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

November 18, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:39 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Meghan Sahli-Wells, Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Vice Mayor
Alex Fisch, Council Member
Daniel Lee, Council Member
Thomas Small, 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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Recognition Presentation

Item R-1

CC - Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Culver City High School Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) Students for their Contributions to the Public Works Stormwater Educational Mural Project

Kim Braun, Environmental Programs and Operations Manager, thanked the Culver City Academy of Visual and Performing Arts and introduced the artist, Lindsay Carron.

Lindsay Carron discussed the project; the importance of art in revitalizing areas; and she invited the students to introduce themselves and discuss their artwork.

Council Members presented the Certificates of Recognition to the participating AVPA students Darren Chew, Akari Johnston, Leijia Monroy, Cynthia Diaz, Scott Johnson, Isaiah Levels, Sydney Ramsey, and Amelia Kamin.

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Item R-2

CC - Proclamation in Recognition of the Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary of the Rights of the Child

Council Member Small presented the Proclamation in Recognition of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Rights of the Child.

Piper Samuels, Evalie Rehor, and Cooper Komatsu, Culver City Chapter of the Human Rights Watch Student Task Force, provided background on Human Rights Watch and thanked the City Council for the recognition.

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Recess

Mayor Sahli-Wells recessed the meeting of the City Council at 6:49 p.m.

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Regular Session

Mayor Sahli-Wells reconvened the meeting of the City Council and convened the meeting of 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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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Newton.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Fisch announced the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on December 5 in Town Plaza

Discussion ensued between Council Members regarding the consolidation of the Veterans Memorial celebration and the Downtown celebration at Town Plaza; snow and sledding; and everyone was encouraged to sign up online in advance.

Vice Mayor Eriksson expressed appreciation to the Exchange Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the City, and the volunteers for the 500 flags that were displayed around Veterans Auditorium for Veterans Day; he noted that the Fire Department and Police Department were raising money for Movember, men's health month; and he encouraged people to donate to support men's health.

Council Member Lee discussed the Kids Group Media fundraiser at the Wende Museum on November 17 to provide substantive journalistic experiences, and he invited everyone to the next General Plan Speaker Series event at Antioch College exploring discriminatory housing policy on November 21.

Council Member Small discussed the CoMotion LA mobility event; invited everyone to an event for the curator of the CoMotion LA Conference on January 13; and he discussed the Wende Museum event hosting the Deputy Minister of the Environment from the Netherlands to learn about their approach to housing.

Mayor Sahli-Wells discussed the shooting at Saugus High School last week and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dominic Blackwell and Gracie Anne Muehlberger.

MOVED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF DOMINIC MICHAEL BLACKWELL AND GRACIE ANNE MUEHLBERGER, VICTIMS OF THE SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING.

Vice Mayor Eriksson asked for consideration of expediting approval of a rescue vehicle for the Police Department.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding other immediate needs; allowing the Police Department to do their outreach and bring the matter forward when they are ready;

concern that the item is not on the agenda for discussion; the outreach plan currently in process; and assurances that the item would come forward.

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Presentations to City Council

Item P-1

CC - Presentation by Saint Joseph's Center of an Update on the Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness

Christina Stouffers, Homeless Outreach Coordinator, provided an update on the Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness; invited participation in the Homeless Count on January 22, 2020 at the Senior Center, noting that information was available at the meeting and online; and she discussed the onetime grant to coordinate first responder training.

LaCheryl Porter, Saint Joseph Center, provided background on the organization; discussed services provided; outreach teams funded by Measure H; training for first responders; accessing services; varying resources for different levels of homelessness; and impacted areas in Culver City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding myths and stigmas about homelessness; the South East Los Angeles Homeless (SELAH) Neighborhood Coalition; outreach regarding the area on Venice Boulevard under the 405 bridge; appreciation for the work done; increased numbers of homeless; the humanitarian crisis; and collaboration between cities to solve the issue.

