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AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

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

May 14, 2018
4:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Small called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Thomas Small, Mayor
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Vice Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Alex Fisch, Council Member
Daniel Lee, 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 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 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Re: Initiation of Litigation - 1 Item
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4)

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CS-3 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Maria Martinez-Paguaga v. City of Culver City et al.
LASC Case No. BC644987
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (1)

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CS-4 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 3725 Robertson Boulevard
City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager
Other Parties Negotiators: Michael Halaoui, Bernard Ashkar of Icon West, Inc.
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment or Both, Including Use Restrictions, Development Obligations and Other Monetary Related Considerations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

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CS-5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 9070 Venice Boulevard (The Ivy Substation) (Property)
City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager/Executive Director; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director/Assistant Executive Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager
Other Parties Negotiators: The Actors' Gang
Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment or Both, Including Use Restrictions, Development Obligations and Other Monetary Related Considerations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

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CS-6 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Emery Eccles v. City of Culver City et al.
LASC Case No. BC639773
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (1)

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CS-7 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Re: 15-Foot Wide Portion of Los Angeles County Flood Control
Right-of Way, Located Immediately South of and Adjacent to
Assessor Parcel No. 4209-004-021 and Comprised of
Approximately 1010 Square Feet
City Negotiators: John M. Nachbar, City Manager; Sol
Blumenfeld, Community Development Director; Charles
Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Other Parties Negotiators: County of Los Angeles
Under Negotiation: Price or Terms of Payment or Both,
Including Use Restrictions, Development Obligations and Other
Monetary Related Considerations
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

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CS-8 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Re: Initiation of Litigation
Potential to Join Amicus Brief Along with Other California
Cities and Counties, Supporting the State of California in
the Matter of United States of America v. the
State of California et al.
USDC Case No. 18-264
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4)

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Regular Session

Mayor Small reconvened the meeting of the City Council and
convened the meeting of the Culver City Housing Authority
Board, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing
Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment
Agency Board at 7:15 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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Recognition Presentations

Item R-1

CC - Presentation of a Proclamation Designating May 2018 as Older Americans Recognition Month

Mayor Small presented the proclamation designating May 2018 as Older Americans Recognition Month to Senior Center Association President, Myrna Weber who thanked the City for their support and the volunteers for their hard work.

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Item R-2

CC - Presentation of a Commendation to Kay Heineman, 2018 Senior of the Year

Council Member Eriksson presented a commendation to Kay Heineman, 2018 Senior of the Year.

Kay Heineman thanked the City Council and the Senior Center for the opportunity to serve, noting that she hoped to continue to serve as needed.

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Item R-3

CC - A Proclamation Declaring May as Bike Month in Culver City

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells presented the proclamation declaring May as Bike Month in Culver City.

Michelle Weiner, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, accepted the proclamation and announced bike month activities in the City.

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Item R-4

CC - Presentation of a Proclamation Designating May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2018

Council Member Lee presented the proclamation to Mayor Small.

Mayor Small discussed the diversity of the Asian Pacific Island region; expressed pride at being the first Filipino American elected in Culver City; and he discussed the Asian World Film Festival.

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Small indicated that Item CS-7 had not been considered and that, after regular business, the City Council would adjourn into Closed Session to consider Item CS-8.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

John Nachbar, City Manager, led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hector Marin.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Fisch thanked those who provided input regarding the mayoral succession and encouraged others with strong feelings to reach out, noting that the item would be on a future agenda.

Council Member Lee reported attending the AVPA showcase at the Mayme Clayton Library and Museum as well as the Why Drive Art Show put on by Walk 'n Rollers; he discussed his personal mobility history; and he felt that many more things could be done in the City to improve mobility.

Council Member Eriksson discussed a health event that took place at the pool on May 11, praising the work of the responding lifeguards and paramedics; he received clarification that the investigation into a shooting between

cars at Barman and Elenda is ongoing; discussed the Vector Control Board meeting; and he received clarification that a brochure with helpful information to stop mosquito breeding is up on the City website.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells reported that May 17 is Bike to Work Day with refreshments available at 7:00 a.m. on the Ballona Creek Bike Path at Duquesne, and free rides on Culver City Bus for those with a helmet or a bicycle.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reminded everyone that May 23 is the deadline to apply to serve on Committees, Boards and Commissions and she indicated that additional information is available on the City website.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

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

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Keith Jeffreys, United States Veterans' Artists Alliance (USVAA), introduced fellow veterans and artists; encouraged everyone to visit usvaa.org; discussed the mission of the organization; distributed information to Council Members; and wanted to discuss the possibility of transforming Veterans Auditorium into a performing arts complex in the future.

