouts; making an effort to ensure that every voice is heard; the historic lack of diversity on the City Council; primary elections vs. general elections; consolidated general elections in other cities; concern with getting lost in the shuffle; support for primary elections in an effort not to lose interest down ballot; the importance of knocking on doors and talking to people; the importance of local government; concern with state interference in local government; voter fatigue; the small number of involved residents in the City; allocating staff resources to resident outreach for local elections; costs for the City vs. the county in running the election; compliance; challenging the Attorney General's opinion; timing for the initiation of a Charter Amendment; observing how the School District election does; broad timing and authority with regard to compliance; establishing a plan for compliance; concern with putting off increasing public participation; allowing flexibility; general support for participation in local elections; stay of enforcement; and whether the City could be sued by a resident for not consolidating.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR SMALL THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: DIRECT THE CITY TO COMPLY WITH THE CVPRA REQUIREMENT THAT THE CITY CONSOLIDATE THE

CULVER CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH ONE OF THE  
STATEWIDE ELECTION DATES HELD IN EVEN NUMBERED YEARS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, ERIKSSON, SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL  
NOES: COOPER

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY VICE  
MAYOR SMALL THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE  
WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL  
NOES: ERIKSSON

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY VICE  
MAYOR SMALL THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATE THE YEAR OF  
CONSOLIDATION AS 2020.

THE MOTION FAILED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL  
NOES: CLARKE, COOPER, ERIKSSON

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL  
MEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATE THE YEAR OF  
CONSOLIDATION AS 2022.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, ERIKSSON, SMALL  
NOES: COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY VICE  
MAYOR SMALL, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A  
DRAFT CHARTER AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
ON A FUTURE AGENDA WITH THE ELECTION DATE TO PLACE THE  
CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE APRIL 2018 BALLOT.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, ERIKSSON, SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL  
NOES: COOPER

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding plans by staff to return with various ways to state the Charter Amendment including whether to have broad language; School Board language; state compliance; and agreement to have Council Members Clarke and Sahli-Wells meet with staff to discuss the charter amendment language.

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Item A-2

**CC - (1) Discussion of Potential Excise Tax on Commercial Cannabis Businesses; (2) Direction to the City Manager Regarding a Commercial Cannabis Excise Tax Ballot Measure; and (3) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Jesse Mays, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification on figures presented in the staff report; taxation for medicinal vs. adult use; rate goals; tax revenue; remaining competitive in manufacturing even with a higher tax rate than Los Angeles; the available number of permits allowed in Culver City; comparisons with other cities; the regional context; tax rates for testing and distribution; and pay rates and taxation categories for different jobs.

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Crystal Alexander, Finance Advisory Committee (FAC), noted the multi-dimensional aspect of the business; she lauded the preparation of the ballot issue; discussed the flexibility allowed to the City Council to move forward; and protecting the businesses.

Ruben Honig discussed testing and distribution as a wholesale business; encouraging long-term partnerships with the City; and the low margin for testing and distribution.

Discussion ensued between Council Members and Mr. Honig regarding allowing the flexibility to change tax rates after two years; an observation that Los Angeles is currently

lagging behind Culver City; whether businesses would remain in Culver City; property values; encouraging long term partnerships; potential traffic generated by distribution; manufacturing; long term goals; distribution businesses that choose to locate in Culver City; consideration of business models; effective tax rates; dual licensure and self-distribution by manufacturers; and changes to the businesses with regulation.

Responding to inquiry, an audience member estimated the average amount of money spent per person, per day at dispensaries.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern about double taxation with distribution and manufacturing; the intent of colocation; differences between states; appreciation to the FAC for considering the item; an observation that attracting businesses with lower taxes will not make them stay; business reasons for wanting to locate in the City; taxation for what the market will bear; taxation for retail medicinal; retail competition with Los Angeles; retail adult use; the feeling that people should not be enticed with low tax rates; matching rates used in Los Angeles; the amount of potential tax revenue; concern that the industry is already heavily regulated; seeking balance and flexibility; allowing for a range; attracting businesses that want to be in the City; fees; the rigorous application and vetting process; manufacturing recommendations; a suggestion to change distribution to the 2-6% range due to lower margins; differences in revenue derived from manufacturing vs. retail; the feeling that manufacturing is less intrusive in residential areas; the importance of safe, regulated access; policies in West Hollywood; ensuring accessibility for youth programs and enhancing existing programming; the previous diversion program with the Police Department; allocating a portion of monies to youth programs; the two-thirds vote necessary with the ballot measure; the City Council resolution; the budget discussion; addressing community concerns; education; support for diversion programs; providing a service for the community; concern with having a resolution before the vote; support for having staff examine the possibilities; and acknowledgement of problems related to the retail sale of cannabis in the City.



MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLARKE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR COOPER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT THE STAFF AND SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INITIAL TAX RATES (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AMENDING THE PERCENTAGE ON DISTRIBUTION AT 2% IN THE RANGE FROM 2%-6%) OF: RETAIL (MEDICINAL): RANGE OF 5 -8% WITH AN INITIAL RATE OF 5%; RETAIL (ADULT-USE): RANGE OF 6-10% WITH AN INITIAL RATE OF 6%; MANUFACTURING: RANGE OF 4-6% WITH AN INITIAL RATE OF 4%; TESTING: 1-1.5% WITH AN INITIAL RATE OF 1%; AND CULTIVATION: \$12 PER SQUARE FOOT OF CANOPY (ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO 3% OF GROSS RECEIPTS).

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL  
NOES: ERIKSSON

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Item A-3

**CC - (1) Presentation of Bicycle & Pedestrian Action Plan Public Participation Plan; (2) Consideration of Vision Zero Initiative; and (3) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, introduced the item; discussed City Council Strategic Goal #4; and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan, Vision Zero and Complete Streets.

Marc Caswell, Alta Planning and Design, provided a presentation on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; discussed goals; branding; community outreach and engagement; complete inclusion; project milestones; technical designs; emerging trends; indicated that additional information was available at [culvercity.bikepedplan.com](http://culvercity.bikepedplan.com); discussed demonstration projects; corridor analysis and development; he requested input on who else should be reached out to; and he provided his contact information.

Council Member Clarke indicated that he would provide information to Mr. Caswell for organizations that he felt should be contacted.

Discussion ensued between staff, Mr. Caswell and Council Members regarding support for the demonstration projects and outreach to less civically involved residents; becoming a

more senior friendly community; gaining in place goals; the disabled community; building upon the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Visioning Process; clarification that information would be provided in English and Spanish; the timeline; scheduled public participation; outreach to neighborhood associations; a request for City Council input regarding prioritization; workshops targeted on priority corridors; social media surveys; school groups; ensuring that work is not repeated; achieving buy-in; coordination with the Ballona Creek Revitalization Project; ensuring that information is shared with the City Council and the community; beginning the community input process; using a similar method as done with the TOD Visioning Process; concern that the process has gotten far without City Council involvement; formalizing the process for City Council involvement; the need for specific guidance from the City Council regarding regularity of meeting; increasing meeting frequency as the process moves forward; involving the City Council earlier in the process with strategic goals; pedestrian traffic fatalities vs. bicycle fatalities; and engaging the pedestrian community.

Further discussion ensued between Mr. Caswell and Council Members regarding awareness of pedestrian concerns; outreach to pass-through users; and the importance of demonstration projects.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the crosswalk at the Mosque; changing the behaviors of pedestrians vs. drivers; evolution of the tactical urbanist approach; crosswalks; and a suggestion to have a presentation at the City Council/CCUSD Board Liaison Committee meeting.

Chelsea Richer, Fehr & Peers, provided a presentation on Vision Zero; discussed collision data; next steps in the process; and the action plan process.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Richer and Council Members regarding opportunities to work with Los Angeles to link projects; the Adams Boulevard corridor; data driven solutions; the tie-in with Complete Streets; providing data so that people can connect the dots; providing deeper public engagement; promoting understanding; encouraging a culture change; the push back in Mar Vista and Marina Del Rey; prioritizing higher speeds and a faster commute over people's lives; traffic fatalities; climate change; congestion; cut

through traffic; tracking; multiple benefits; and data to assist in moving forward.

Mayor Cooper noted City Council consensus to move forward and received clarification that staff would return with a formal resolution.