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Item P-2

CC - Presentation to City Council of the Culver City Walk and Rollers Safe Routes to School Program

Jim Shanman, Walk & Rollers, provided a presentation on Safe Routes to School; discussed International Bike to School Day; the Walk & Roll Festival; Pedestrian and Bicycle Education; the VIP party for participants at the end of the year; community engagement; ArtWalk; bicycle safety; school security; AB321; work with staff to identify areas where safety can be improved; improving visibility and access; assessments and walk audits;

trouble spots; community meetings with school representatives and City staff; program growth; barriers to participation; outreach; signage around the schools; the Parent Pledge; raising awareness; walk to school maps; the three block challenge; classes and workshops; the Girls on Bikes class; the Earn a Bike Program; the Green Vest Volunteer Program; and he presented winners of the "Why Walk When You Can..." contest.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Shanman and Council Members regarding other cities that have outlawed driving around schools, and addressing bike theft.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Sarah Wiltfong, Los Angeles County Business Federation, provided background on the organization; expressed support for energy choice; discussed addressing climate change; affordability; concern with adding burdens to businesses; concern with banning gas and relying solely on electricity; and she wanted to ensure that businesses were kept part of the process before moving forward with a ban on fossil fuels.

Cooper Komatsu, Human Rights For All, Culver City High School Student Task Force, thanked the City Council for the proclamation regarding anniversary of The Convention of Rights of the Child; asked that the City Council adopt the Convention on the Rights of the Child locally in Culver City; discussed the Student Task Force; raising awareness of challenges faced by children all over the world; climate change; food and housing insecurity; refugees; and those forced into silence.

Piper Samuels, Human Rights For All Student Task Force, provided background on the Convention on the Rights of the Child; discussed the failure of the United States to ratify The Convention of the Rights of the Child; presented a draft resolution to adopt the resolution in honor of the 30th anniversary; discussed improving the ability to coordinate programs and policy to protect children; and other cities that have adopted the treaty.

Evalie Rehor, Human Rights For All Student Task Force, asked the City Council to adopt the proposed resolution and discussed the benefits of adopting the resolution.

Mayor Sahli-Wells thanked the speakers for the draft and received City Council consensus to place a discussion of adopting the resolution on a future agenda.

Keith Jeffreys, United States Veterans Artists Alliance (USVAA), thanked Vice Mayor Eriksson for acknowledging the contributions made at Veterans Memorial Auditorium on Veterans Day; he presented a photograph of an event with Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager Dove and Dr. James Limbaugh recognizing November 1 as Veterans in the Arts and Humanities Day; he thanked the City for their support; discussed work to make every day Veterans Day; and the recent assessment of Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

Jose H. Ramirez, Labor International Union North America (LIUNA), asked other LIUNA members in the audience to stand noting that everyone is affected by decisions made by the City Council; he discussed ways to achieve carbon neutral buildings; using clean natural gas to displace fossil fuels; environmental goals; adding another hardship; and he asked that alternatives be considered rather than code changes that will displace community members.

Sandrine Cassidy thanked the City for their work on the Ballona Creek Revitalization Plan; asked that sustainable methods be utilized; announced that she is now the Environmental Coordinator for the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD); discussed Ballona Creek Renaissance (BCR); the actions of other cities to fight against plastic pollution; and she reported on the use of the Interceptor by Los Angeles county.

Mayor Sahli-Wells asked that Ms. Cassidy email the video of the LA country project to Council Members.

Jayson Baiz, LIUNA, provided background on himself; asked the City Council to explain the code changes being proposed and their impacts; he discussed older houses that have not been retrofitted; and he expressed concern with being driven out of the City due to costs associated with the proposed code changes.

Jerry Acosta spoke representing gas workers; discussed safety; elimination of methane so as not to harm the atmosphere; concerns about cost increases; grid vulnerabilities; he felt that studies should be done regarding impacts to rates;

expressed concern for low income customers; the transition; he discussed the article in the LA Times; outages due to wildfires; challenges to the grid; he felt it was not time to eliminate an energy source; and he wanted to make sure that all issues are considered.

Andrea Nieto, Utility Workers Union of America, discussed her work with low income customers of the Gas Company; expressed concern with conversion costs and impacts to low income families; and she felt there was a different way to get to the solution.

Brian Memmott, Southern California Gas Company, discussed providing clean, safe natural gas to everyone; priorities of the electric company; future plans to make clean energy; he suggested phasing out natural gas once clean energy is available; their priority to provide natural gas to customers; higher bills associated with the transition; people who live paycheck to paycheck; and he questioned why a clean, safe, reliable energy source would be discarded in favor of a more expensive, unreliable energy source.

Jose Garcia, LIUNA, spoke on behalf of union members in opposition to the proposed building code amendments; he asked about the affects to the environment of discontinuing natural gas; different energy sources throughout history; he expressed concern with giving the power to any company driven by the stock market and investors; discussed accidents related to electricity; recent fires; gas stoves and generators; consideration of long-term affects; and he asked that the community be taken into consideration.

