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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

March 18, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Small called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 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 item:

**CS-1** CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
RE: Amber Machowski et al v. Bird Rides, Inc., et al.  
Case No. 2:19-CV-1014-JAK(MRWX)  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

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**Reconvene**

Mayor Small reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:02 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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**Recognition Presentations**

Item R-1

**CC: Presentation of a Commendations to Fire Prevention and Enforcement Services Staff for their Outstanding Work to Prevent Homelessness**

The City Council presented Commendations to Marian Aspnes, Thomas Mike McCormick, Will Portillo, Yvette Soto, and Marna Johnson for their dedicated service to the City, commitment to the community, and outstanding work to prevent homelessness.

Marian Aspnes thanked the City for the honor and acknowledged the work and donations of other City employees.

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Item R-2

**CC: Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to the Participants in the 2019 Homeless Count**

Karlo Silbiger, Committee on Homelessness Chair, thanked staff and Committee Members for their efforts on the Homeless Count; he also thanked those who donated food for the event and the volunteers for their work; he discussed reports of increased numbers of people living in their vehicles noting much work to be done; encouraged anyone interested to come to the next Committee on Homelessness meeting on April 23; and he reported that a Homeless Tool Kit was available and that Committee representatives were available to make presentations to community groups or neighborhood associations.

Tevis Barnes, Housing Administrator, thanked Police, Fire and Code Enforcement for their partnership in efforts to address homelessness.

Mayor Small thanked Tevis Barnes for her outstanding efforts and presented Commendations to the volunteers participating in the Annual Homeless Count 2019.

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### **Regular Session**

Mayor Small convened the meeting of the Culver City Housing Authority Board, the Culver City Parking Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board at 7:22 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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### **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

John Nachbar, City Manager, led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Darrel Menthe.

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### **Closed Session Report**

Mayor Small indicated nothing to report out of Closed Session.

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

Council Member Lee discussed his recent trip back to Alabama and announced the Sustainable Business Certification Awards on March 21.

Council Member Fisch discussed Transit Driver Appreciation Day and encouraged everyone to thank their bus driver; he reported attending the Spring Egg Hunt on March 17 noting that issues from previous years had been addressed; and he acknowledged the upcoming State of the City event.

Council Member Eriksson reported participating in the Shoes for the Homeless fundraiser organized by Ira Diamond at the Wende Museum and he encouraged donations of clothing to help students at West Los Angeles College.

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells reported attending the Yosemite Policy Makers Conference organized by the Local Government Commission (LGC) focusing on ensuring sustainability through public policy and noted her election to the Board of the LGC; she discussed the Civic Spark Program; and she announced a celebration of the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Retirement Housing Foundation on March 21 at Rotary Plaza.

Mayor Small congratulated Ivan Hernandez of the Culver City Police Department on being awarded the Centurion Award for Excellence; noted the need to come together, citing events in the Netherlands and New Zealand as well as incidents of anti-Semitism in Culver City; and he announced the State of the City Address at the Frost Auditorium on April 9.

Council Member Eriksson reported being appointed Chair of the Aviation Committee of the National League of Cities and he indicated that he would provide a more formal report at the April City Council meeting.

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

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Mark Lipman, Committee on Homelessness, provided information on the vacancy rate in Los Angeles County; discussed artificial inflation of housing prices; investment speculators; units that are off the market and used for tax-breaks; a motion passed by the Committee on Homelessness to request that the City Council write a letter to Los Angeles County calling for an investigation of units vacant for more than 3 months; he asked for an investigation of vacant units in Culver City; and he cited news articles on taxing developers who keep units vacant for a considerable amount of time in Barcelona and New York.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Lipman and Council Members regarding the motion made by the Committee; drafting a letter for City Council consideration; vacant businesses; and consideration of policies to help small businesses stay in Culver City.

Dr. Janet Hoult introduced poets from her Word Painting with Poetry class at the Senior Center who read poems providing insights into the plight of the homeless.

Ron Cohen read a poem entitled *Homelessness*.

Ann Garreth read a poem entitled *Culver City, My Gem of the City*.

Steven Gelb read poem entitled *Harbingers of the Homeless*.

Terry Anne Dicks read a poem entitled *The Homeless*.

Gladys Newton, Bravo Toastmasters Club, provided background on the organization; indicated that they would like to grow their membership and share resources with the community; and she announced a free open house at Veterans Memorial on March 23, noting that flyers were available from the City Clerk.

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, discussed National Transit Drivers Day; encouraged everyone to ride the bus; announced an upcoming concert on April 6; and he expressed appreciation for the Performing Arts Grant given to support the performance.

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

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that two pieces of correspondence had been received for item A-6.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH 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 FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1, C-2, C-5 AND C-8.