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Item A-4

**CC - (1) Consideration of Development of a Complete Streets Policy, and (2) Direction to Staff as Deemed Appropriate**

Eric Bruins, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, discussed the need to develop a Complete Streets Policy; Metro grants; vision and process; priorities; ensuring that the network works for everyone; required elements of the policy; outreach; and process.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding consequences of ratings; the end result of creating a vision; allocation of uses for the right of way; tradeoffs; potential political conflict; consequences of changes; concern with becoming disconnected with the City Council; time constraints; funding opportunities in the first quarter of 2018; adopting a minimalist plan; achieving community consensus; taking a thoughtful approach; building upon the previously adopted plan; clarification regarding policies vs. plans; coordinating a process for all plans in the City; review processes; interdepartmental coordination; the community process; City Council vetting; project management; policy direction; a suggestion to utilize the City Council subcommittee process; and development of a more complete policy at a later date.

Mayor Cooper invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Patricia Bijvoet expressed support for the need for a culture change and she suggested a playful way of addressing culture change in the public outreach.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read written comments submitted by:

Kristin Torres Pawling

Andrew Leist expressed support for the projects; encouraged the City Council to support public participation efforts in development of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; discussed transforming the Master Plan into implementable projects; prioritization of goals; and he indicated that he and the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) were available to help.

Michelle Weiner expressed support for efforts to transform Culver City streets; reported taking her role on the BPAC very seriously; discussed input she has received from pedestrians; was pleased with the interactive website; discussed Vision Zero; noted that as a cyclist, traffic is scary and she is eager for change; expressed hope that the City would stay mindful of transit; discussed Complete Streets; the stacking functions; addressing multiple problems with one move; different approaches; and parkway and street changes to filter storm water.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding process; the timeline for policy development; taking the pulse of the entire City Council; suggestion to form a subcommittee and agreement that Council Members Sahli-Wells and Eriksson work on the policy development.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding goals to emphasize in the policy; encouragement of active living, economic development, place making, and environmental sustainability; clarification that not every street will meet every goal; how to weigh different tradeoffs; ranking walking, transit, biking and driving; a suggestion to rank and balance all modes of transportation equally for the short-term; aspirational vs. programmatic policy; the ranking suggested in the TOD Visioning process; moving forward rather than staying with the status quo; gradual change; implementation of bold policies; making a safer and better community; considering pedestrians first; City Council consensus to support an equal footing for all modes for the short term; setting specific performance standards for different types of streets; designing streets to operate at certain speeds; modifications necessary to lower speed limits; developing ways to slow traffic down; speed as the key to fatalities; clarification that performance standards for different streets are not required in a minimum policy; comprehensive and cohesive signage;

making modifications until streets perform as intended; posted speed limits vs. actual speed travelled; distracted driving; looking at the details of each accident; the need to make decisions based on data; concern with establishing a subcommittee when the item was not agendized; agreement to address other environmental issues; place making; pedestrian infrastructure; prioritizing pedestrians; minimum standards for stakeholder outreach; laying out the framework and priorities; measurable outcomes; whether Vision Zero and Complete Streets should be addressed together; decisions to defer to the two Council Members focusing on the issue; improving the walkability score; strategic goals of reducing congestion and car trips; whether Vision Zero conflicts with ranking each mode equally; setting concrete targets; and reporting on the targets.

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Item A-5

**CC - Approval of (1) Exchange Agreement and Assignment of Federal Surface Transportation Program Local Funds between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("LACMTA") and the City of Culver City; ("City") and (2) Agreement to Transfer Funds Acquired by the City from LACMTA to the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC)**

Mayor Cooper invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SMALL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE AN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM - LOCAL FUNDS BETWEEN THE CITY OF CULVER CITY AND LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SMALL, SECONDED BY MAYOR COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE AN AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER FUNDS ACQUIRED BY THE CITY FROM LACMTA TO THE COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (CEAC.)

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SMALL, SECONDED BY MAYOR COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

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

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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 Council Members**

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, stated for the record that Closed Session Item CS-2 had been started but not finished.

Council Member Sahli-Wells received clarification that no Council Members were going to attend the National League of Cities meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 12:36 a.m. Tuesday, October 10, 2017, the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, and Culver City Housing Authority Board adjourned to October 23, 2017.

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Jeremy Green  
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  
Culver City, California

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JEFFREY COOPER

MAYOR of Culver City, California and CHAIR of the Successor  
Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, and  
Culver City Housing Authority Board