Julio Hernandez, Utilities Workers Union of America, provided background on himself, and wanted to make sure that everyone was taken into consideration before changes were made.

Vincent Williams, restaurateur, discussed the difficulties of cooking with a hot plate and he felt that electricity was light weight compared to gas.

Lidia M. provided background on herself; discussed a brand new building nearby relying on natural gas for emergency generators; heaters and water heaters that use natural gas; the balance of electricity and gas; she expressed concern with affects to small businesses; felt that a balance of electricity and natural gas was necessary; discussed costs of electricity vs. gas; and she expressed support for safe, reliable, natural gas.

Vin Wilson provided background on himself and spoke representing the International Chemical Workers Union in support of union workers.

Sean Mitchell, Utility Workers of America, provided background on himself; expressed concern with the potential loss of union jobs; noted that the public did not even know the issue was being discussed; expressed support for a clean environment; discussed taking a balanced approach; and noted the importance of being heard.

Kirsten Jackson discussed the formation of a large homeless encampment near Tellefson Park; refuse and debris; blocked sidewalks; health issues; crime; the 405 underpass by Sepulveda and Venice; communication with the Homeless Outreach Division of the Police Department; Code Enforcement; Marden vs. Boise; sanitation rules; balancing the rights of homeowners and the homeless; and encampments in commercial areas vs. on residential streets.

Teresa Mammana discussed buses that display messages indicating that they are "Proudly Powered by Natural Gas"; issues with electricity; concern that restaurants will close if natural gas is taken away; and she suggested that money be spent on schools and the homeless, not on taking away natural gas, which works.

Mark Lipman felt that the speakers about the natural gas issue should have been heard under Item PH-1; discussed the Mayme Clayton Museum and felt they had been lied to by Mark Ridley Thomas; noted that the space is being given rent free to a bio lab; expressed concern with ethics; and he questioned where the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was on putting a bio lab into a residential community.

Colin Diaz discussed the impacts of decisions made regarding natural gas; the business component; he expressed concern and confusion as to the choice for a single option rather than a balanced portfolio; discussed costs to make the transition; General Fund money from the business community; and higher costs to customers.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read comments submitted by:

Janet Hoult

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding additional information on Phase 2 of the Reach Code; Phase 1; energy efficiency standards; previous City Council direction that staff investigate various Reach Standards to protect the environment, community and quality of life; actions of different communities in the state; clarification that the City Council has not looked at taking away natural gas from existing buildings; potential options for new construction; clarification regarding the item on the current agenda; energy conservation measures; the need for additional study; clarification that currently bans are not being considered on residential or businesses using natural gas; previous staff direction; The Clean Power Alliance; and the current 100% renewable default for residential and business.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that two items were received for Items Not on the Agenda, five for Item PH-1, one for Item A-1, and once for Item A-3.

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the need to take action on Item C-5 and agreement to keep the item in place.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-4.

Item C-1

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Cash Disbursements for October 19, 2019 to November 8, 2019

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 19, 2019 TO NOVEMBER 8, 2019.

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Item C-2

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Regular Consolidated City Council Meeting on October 28, 2019

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CONSOLIDATED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 28, 2019.

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Item C-3

CC - Adoption of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Sections 9.02.005-9.02.075 ("Fire Code Adoption and Amendments") of Chapter 9.02, Sections 005-075 of Title 9 of the Culver City Municipal Code and Adopting By Reference the 2019 California Fire Code with Local Amendments

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 9.02, SECTIONS 005-075 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2019 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS.

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Item C-4

CC - (1) Approval of a Purchase Order with Zoll Medical Corporation for Nine Cardiac Monitors in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$292,729.99; and (2) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of a Related Budget Amendment

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE \$227,678.88 FROM FUND 307 FUND BALANCE TO ACCOUNT #30770500.732120 (REQUIRES FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE); AND
2. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR CARDIAC MONITORS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$292,729.99; AND
3. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO ISSUE SUCH PURCHASE ORDER TO ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION.

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Item C-5

CC - (1) Adoption of a Resolution Establishing Specific Locations for the Installation of Parking Meters Within the City's Parking Meter Zones, Including New Meters on Various Commercial Streets, and on the Commercial Segments Generally between the Alleys and Commercial Streets, and Rescinding Resolution Number 2016-R009; (2) Direction to the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Install Parking Meters in Such Locations; (3) Approval of Related Agreements and Purchase Orders for the Installation of New Meters and Upgrading of Existing Meters; and (4) Direction to the Public Works Director/City Engineer regarding the Metered Public Parking Spaces in the Lucky Development Project Located at 12821 West Washington Boulevard

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineer, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Sahli-Wells received assurance that extensive outreach would be conducted.