Dr. Tom Williams, Citizens Coalition for a Safe Community, provided background on himself; asked about the status of the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Inglewood Oil Field; discussed the public records request procedure; water desalinization; water resources; the best path forward; and he expressed interest in developing a working relationship with Culver City.

Dr. Janet Hault announced that the Culver City Centennial Poetry Collection had been published; she reminded everyone that May is Pet Month and displayed her book, *Going to the Dogs and Other Critters*, noting that there would be a book signing at Centinela Feed on May 20; and she discussed Culver City as a City of Kindness, and ethical, not political guidelines for all citizens.

Daryl Cherness requested that the City Council agendaize a discussion regarding installation of a memorial sign in honor of Judge Harold I. Cherness; he reported taking preliminary steps regarding the installation of the sign; discussed previous work with staff to identify a location and design for the sign; the need for City Council approval; he stated that he had been working to get the sign installed since March 2016, before the current rules regarding naming of public facilities had been established; and he requested that the City Council grant exemption from the current rules since they were established after he began his request.

Discussion ensued between Council Members regarding consensus to consider the request, and clarification that his application had triggered questions resulting in examination of the naming process and eventual changes being made.

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, expressed support for transforming Veterans Auditorium into a performing arts center; announced their next concert scheduled for June 9 at the Kirk Douglas Theatre; expressed appreciation for the Culver City Performing Arts grant and support from Sony Pictures; and he indicated that information was available at culvercitysymphony.org

John Cohn, Exchange Club, thanked everyone for help with the 15th Annual Car Show on May 12; discussed logistics; scholarships and donations; home challenged students at West Los Angeles College; and he indicated that the next event would be the Fourth of July celebration at West Los Angeles College.

Pete Rockwell expressed appreciation to City Council Members for their hard work and service to the City.

Cynthia Hart noted substantive and significant challenges ahead for the City; expressed hope that everyone would be able to work together in a spirit of unity and kindness; and she wanted Culver City to get green rideshare bikes like Santa Monica has.

Thomas wanted to see square dancing in downtown Culver City and he discussed options available to move forward.

Discussion ensued between the speaker and Council Members regarding the Downtown Business Association; the Actors'

Gang; dancing for beginners; and encouragement to the speaker to leave his contact information.

Michael Doyle asked for information regarding the recent break with the mayoral rotation tradition.

Michael Hamel expressed concern with changes to the selection process for mayor, and concern with the creation of a divide in the City and loss of credibility.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that one email had been received for Item C-14.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE 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

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that she wanted to make a comment on Item C-13 even though it was to be pulled from the agenda.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-11, AND C-12.

Item C-1

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Cash Disbursements

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR APRIL 14, 2018 TO MAY 4, 2018.

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Item C-2

CC:FA:HA:PA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Regular Consolidated City Council Meetings on April 23, 2018 and April 30, 2018

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CONSOLIDATED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON APRIL 23, 2018 AND APRIL 30, 2018.

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Item C-3

CC:SA:HA:PA - (1) Receipt of the City Manager's/Executive Director's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19; and (2) Setting the Date and Time of the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for June 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY, HOUSING AUTHORITY AND PARKING AUTHORITY BOARDS:

1. RECEIVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019; AND
2. SET THE TIME AND DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR JUNE 25, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M., OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS MAY BE HEARD.

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Item C-5

(Out of Sequence)

CC - Approval of an Agreement with Ron's Maintenance, Inc. for (1) Citywide Storm Drain Catch Basin Cleaning and Inspections in an Aggregate Amount Not-to-Exceed \$300,300 for a Term up to Three Years with Two One-Year Options; and (2) Transfer Station Urban Run-off Diversion System Cleaning in an Aggregate Amount Not-to-Exceed \$57,000 for a Term up to Three Years with Two One-Year Options

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH RON'S MAINTENANCE, INC. FOR (A) CITYWIDE STORM DRAIN CATCH BASIN CLEANING AND INSPECTIONS, PZ-497 FOR A TERM UP TO THREE YEARS WITH TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$300,300; AND (B)

TRANSFER STATION URBAN RUN-OFF DIVERSION SYSTEM CLEANING IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$57,000 FOR A TERM UP TO THREE YEARS WITH TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS;

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-6

CC - (1) Acceptance of Work Performed by Golden Gate Steel, Inc., DBA Golden Gate Construction; (2) Authorization to File a Notice of Completion; and (3) Authorization to Release the Retention Funds upon Expiration of the 35-Day Lien Period, for the Senior Center Courtyard Renovation Project, PF-007

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ACCEPT THE WORK PERFORMED BY GOLDEN GATE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SENIOR CENTER COURTYARD RENOVATION PROJECT, PF-007; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE FOR RECORDATION; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF RETENTION FUNDS TO GOLDEN GATE CONSTRUCTION AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD.

