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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,  
AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

February 24, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 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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**Closed Session**

At 6:30 p.m. the City Council recessed to Closed Session to consider the following item:

**CS-1** CC - Conference with Real Property Negotiators  
Re: Remnant Parcel (Assessor Parcel No. 4215-001-020) on Machado Lane Adjacent to 11111 Jefferson Blvd, 5350 & 5380 Sepulveda Boulevard

City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager; Murray Kane, City Special Counsel  
Other Parties Negotiators: Dominic Adducci, John Buck Company.  
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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### **Reconvene**

Mayor Sahli-Wells reconvened the meeting of the City Council, and convened the Culver City Housing Authority Board and the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board at 7:11 p.m. with all Members present.

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### **Closed Session Report**

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated nothing to report out of Closed Session.

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lawrence Laughlin.

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

Vice Mayor Eriksson announced a hazardous waste and electronic event at the Wende Museum on February 29.

Council Member Fisch announced the next Culver City Speaker Series event on March 4 at the Wende Museum and he invited everyone to attend budget meetings on March 2 and 3 in City Council Chambers.

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that Kevin Klowden from the Milken Institute would be speaking at the General Plan Speaker Series event on March 4 at the Wende Museum.

Council Member Small encouraged everyone to attend the budget meetings scheduled for March 2 and 3 noting that they could continue to March 4 if needed, and he discussed attending the opening of the pedestrian bridge over La Cienega to connect the Park to Playa Trail to Kenneth Hahn Park.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone who attended the Black History month event at Blackbird House on February 23.

Mayor Sahli-Wells received Council consensus to agendaize examination of the outreach plan for the recent vote to ensure that all public meetings include child care; discussed the recent community meetings on the armored rescue vehicle that the City is considering purchasing; confusion with a ballot petition being circulated about rent control; and she encouraged everyone to please read the fine print when signing documents.

Jason Sims, Police Captain, introduced the newest police officers in the Culver City Police Department.

Jesse Mays, Assistant City Manager, presented a video on interim rent control measures available at [www.culvercity.org/rent](http://www.culvercity.org/rent).

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that Vote Centers were open with a special pop up Vote Center at the Farmers Market on February 25, and she reported that the I Heart Radio Street Team would be coming through Los Angeles County to drive people to the Vote Center at Veterans Auditorium.

Mayor Sahli-Wells noted that voting had changed this year with additional time and locations to vote, and she thanked the City Clerk for working hard to provide so many Culver City sites to allow for convenient and accessible voting.

John Nachbar City Manager, reported appointing Helen Chin to be the Assistant to the City Manager on Homelessness.

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## **Presentations to City Council**

### Item P-1

**CC - Introduction to the "Next CCBus" App, Real Time Bus Information at Your Fingertips**

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, provided a presentation on Public Mobility Services; discussed growth in Culver City; development of a comprehensive mobility services plan; fixed route services; Culver City Bus; connections to rail stations; transit centers; demand services; micro mobility; public mobility services; the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project; improved real time communication; use of technology to improve overall customer service; the Bus Alert System; traffic signal communication; trip planning in Los Angeles county; reliable real time bus information provided to riders; options to access real time data; LED solar powered real time signs at bus stops in Culver City; lighting; he invited everyone to attend the celebration of the 92<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Culver City Bus on March 3 at the Culver City Transit Center at Westfield Mall; discussed mobility ambassadors; the app; engagement and targeted outreach; Small Business Saturday on April 25; surveying; encouraging the use of transit in Culver City; and he invited everyone to the next Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee meeting on February 25, 2020.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the presentation and for all the effort being made; encouragement for everyone to attend the Mobility, Parking and Traffic Subcommittee meeting on February 25; the fact that Culver City Bus is the second oldest municipal bus system in California but the fastest in the nation for real time information; the March 3 celebration of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary at the Culver City Transportation Center; free fare day on March 3; and encouragement to vote in the election that day.

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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:

Dr. Janet Hoult read a poem from *Going to the Dogs and Other Critters*.

James Johnstone spoke representing AmVets and discussed 10858 Culver Boulevard.

Chase Crawford questioned the limitation on the amount of time allowed for the public to speak; he asked about the business tax office; and he expressed frustration with the process.

Mayor Sahli-Wells explained procedures for public speaking and encouraged Mr. Crawford to follow up with staff.