Item C-1

**CC:HA:SA - Approval of Cash Disbursements for February 16, 2019 to March 8, 2019**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2019 TO MARCH 8, 2019.

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Item C-2

**CC:HA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting on March 4, 2019 and the Special Adjourned Meeting on March 5, 2019**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 4, 2019 AND THE SPECIAL ADJOURNED MEETING ON MARCH 5, 2019.

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Item C-5  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - Approval of an Amendment to an Existing Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Engineering for Contract Planning Services Through June 30, 2019 in an Additional Amount Not-to-Exceed \$37,000**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING (\$27,000) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLDAN ENGINEERING FOR CONTRACT PLANNING SERVICES, IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$37,000 (FOR AN AGGREGATE NOT-TO-EXCEED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$64,000);

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-8  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC:SA - Adoption of Respective Resolutions Authorizing Designated Representatives to Deposit and Withdraw as Well as Make Account Changes with the State Local Agency Investment Fund on Behalf of Culver City and the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT RESPECTIVE RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES TO DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAW FUNDS, AS WELL AS MAKE ACCOUNT CHANGES, WITH THE STATE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND.

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Item C-3  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - Receive and File Quarterly Report of the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)**

Jane Leonard, Finance Advisory Committee Chair, submitted the inaugural Quarterly Report of the FAC, provided background on the formation and charge of the Committee; introduced staff and members of the Committee; summarized accomplishments; and she indicated that the FAC continued to serve at the will of the City Council.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Leonard, staff, and Council Members regarding appreciation to Committee Members and staff involved; revision of the business tax ordinance; the FAC recommendation regarding the feasibility of Veterans Auditorium Building becoming an enterprise fund; the fees and charges update; the Philadelphia Beverage Tax Model Review; and making information available to the public.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: RECEIVE AND FILE THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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Item C-4

**CC - Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Blue Ocean Civil Consulting for the Development of a Stormwater Quality Master Plan, PR-004 in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$300,840 (\$261,600 Base Cost with a 15% Contingency of \$39,240)**

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding integration with the work on Ballona Creek and the appropriate elements in the General Plan Update; increasing competitiveness for grants; Measure W funds; fiscal components; Measure CW; and prioritization for grants through Prop 1 and Prop 84.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- 1) APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLUE OCEAN CIVIL CONSULTING FOR THE STORMWATER QUALITY MASTER PLAN IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED, \$300,840; AND
- 2) AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT WITH BLUE OCEAN CIVIL CONSULTING IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$39,240 FOR ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS WORK, IF NECESSARY; 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  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - 1) Waiver of Irregularities/Clerical Errors in Ramona, Inc.'s Bid Proposal for the Construction of Diversion Sewer Pipes to Abandon Mesmer and Overland Sewer Pump Stations (PZ-946); (2) Rejection of Bid Protest Received on the Project; (3) Award of Construction Contract in the Amount of \$11,732,055 to Ramona, Inc. as the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder for the Project; (4) Approval of a Professional Services Agreement in an Amount Not-to-Exceed**



**\$419,865 to NV5 for Construction Management and Inspection Services; and (5) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of a Related Budget Amendment**

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Jim Jackson, GRFCO, asserted that Ramona's bid did not list a micro tunneling subcontractor; he discussed the third addendum; the auger boring subcontractor; the Public Contract Code; he provided materials for the record; and he asked that the City not award the contract due to clerical errors, irregularities and not listing the subcontractor.

Randall Pitre asked that the City Council abide by the Public Contract Code; discussed bankruptcies of subcontractors and people becoming homeless; he asserted that the City Council could not approve Ramona's bid as the contractors were not listed in 18a and 18b; expressed concern with misrepresentation; noted there is no procedure to substitute a subcontractor; felt it was an after-the-fact representation; discussed listing laws; specific procedures; fair competition; asserted that the bid was non-responsive; and he indicated that GRFCO would be forced to go to court if the item is approved illegally.

Benito Robles, Laborer's Union, urged the City Council to award Ramona as the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

Bernard Kamine, the attorney representing Ramona, asserted that Ramona was the right contractor for the job and would do the majority of the work; noted that the second lowest bidder had also not included a bid for 18a and 18b; he discussed trade secrets; bidding laws; and he urged the City Council not to throw out all the bids.