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Item C-7

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Freedom Communications, LLC for Use of the Public Right-of-Way to Install Three 147 Foot Conduits for Fiber Optic Cable Starting in the Alley Behind 11204 Sepulveda Boulevard Continuing Westwards, Crossing Braddock Drive and Ending in the Alley at 4411 Sepulveda Boulevard

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH FREEDOM COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-

OF-WAY TO INSTALL THREE 147 FOOT CONDUITS FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE STARTING IN THE ALLEY BEHIND 11204 SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD CONTINUING WESTWARD, CROSSING BRADDOCK DRIVE AND ENDING IN THE ALLEY AT 4411 SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD;

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

3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-11
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Approval of an Application for \$19,149.00 in Grant Funds through the Fiscal Year 2018 Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,149.00 THROUGH THE FY 2018 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP; 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-12

CC - (1) Acceptance of Work Performed by BC Traffic Specialist; (2) Authorization to File a Notice of Completion; and (3) Authorization to Release the Retention Payment After the Expiration of the 35-Day Lien Period, for the Arterial Street Restriping Project, PS-005

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ACCEPT THE WORK PERFORMED BY BC TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FOR THE ARTERIAL STREET RESTRIPIING PROJECT, PS-005; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; AND,

3. AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF \$2,954.77 IN RETENTION FUNDS TO BC TRAFFIC SPECIALIST AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE 35-DAY LIEN PERIOD.

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Item C-4
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Approval of Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for the Traffic Signal Re-Wiring Project, PZ-429 and Traffic Signal Construction at Washington Boulevard and Cattaraugus Avenue, PL-003

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding potential Arts District egress; difficulty of design with the offset intersection; potential loss of parking on Washington Boulevard; additional crosswalks in the Arts District; the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan; the Transit Oriented Development Visioning Study; signalization; resident input; outreach; criteria that must be met; and input from Ken Mand.

Mayor Small invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Ken Mand felt that greater input from residents was necessary prior to authorization.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding inclusion of area businesses in the conversation; impacts to the area; the loss of parking spaces with the installation of a signal; volume on the south side; tree removal and replacement with a crosswalk; parking vs. traffic flow vs. ingress; complex issues in the neighborhood; a suggestion to have the Parking and Traffic subcommittee consider the item; providing for public discussion; and concern with slowing down the process.

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Item C-8
(Out of Sequence)

CC - (1) Approval of an Agreement with BEST Contracting Services, Inc. for the Repair of the City Hall Parking Structure Entrance/Exit Ramp in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$60,000.00; and (2) Authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Approve Amendments to Such Agreement Not-to-Exceed \$6,000.00

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding scheduling; retention of access to City Hall during business hours; exploration of times that would cause the least disruption; and coordination with the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BEST CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. FOR THE REPAIR OF THE CITY HALL PARKING STRUCTURE ENTRY/EXIT RAMP IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$60,000.00 WITH CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED FOR NON-BUSINESS HOURS TO RETAIN ACCESS TO CITY HALL; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO SUCH AGREEMENT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$6,000.00; 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-9

CC - (1) Consideration of a Recommendation from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission to Extend the Existing Culver City Park Designated Dog Path to Connect the Lower Field Parking Lot to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Western Gateway; and, (2) [If Desired] Adoption of a Resolution Designating Such Dog Path and Rescinding Resolution No. 2014-R064

Mayor Small invited public input.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read comments submitted by:

Steve

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Kay Heineman discussed consideration of the item by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission; concern about the welfare and safety of children; the Little League Field; rerouting of the path; and additional trashcans and signage.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding connecting different parts of Culver City with a dog path.

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells expressed appreciation to staff for the extensive public outreach.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. CONSIDER A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (PRCS) COMMISSION TO EXTEND THE EXISTING CULVER CITY PARK DESIGNATED DOG PATH TO CONNECT THE LOWER FIELD PARKING LOT TO THE BALDWIN HILLS SCENIC OVERLOOK WESTERN GATEWAY; AND,
2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SUCH DOG PATH AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-R064.

