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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 18, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the special meeting of the City Council to order at 5:00 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

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave White, Fire Chief.

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

None.

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Joint 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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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that one piece of correspondence had been received for Item A-1.

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

Mayor Sahli-Wells reported that Item C-2 had been moved to become Consent Item C-5 at the regular meeting as it had been publicly noticed for the regular meeting.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, noted that the staff has recommended a change for Item C-5 on the current agenda; that the recommendation be to adopt a resolution to approve the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Bylaws and to rescind the GPAC Operational Guidelines so the GPAC Rules are all in one document; and to update the guidelines to be consistent with the bylaws for two differences related to 'member placement' and 'reporting to Council'; that instead of updating the guidelines, staff recommends that the City Council approve the Bylaws with the recommended language outlined in the staff report and that the other two items, 'Member Service' and 'Child Care Service' are in the Bylaws; that Motion 2 in the staff report should be amended to read: "Rescind the GPAC Operational Guidelines"; and she clarified that the title, not the content of the staff report was being changed.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 AND C-3 THROUGH C-6, WITH CHANGES TO ITEM C-5 AS NOTED.

Item C-1

CC - (1) Approval of an Agreement with Commercial Door of Los Angeles County, Inc. in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$100,885.00 for the Replacement of the Roll-up Gates at the P1 and P2 Levels of the City Hall Parking Structure; and (2) Authorize \$10,089.00 in Change Order Authority for the Public Works Director/City Engineer

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMERCIAL DOOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$100,885.00 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROLL-UP GATES AT THE P1 AND P2 LEVELS OF THE CITY HALL PARKING STRUCTURE; AND
2. AUTHORIZE \$10,889.00 IN CHANGE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER; 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-2

(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 Purchases 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

This item was deferred to the regular meeting for consideration as Item C-5.

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Item C-3

CC - Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Publish a Notice Inviting Bids for the Higuera Street Bridge Removal and Replacement Project, PZ553, BHLS 5240(026) and the Ballona Creek Bicycle Path Connectivity Project at Higuera Bridge, PZ964

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE HIGUERA STREET BRIDGE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PZ553, BHLS 5240(026) AND THE BALLONA CREEK BICYCLE PATH CONNECTIVITY PROJECT AT HIGUERA BRIDGE, PZ964.

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Item C-4

CC - Authorization to Release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Development of the Culver City Local Road Safety Plan

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CULVER CITY LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN.

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Item C-5

CC - 1) Adoption of a Resolution to Approve the General Plan Advisory Committee Bylaws; and 2) Approve an Update to the Operational Guidelines for Consistency with the Bylaws

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS; AND

2. APPROVE AN UPDATE TO THE GPAC OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE BYLAWS.

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Item C-6

CC - Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with California Watershed Engineering for Additional Civil Design Services for Washington Boulevard Stormwater Diversion Project, PR-001 in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$304,293 (\$276,693 Base Cost with a 10% Contingency of \$27,600)

Council Member Fisch received clarification that funding would be coming forward through future Measure CW funds for the additional design expense.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding outreach; opposition to the project; reducing disruption on Washington Boulevard; public outreach; construction costs; cost savings; concern with additional design on a project that is ready to go; appropriate use of CW monies; parking impacts; street closures; and road conditions.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA WATERSHED ENGINEERING FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD STORMWATER DIVERSION PROJECT, PR-001 IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$276,693; AND
2. AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA WATERSHED ENGINEERING IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$27,600 FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN WORK; 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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Action Items

Item A-1

CC - 1) Presentation on the Ballona Creek Revitalization Project (BCRP); and 2) Direction on the Development of an Action Plan and Implementation Strategy

Elaine Gerety Warner, Economic Development Project Manager, provided a summary of the material of record; discussed City Council identified priorities in the Strategic Plan; the Civic Spark Fellowship program; accomplishments to date; outreach; feasible Creek interventions; planning and design partnerships; relevant opportunities; priorities; funding; implementation of the action plan; stakeholder participation; funding; grant opportunities; cross jurisdictional partnerships; private sector partnerships; upcoming stormwater projects; and the need for City Council direction.

Sunny Zhao introduced herself and thanked the City for the opportunity to participate in the CivicSpark Program.

Casandra Cortez introduced herself and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding public/private partnerships; affordable housing; the Civic Spark Fellows; Riveropolis; the Creek as a defining feature of the City; the upcoming Olympics; the Environmental Impact bond; multi-jurisdictional partnerships; buy-in; financing; Metro; public/private partnerships; and Redcar funding of the Boardwalk project to connect Smiley Blackwelder to Washington Boulevard.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Andrew Leist expressed support for efforts to revitalize Ballona Creek; discussed traffic; and encouraging people to ride bikes.

Victoria Rosenfield reminded staff and the City Council that not all the stakeholders have been involved in the process; expressed concern with the questionnaire; discussed safety; the experience of Reseda after the LA River was opened; noted the complexity of the issue; and she felt that additional consideration was needed.

Michelle Weiner noted that pedestrians prefer the bicycle path; discussed sharing the path; and she thanked the City for moving forward with the project.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding effectively going after grant opportunities; prioritizing low-cost, high impact actions; the Redcar project; providing safe escort for children riding their bikes to school; creation of bike brigades; lighting; cost sharing; use of nets and inflatable dams; appreciation to Council Member Small for connecting the City with the Civic Spark fellows; regional and international conversations; the subcommittee; creating actionable items; improvements to the area between the Overland bridge and the pedestrian bridge; stakeholder concerns; due diligence; the potential for the Creek to be a recreational amenity; water front property vs. a storm drain; traffic relief; concrete next steps; the Request for Proposals (RFP); funding sources; the pending planning grant; Measure W; next steps in the process; Quimby fees; funding allocations from a variety of sources; the parkland fee issue; entitlements; housing; traffic mitigation funds; focusing on active transportation; staff agreement to return with a draft RFP; intradepartmental coordination; sustainable storm water reduction; private funding for particular elements; mitigation fees; and appreciation to staff and the Civic Spark fellows for their work.

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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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Items from Council Members

None.

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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:11 p.m., the City Council adjourned to a regular meeting on November 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
Culver City, California

MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS
MAYOR of Culver City, California

Date: _____