Mate Gaspar, Engineering Services Manager, provide a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding criteria used to choose Ramona over GRFCO; the total of all bid items; the similar error made by GRFCO; higher than anticipated costs; quantification of savings; aging treatment plants; energy savings; consolidation; efficiency; and funding for additional projects.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. WAIVE IRREGULARITIES/CLERICAL ERRORS IN RAMONA'S BID PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DIVERSION SEWER PIPES TO ABANDON MESMER AND OVERLAND SEWER PUMP STATIONS (PZ-946); AND,
2. REJECT GRFCO'S BID PROTEST; AND,
3. AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO RAMONA, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,732,055 AS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PROJECT; AND,
4. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS, IF NECESSARY, TO RAMONA, INC.'S CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$700,000; AND,
5. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$419,574 TO NV5 FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES; AND,
6. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS, IF NECESSARY, IN AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$42,000 FOR NV5; AND,
7. APPROVE A RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT (REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE);
8. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
9. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-7

**CC - Adoption of a Resolution Amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code Pursuant to the Political Reform Act, Incorporating the Terms of the Fair Political Practices Commission's Model Conflict of Interest Code, as Set Forth in Title 2 of California Code of Regulations Section 18730, and Rescinding Resolution No. 2017-R026**

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Paul Ehrlich felt that additional personnel should be added; discussed gate keepers; conflicts of interest; and he asked that staff review the list he provided which he felt should be added.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding distribution of the list; best practices; code conformance; compliance; analysis of all positions in the City; and agreement to consider what was provided.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT, INCORPORATING THE TERMS OF THE FPPC'S MODEL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AS SET FORTH IN TITLE 2 OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 18730, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R026.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-3, C-4 AND C-7.

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### **Public Hearing**

#### Item PH-1

**CC - PUBLIC HEARING: Approval of a Five-Year Agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., to Provide Automated Red Light Camera Enforcement Equipment and Services in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$4,554,000**

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVIT FOR PUBLISHING A LEGAL NOTICE.

William Browne, Police Lieutenant, provided a summary of the material of record.

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

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Mark Lipman strongly objected to the proposal citing the increased number of rear end collisions, money generated and profit making for the companies not for the City; asserted that red light traffic tickets were not enforceable in Los Angeles county; and he felt \$4.5 million dollars could be better used to help the unhoused population.

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding accident data; the amount and breakdown of the fine; the contract; the amount charged by Reflex; financial incentive; state and county law; clarification that the program pays for itself; the desire to increase public safety; information on the website; stop sign cameras; bicycle and pedestrian safety; right turn on red; and anecdotal experience.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH REDFLEX TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, INC., TO PROVIDE PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$4,554,000; 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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#### **Action Items**

#### Item A-1

**CC - (1) Receive a Feasibility Report Presentation by Willdan to Install a Microgrid Containing Solar Photovoltaic and Battery Energy Storage Systems at the Veterans Memorial**

**Complex and Senior Center; and (2) Provide Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Joe Susca, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record.

Agatha Vaaler, Willdan, provided background on the company; introduced the presentation on the Microgrid Feasibility Study; and discussed similar projects across the country.

Mahdi Ganji, Willdan, discussed integration of renewables and resiliency into City infrastructure; cited heatwave deaths in Chicago in 1995; microgrid support of transportation; the microgrid as a tool to become a Smart City of the future; visibility; the goal of zero net energy; use of renewable energy; and becoming independent of the utility during an abnormal situation.

Steve Clarke, Willdan, discussed baseline conditions; energy and cost profile; definitions and assumptions; the economic scenario; the resilient scenario; upfront costs; annual savings; payback; grants; funding options; and length of standalone resiliency.

Patrick Burgess, Willdan, discussed physical interconnection; optimal dispatch; and he provided an emergency operation scenario.

Agatha Vaaler, Willdan, discussed funding solutions; recommendations; the cash flow analysis; and next steps in the process.

Discussion ensued between Willdan representatives and Council Members regarding carport solar; current vs. future funding; extending storage capacity; best case vs. worst case scenarios; grid stabilization; hybrid and electric cars; factoring in vehicle to grid protocol; identification of additional locations; priority for essential infrastructure; fire stations; the need to electrify the pool; creating a hub for multiple microgrids; the FEMA grant; and the payback timeline.

Additional discussion ensued between Willdan representatives, staff and Council Members regarding justification for including the pool; electrical demand for normal operations; reduced costs and electrical demands; emergency benefit; water supply; providing power for other facilities; the Teen Center;

demand response; load balancing; technical response; potential revenue; the master controller; grid stability; efficiency; heat pump technology; maintenance and operations; training; effects of the changes to future upgrades of existing infrastructure; solar panel installation; the fiber network; the timeline; and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Paul Ehrlich felt the microgrid was too expensive; discussed the scope; consolidation onto a single grid system; heating the pool; using electricity vs. a coil system; the need for additional information in order to make a decision; having an overhead connection to reduce costs; and he discussed challenges associated with solar panels on Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, expressed concern that adding other facilities could make the project more costly and less competitive; discussed current solar heating of the pool; vehicle fueling; variable demand; evaluation of placing a system on Veterans Memorial; visibility; maintenance costs; and visual blight connected with overhead lines.