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Item C-10

CC - Approve an Agreement with Flouresco Services LLC for the Fabrication and Installation of Metro and Downtown Wayfinding Signs in the Amount of \$111,265.06

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern with older signage in the community; potential confusion created by the Robertson Transit Hub signage; using

placemaking terms rather than zoning terms; the use of the symbol for Metro rather than the word; coordination with other bus lines; the official designated name; uniformity; confusion for those who are not regular transit riders; public comments and concern about the graphics; naming concerns; a suggestion to bring the item to the Traffic and Parking subcommittee for consideration and return to the City Council for further consideration; timing; the contract with Fluoresco; issues with the content rather than the work; the grant schedule; the need to request an extension for the grant process if the item did not move forward; and the City Council agreed that the item should be pulled from the agenda.

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Item C-14
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Authorization to Submit Letter to California Air Resources Board (CARB) Requesting the Inglewood Oil Field be Included in the Study of Neighborhood Air Near Petroleum Sources (SNAPS)

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding identifying unique threats; the focus of the letter; formulation of a similar letter from the Community Advisory Panel for the Inglewood Oil Field; support from the School District; coordinating letters from different sources; the California Air Resources Board; competition with oil operations all over the state; the letter from Sentinel Peak Resources; the lack of available data; and strengthening the position of the City with additional letters from other organizations.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) REQUESTING THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD BE INCLUDED IN THE STUDY OF NEIGHBORHOOD AIR NEAR PETROLEUM SOURCES (SNAPS);
2. AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO PREPARE THE LETTER; AND
3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-13
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Adoption of a Resolution, Denying Without Prejudice, T-Mobile's Application for a Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility in the Public Right-of-Way West of 10876 Culver Boulevard

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells noted that the item was deferred but she suggested that a subcommittee be formed to try to set some standards for the City; she discussed justification for this type of infrastructure over another kind of infrastructure; an observation that the issue would not go away; the need for additional guidance; and consideration of establishing a subcommittee to examine the issues during subcommittee assignments at the May 29, 2018 City Council meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding City Council consensus that a request to consider adding an ad hoc subcommittee on guidelines for cell phone tower infrastructure be added to a future agenda; telecommunications providers that want to use the fiber network; the future of the fiber network; residential use or increased business use; fiber infrastructure; a suggestion that the item be expanded to include telecommunications and a discussion of fiber; whether to create a standing technology committee vs. a specific ad hoc committee; overlap between the equipment and the fiber network; and starting as an ad hoc technology infrastructure subcommittee, called the Smart City Subcommittee.

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Item C-4
(Continued)

CC - Approval of Final Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for the Traffic Signal Re-Wiring Project, PZ-429 and Traffic Signal Construction at Washington Boulevard and Cattaraugus Avenue, PL-003

Mayor Small suggested that the item be conditionally approved allowing the item to go to the Parking and Traffic

Subcommittee and not have to come back before the City Council.

Council Member Eriksson suggested approving the item barring any major public suggested revision that fits with Caltrans rules at the Parking and Traffic Subcommittee.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. CONDITIONALLY APPROVE THE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL RE-WIRING PROJECT, PZ-429 AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION AT WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND CATTARAUGUS AVENUE, PL-003, BARRING ANY ISSUES; AND,

2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL RE-WIRING PROJECT, PZ-429 AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION AT WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND CATTARAUGUS AVENUE, PL-003.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ITEMS C-4, C-8, C-9, AND C-14.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC - (1) Presentations and Discussion Regarding the West Basin Ocean Water Desalination Project; and (2) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Helen Chin, Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record

Shivaji Deshmukh, West Basin Water District, provided an overview of the project; discussed project objectives; preferred options; intake and discharge facilities; the intake conveyance system; the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR); the environmental analysis; report availability; and public comment

Conner Everts, Desal Response Group, provided background on himself and an overview of their concerns including unacceptable environmental impacts; costs; water capture by West Basin; conservation and rain water programs; the issue

of demand and need; the potential for ground water expansion; exploration of all options; state water initiatives; increased efficiencies; issues with desalination efforts in Australia; and concern with financing for the project.

Mayor Small invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Dr. Tom Williams discussed his experience with desalination; asserted that the EIR was incomplete and inadequate; suggested that the City Manager stop dealing with West Basin as the EIR would be fought in court; discussed using ground water with desal to control ground water intrusion; he felt that there would likely be direct potable reuse within the next 5 years; suggested alternatives; he questioned who would pay and who would benefit; discussed project objectives; conflicts within the EIR; studies on microplankton not considered in the EIR; more to be done in conservation; increasing the number of rain barrels; and he requested a better EIR due to concerns with adequacy and completeness.