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

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS ON COMMERCIAL STREETS AND COMMERCIAL SEGMENTS OF OTHER STREETS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R009; AND
2. DIRECT THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO INSTALL PARKING METERS IN SUCH LOCATIONS; AND
3. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH IPS GROUP, INC., TO INSTALL UP TO

558 CITY-OWNED NEW SMART PARKING METERS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,392, TO BE PAID FROM PZ-949 NEW PARKING METER PROJECT; AND

4. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH IPS GROUP, INC., TO PROVIDE E-LOCK INSTALLATION, SETUP, PROGRAMMING, AND MAINTENANCE FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 TO BE PAID FROM PZ-949 NEW PARKING METER PROJECT; AND

5. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH JAMES OH CONSTRUCTION, TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL UP TO 419 PARKING METER POSTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,775 TO BE PAID FROM PZ-949 NEW PARKING METER PROJECT; AND

6. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH IPS GROUP, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF 30 MULTI-SPACE PAY STATIONS (MODEL MS1) WITH MEDECO ELECTRONIC LOCK, ELECTRONIC VAULT, AND LARGE SEALED COIN BOX, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$252,247.50 TO BE PAID FROM PZ-949 NEW PARKING METER PROJECT; AND

7. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF SIGNS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000 FROM A VENDOR TO BE SELECTED BY STAFF PURSUANT TO CITY PROCEDURES TO BE PAID FROM PZ-949 NEW PARKING METER PROJECT; AND

8. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE ORDER(S); AND

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

10. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND

11. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE MANAGEMENT OF PARKING IN THE LUCKY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AS GENERALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS STAFF REPORT, AND TO EXECUTE ANY RELATED AGREEMENTS.

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Public Hearings

Item PH-1

CC - PUBLIC HEARING: (1) Introduction of an Ordinance (A) Repealing and Replacing Culver City Municipal Code Subchapter 15.02.100, of Chapter 15.02, "Adoption of State Codes", and

Adopting by Reference the 2019 California Building Standards Administrative Code, 2019 California Building Code with Local Amendments, 2019 California Residential Building Code with Local Amendments, 2019 California Electrical Code, 2019 California Mechanical Code with Local Amendments, 2019 California Plumbing Code with Local Amendments, 2019 California Energy Code, 2019 California Historical Building Code with Local Amendments, 2019 Existing Building Code with Local Amendments , 2019 California Green Building Standards Code with Local Amendments, and 2019 California Reference Standards Code; 2018 International Property Maintenance Code with Local Amendments; (B) Repealing Culver City Municipal Code Chapter 15.14 (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations), Subchapters 15.02.500 (Sandblasting), 15.02.800 (Hillside Drainage), 15.02.1000 (Solar Photovoltaic Systems), 15.02.1200 (Expedited Solar System Permitting), and 15.02.1300 (Hillside Grading Requirements and Permitting) of Chapter 15.02, and incorporating the contents into the various State Codes as Amendments; and (C) Repealing Subchapter 15.02.1100 (Green Building Program and Requirements) and Replacing it with New Subchapter 15.02.1100 (Local Amendments to the 2019 California Green Building Standards Code, Building Code and Residential Building Code, to Establish Reach Codes Standards; and (2) Adoption of a Resolution of Express Findings Pertaining to Local Climatic, Geological or Topographical Conditions

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, introduced the new Building Official, Lucas Kwok, and the Building Consultant, Stuart Tom who were putting together the recommendations on the Reach Codes, adding that there would be no discussion about the adoption of electrification with respect to the code adoptions.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Lucas Kwok, Building Official, provided a summary of the material of record including an introduction to the 2019 California Building Standard Code with Local Amendments; he discussed notable amendments; and the ordinance.

Stuart Tom, Building Consultant, discussed a previous presentation that he made regarding Reach Code efforts for Culver City and undertaken by other jurisdictions in California; concerns regarding potential electrification; the decision to make the process in two phases; the twelve amendments in Phase

One dealing with conservation; and he clarified that none of the items dealt with electricity.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, discussed the proposal for a mandatory program for seismic strengthening; the survey; and the voluntary program.

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

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Regina Hsu, Earth Justice, thanked the City for their leadership and expressed support for adopting the Reach Code.