Agatha Vaaler, Willdan, pointed out that the assumptions and financials were included in the report, and she indicated that the cash flow analysis was an additional document that could be provided.

Additional discussion ensued between project representatives, staff and Council Members regarding charging stations for electric cars; buying and purchasing electricity; contractors; public service; EV stations powered out of the system; providing infrastructure; charging stations for the City rather than for the public; scalability; the importance of the FEMA grant; appreciation to staff for their efforts and to Mr. Ehrlich for this incisive questions; and direction to staff to pursue the grant.

Mehdi Ganji, Willdan, pointed out that Culver City is the first city in California to initiate deployment of a microgrid at critical facilities which will put the City in all microgrid resiliency conversations.

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Item A-2

**CC - (1) Presentation of a Proposed Concept Design and Master Plan Developed by wHY Architecture to Replace City Hall's Landscaping (Plan); (2) If Desired, Approval of the Plan; and (3) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Joe Susca, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of the material of record and introduced the wHY team to make their presentation.

Mark Feldman, wHY Architecture, provided updates; discussed the evolution of the master plan; incorporation of comments; the vision; project intentions; goals stated in the RFP; creating a civic space; reflecting creativity in Culver City; and flexible spaces for different uses.

Gregory Fischer, wHY Architecture, discussed the process for gathering input; feedback received; making a space to host a variety of activities; activating the space; security issues; lighting; visual barriers; hidden spaces; ornamental vs. functional landscape; celebrating and providing access to new and existing art; unused open space; greenspace; creating an inviting civic landscape; increased access; diverse programming; enhanced ecological resilience and management; challenges; planting; climate change; creating unique zones with a unifying element; connectivity; providing seating areas; places to enjoy the sun; site furniture; the forensic study; the central plaza; opportunities for permanent and temporary art; the Heritage Garden; the problematic nature of the location; creating a reason to visit the space; energizing the area; and connectivity.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding phasing; the original RFP for the Culver City Gardens; creating a new park around City Hall; the Farmers Market; creating a community garden; demonstration gardens; successful integration of edibles in beauty; the Natural History Museum; and estimated total costs.

Mayor Small invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

John Cohn applauded the City for thinking outside of the box; discussed specific landscaping elements; barriers; the opportunity to create a curated instructional space; climate change; Restore Neighborhoods Los Angeles; sustainable gardens; education; water conservation; neighborhood impact; taking an opportunity to bring in local, minority owned disadvantaged firms; activating how labor can be used in the community; and creating an example for the entire region.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that Paul Ehrlich had asked that his comments be read but had not left written comments.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the initial meeting about the project; providing community benefit; installing a kiddie barrier; low, impermeable barriers; preventing dogs from playing in the same space as children; prioritizing removal of existing invasive species; tasteful signage about plantings; the phase in process; budgeting; priorities; appreciation for the public outreach; community needs and community vision; the need to include music in the art portion of the project; expanding the public space by closing down Culver Boulevard in front of City Hall during community concerts; the Farmers Market; educational opportunities; Mujeres de la Tierra; clarification that the item is a discussion of the conceptual plan, not approving an expenditure; pricing out the phases; comparing costs for the project with other things that must be paid for; the original intent for a Centennial Garden; public outreach on how the project would be paid for; competing interests; the recent sales tax increase to assist in correcting the structural deficit; unfunded liability; safety issues to be considered related to opening up the area; money budgeted for the Lafayette side; fundraising with Culver Arts; public art; mindful spending; money invested; and the original intent of the Centennial Committee and lack of a consensus.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE CONCEPT DESIGN AND MASTER PLAN TO REPLACE CITY HALL'S LANDSCAPING; AND

A. INSTRUCT STAFF TO DIRECT THE CONSULTANT TO PREPARE COST ESTIMATES FOR EACH OF ITS THREE PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION; AND



B. PREPARE CONSTRUCTION AND BID DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE PHASE ONE OF THE PROJECT.

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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**

Vice Mayor Sahli-Wells expressed concern with implementation of the Parkway Ordinance; discussed issues with new construction; the need for improved communication; and she wanted to see enforcement and follow up on the ordinance.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, noted the issue involved multiple departments and that he would work to identify where the break down is occurring.

Mayor Small reported on an apparent illegal teardown on Lucerne and Code Enforcement response.

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**Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items**

Council Member Lee discussed the Schools and Community First Ballot Initiative; efforts to get City Council endorsement; and he asked that the matter be agendized for consideration of possible endorsement.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the Policy Committee; the Legislative Platform; Council consensus to bring the matter forward if it is not within the platform; full City Council support vs. the Mayor's signature; and clarification that the initiative would not come forward until November 2020.

Council Member Lee asked that the City consider implementation of pedestrian scrambles on a trial basis.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 11:15 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, and Culver City Housing Authority Board adjourned to April 8, 2019.

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