Bruce Reznik, LA Water Keeper, asked Culver City to join other area cities in opposing the project; asserted that desalination was the most expensive, energy intensive and environmentally harmful way to generate local water; expressed support for local water as well as efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle, and restore; discussed the decline of impact; electricity requirements for desalination; money already invested in the project; better options available; and he wanted the City to stop investments in carbon intensive projects.

Annelisa Moe, Heal the Bay, voiced concerns about the proposed desal plant; discussed negative impacts on the environment; energy use; CO₂ emissions; disruptions of ecosystems; discharge into the ocean; maintenance; costs; desalination as a last resort; capture and treatment of storm water; better use of resources; community projects; and she asked the City to oppose the proposed ocean desalination plant.

Craig Cadwallader, Surfrider Foundation, discussed partnerships with West Basin; expansion of recycled water usage; desalination used as a last resort; discharge from the Hyperion treatment plant; cooperation with the City of Los

Angeles; the timeframe involved; direct potable reuse legislation in Sacramento; encouraging West Basin to expand their use of recycled Hyperion water; and changes to technology.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding extension of the due date; clarification that staff did not have a position on the matter; input from the Sustainability Subcommittee; the EIR for the Oil Field; what constitutes a valid comment; commenting with facts; political decisions vs. comments on the EIR; the process; clarification that there is no need to comment; the need to cite facts; and expressing views about the wisdom of the project vs. providing a technical response.

Discussion ensued between Council Members and Mr. Reznik regarding the response of other area cities.

Discussion ensued between Council Members and Mr. Deshmukh regarding formulating an informed opinion based on the facts; financial implications of city partnerships; utilizing less resource and energy intensive options; financial viability; strong experience of West Basin in recycled water and conservation; opportunity to expand; providing another supply of potable water; indirect potable reuse; the path to direct potable reuse; protecting public health; work with the environmental community; energy use; environmental impact; financial impacts; competitive supply; the focus on conservation; rain barrel programs; project objectives; the Water Replenishment District of Southern California; logical connections; the focus on desalination vs. other options; price per acre-foot; costs; greenhouse gas issues; the Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Program; appreciation for previous West Basin sustainability programs; goals established; Legislative and Policy Platform Water Conservation Water Quality and Air Quality Guidelines; multi-benefit thinking vs. siloed thinking; making informed comments without getting into technicalities; examining responses of other cities; the drought in Australia and reports from the Tree People; effectiveness of conservation; the ability to meet targets; addressing climate change; long term projections from West Basin; reductions to the amount of imported water purchased; the possibility of creating dams; storm water projects; creating local supply; promoting a conservation ethic; flood control dams; challenges in highly developed areas; West Basin support of research; uncertainty with other options; the data driven approach of West Basin;

application of a qualitative determination; stakeholder input; the EIR process; sources and what can be recycled; and imported water and ground water.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding greenhouse gases generated by moving water; placing the emphasis on conservation; prioritizing options; remaining open to desalination; analyzing the response of other cities; whether appropriate comments can be made on the EIR; the public agencies perspective; technical comments based on data and facts; the ability of the City Council to submit any comment deemed appropriate; the need for a consultant to assist in document interpretation; formulation of questions to submit as comments; the difficulty of challenging the EIR technically; a suggestion to submit a letter based on Sustainability Subcommittee stated policies; knowledge of the financial impacts before formulating an opinion; having the established policies in the City reflected in working relationships; responding to the EIR with questions; formulation of a letter; water security; water resiliency; City Council policy guidelines and sustainability goals; sea level rise; and coastal facilities.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Small invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from Council Members

Council Member Fisch received City Council consensus that a discussion of collecting Transient Occupancy Tax on short term rentals while regulations are formulated be put on a future agenda for consideration.

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Recess

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER ITEM CS-8 AT 10:09 P.M.

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

CS-8 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Re: Initiation of Litigation

Potential to Join Amicus Brief Along with Other California Cities and Counties, Supporting the State of California in the Matter of United States of America v. the State of California et al.

USDC Case No. 18-264

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

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Reconvene

Mayor Small reconvened the City Council at 10:33 p.m. and reported that with regard to Item CS-8, the City Council had voted to file an amicus brief, with a motion by Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells and a second by Council Member Lee and a vote of 3 in favor with 1 abstention (Eriksson) and 1 recused (Fisch.)

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:34 p.m., the City Council, Redevelopment Financing Authority, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Culver City Parking Authority and Culver City Housing Authority Board adjourned to May 21, 2018.

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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, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing
Authority, and Culver City Housing Authority Board
Culver City, California

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