John Lucas expressed disappointment that the message coming from the City Council is the elimination of choice; discussed emergency services that need to run when there is no electricity; natural gas in the City; and outreach to the community.

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that the item being considered was looking at updating the building code, not considering gas.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, suggested that Mr. Lucas sign up for email notification to be alerted about upcoming agenda items for City Council meetings.

Andrew Reilman provided background on himself and expressed pride in actions being taken on the Reach Code.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read comments submitted by:

Carlo De La Cruz

Mayor Sahli-Wells noted the confusion and she wanted to ensure that moving forward there would be more clarity and outreach with clear messaging.

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern that proposed changes would affect construction costs; additional costs; lifecycle cost savings; energy efficiency; benefits; the difficulty of making calculations; amortizing the cost of improvements; state driven requirements; improving products that will withstand a calamity; the lack of cost effectiveness studies to justify a ban on natural gas for new construction; requirements to make amendments; the actions of other cities; comparisons; concern with increasing costs to housing; cost increases with regular code updates; state actions vs. local actions; lifecycle costs of a building; objective standards to get things built; safety; the cost of disaster; the two step process; and notification.

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

1. INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE:

A. REPEALING AND REPLACING CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SUBCHAPTER 15.02.100, OF CHAPTER 15.02, "ADOPTION OF STATE CODES", AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, 2019 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, 2019 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2019 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, 2019 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, 2019 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE, 2019 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, 2019 EXISTING BUILDING CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, 2019 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, AND 2019 CALIFORNIA REFERENCE STANDARDS CODE; 2018 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS;

B. REPEALING CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.14 (ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS), SUBCHAPTERS 15.02.500 (SANDBLASTING), 15.02.800 (HILLSIDE DRAINAGE), 15.02.1000 (SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS), 15.02.1100 (GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM AND REQUIREMENTS), 15.02.1200 (EXPEDITED SOLAR SYSTEM PERMITTING), AND 15.02.1300 (HILLSIDE GRADING REQUIREMENTS AND PERMITTING) OF CHAPTER 15.02, AND INCORPORATING THE CONTENTS INTO THE VARIOUS STATE CODES AS AMENDMENTS; AND

C. REPEALING SUBCHAPTER 15.02.1100 (GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM AND REQUIREMENTS) AND REPLACING IT WITH NEW SUBCHAPTER 15.02.1100 "LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, BUILDING CODE AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE, TO ESTABLISH REACH CODES STANDARDS"; AND

2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF EXPRESS FINDINGS PERTAINING TO LOCAL CLIMATIC, GEOLOGICAL OR TOPOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC - (1) Approval of Design Plans for the Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) for a One-Year Trial; and (2) Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for Construction of the Temporary Traffic Calming and other Trial Measures

Council Members Fisch and Small reused themselves and exited the dais.

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineer, thanked the residents for their hard work on the item and highlighted several points in the staff report.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the gates around Culver Studios; striping; assessing how changes affect safety for cyclists; signage; the early proposal for a two way cycle track on the residential side; and narrowing Ince to encourage drivers to go slower.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Marcus Tiggs, Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Association, thanked staff and everyone involved for their efforts and he described the two-year process.

Dylan Gottlieb, Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Association, discussed the Ten Point Plan; increasing pedestrian safety and decreasing cut through traffic in the neighborhood; he thanked everyone for their work on traffic mitigation; he discussed Phase One; and he encouraged the City Council to support the safety enhancements.

Donna Le Blanc provided background on the item; discussed issues faced by residents; noted that improvements cannot keep up with

the pace of building; and she asked the City Council to approve Phase One so that Phase Tso can be implemented.

Steve Newton discussed email that he sent to the City Council; the design of the ballot; removal of parking spaces; the bike path; riding where it is safe for him; and he was not sure whether creating a parking issue was worthwhile for the bike path.

McKay Solisbury acknowledged the amount of work that went into the design; discussed efforts to address traffic problems; speed of traffic; congestion; whether any of the proposed measures would address the issue of congestion; speed reduction and increased safety during low congestion times; left turn restrictions during peak hours; data collected; the need for reasoned discourse; attempts to discuss other options; doing something rather than nothing; and he requested further discussion regarding the restriction of left turns off of National.

David Hauptman indicated that everything he wanted to say had already been said.

Eric Shabsis, Culver Studios, read a letter from Michael Hackman in support for the Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan; provided background on improvements on Ince Boulevard; discussed future required conditions; study of new traffic patterns; the proposed bike lane along Ince; the plan to minimize pass through traffic, improving safety and slowing down traffic; achieving the goals of the community and changing land use; and appreciation to neighbors who worked on the plan.

Simon Horowitz provided background on himself; discussed the process; the Rancho Higuera Neighborhood Association; the diverter at the intersection of Hayden and Higuera; reversing previous negative trends; and he thanked those who worked on the item.

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

Tim Kennelly
Robert Walsh
Ron Le Blanc
Marie Rose
Beth Lane
Jose C. Cueva
Kim Page

Linda Miller
Nam-Hau Doan
Milton Torin
Diana Hauptman
William Smythe
Nancy Barba
Andrew Rothman
George Montgomery
Holly Connors

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding other neighborhoods that are waiting; appreciation to the neighborhood for their activism and dedication; the trial period; gaging the success of the plan; traffic calming results in traffic reduction; reduced speeds and increased safety; benefits over time; and ensuring safe alternatives to driving.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE DESIGN PLANS FOR THE RANCHO HIGUERA NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (NTMP) FOR A ONE-YEAR TRIAL PERIOD; AND
2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CALMING AND OTHER TRIAL MEASURES.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, LEE, SAHLI-WELLS
NOES: NONE
RECUSED: FISCH, SMALL

Council Members Fisch and Small returned to the dais.

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Item A-2

CC - (1) Review and Approval of the Downtown Culver City Business Improvement District Advisory Board's Annual Work Program and Budget; and (2) Adoption of a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on December 9, 2019 to Consider Levy of the Downtown Culver City Business Improvement District Assessment for 2020

Glenn Heald, Economic Development Project Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Darrel Menthe discussed the expansion to include all the downtown businesses in the Business Improvement District (BID); he announced the 2019 Tree Lighting on December 5 in the expanded Town Plaza; the partnership between the Parks Department and the Downtown Business Association (DBA); and he encouraged people to sign up online to participate in the sledding activity.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Menthe, staff and Council Members regarding delinquent businesses; the online licensing process; clarifying that fees are not a voluntary contribution, but rather a mandatory assessment; ensuring that the City requires that any business working with the City is up to date with their taxes and assessments; and increased compliance.

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

1(A). APPROVE THE DCCBID ADVISORY BOARD'S 2019 ANNUAL REPORT AS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK; AND

2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO LEVY THE DOWNTOWN CULVER CITY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2020 AND SETTING DECEMBER 9, 2019 AS THE DATE FOR THE REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING.

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Item A-3

CC - (1) Discussion of a Proposed Initiative Measure Regarding Rent Control Submitted to the City Clerk; and (2) If Desired, Direction to the City Manager to Return with a Report Regarding the Initiative Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9212 or, in the Alternative, an Informal Report

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

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that she had requested that the item be put on the agenda for community discussion and clarification on the process, and she invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Mark Lipman indicated that while he did not agree with the petition, he understood why it had been done; he noted that one of the points made had been that the conversation could not be had until a rent freeze was in place, but the freeze had been in effect for six months and no conversation had been had; he discussed systemic problems with major issues in the City; the need to work together to find solutions as a community; involved parties; concern about who benefits; finding solutions to homelessness and housing; solutions proposed by the Homelessness Committee; and he suggested holding a symposium where the community could come together to discuss the issues.

Rob Bassilian, Protect Culver City, provided background on the organization; discussed criminal vagrancy; concern with the reckless push for up-zoning; increased vacancy rates; he felt that rent control was meant to harass older multi-family units off the market rather than to help tenants; and he indicated that Protect Culver City wanted to hold the City Council accountable and ensure transparency and honesty.

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

Nancy Smeets

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation to staff for the thorough report; the desire of the City Council to have the conversation; the General Plan process; involving the entire community; data gathered by staff; resident input; work being done as the facts are gathered; robust conversations moving forward based on fact finding that is going on; housing more people; initiatives moving forward; housing policies coming forward; costs vs. benefits of the 9212 Report; voter decision regarding the rent freeze; state law; impacts; and agreement to wait.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

None.

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Items from Council Members

MOVED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOMINIC MICHAEL BLACKWELL, GRACIE ANNE MUEHLBERGER AND THOSE WOUNDED IN THE SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:43 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, and Culver City Housing Authority Board adjourned in memory of Dominic Michael Blackwell and Gracie Anne Muehlberger, and those wounded in the Saugus High School shooting, to December 9, 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
Culver City, California

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

Date: _____