Council Member Fisch encouraged Mr. Crawford to leave his email.

Vice Mayor Eriksson suggested that Mr. Crawford speak with the Chamber of Commerce.

Walter Lamb thanked the City Council for agreeing to look into the possibility of making the Braddock and Lafayette intersection a four-way stop; he discussed the dangerous crosswalk and intersection; the public access element of the Ballona Wetlands; and he suggested a presentation on an inter-access plan.

Gabrielle Zadra discussed a recent accident at Braddock and Lafayette; support for making the area around Linn Howe safer; the need for a four-way stop; improved lighting; poor visibility; and she asked for help to improve safety in the area.

Mark Lipmann discussed the upcoming budget; the budget request from the Committee on Homelessness; the emergency plan to end homelessness; money requested for housing; the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) grant program; the Housing First pilot project; and increasing the budget to house those who are most impacted.

Colin Diaz, Chamber of Commerce, encouraged the City Council to agendaize a discussion of the Economic Development Implementation Plan.

Karlo Silbiger provided an update on the recent meeting of the Committee on Homelessness; discussed the importance of the issue of homelessness in Culver City; the need for bold action; clarification that General Fund monies have not been spent to address homelessness; public health and safety issues related to homelessness; and he wanted to see more discussion as the budget process moves forward.

Sheila Iverson spoke on behalf of numerous parents of children at Happyland preschool and Linn Howe; discussed the intersection of Braddock and Lafayette; increased close calls; the recent

accident; and she urged the City to take action to move forward in addressing issues at the intersection before the next school year.

Ron Bassilian discussed the petition to require voter approval for rent control; paid and volunteer canvassers; the process; having a proper conversation on rent control; the AmVets building; and he indicated that he was available to speak with anyone interested in signing or discussing the petition.

Allegra Perez, Allegra California Café, discussed the back patio at her cafe; permits; refuse and parking requirements; AB1826; the lack of a comparable restaurant in the area; scheduled meetings with staff to try to resolve the issue; and she requested assistance if a resolution is not achieved.

Mayor Sahli Wells encouraged Ms. Perez to email the City Council about the issue.

Carrie Shapiro discussed the Protect Culver City petition being circulated; the intent of the rent control provision; transparency; addendum items in the rent control provision; the poorly attended rent control meeting; the effect of squeezing small family housing and creating a landscape ripe for developers and condos; changing the face of Culver City; far reaching affects to the City; work to moderate issues; and use of a service to solicit signatures.

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

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported receipt of six pieces of email correspondence regarding Item A-1, and 22 for item A-2.

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 LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1, C-2, C-4, AND C-5.

Item C-1

**CC:HA:SA - (1) Approval of Cash Disbursements for February 1, 2020 to February 14, 2020**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2020 TO FEBRUARY 14, 2020.

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Item C-2

**CC:HA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting on February 3, 2020 and the Regular Consolidated City Council Meeting on February 10, 2020**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3, 2020 AND THE REGULAR CONSOLIDATED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10, 2020.

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Item C-4

(Out of Sequence)

**CC - Ratification of: (1) Fiscal Year 2021 Grant Application Submitted to the California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) for \$237,000.00; and (2) Fiscal Year 2021 Grant Application Submitted to the California Office of Traffic Safety, Traffic Records Improvement Project (TRIP) for \$120,000.00**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. RATIFY THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT (STEP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$237,000.00; AND
2. RATIFY THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, TRAFFIC RECORDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (TRIP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000.00; 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-5

**CC - Amendment to Existing Professional Services Agreement with Sikand Engineering Associates for Subdivision Map Act and Plan Review Services in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$50,000**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SIKAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR SUBDIVISION MAP ACT AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$50,000; 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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Item C-3

(Out of Sequence)

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

Mayor Sahli-Wells noted that measure CC is the extension of



Measure Y and she wanted people to see what Measure Y did for the City budget.

Onyx Jones, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Sales Tax Status Report from July - September 2019 noting that it was also available online.

Mayor Sahli-Wells noted that if Measure Y were to expire, services would be cut; she expressed appreciation for the financial transparency tools; discussed oversight by the Finance Advisory Committee; and she asked staff to follow up with the speaker who was experiencing difficulty with his business license.

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

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Item C-6

**CC - (1) Receipt and Filing of the Financial Statements from Culver City's Boulevard Music 2019 Summer Festival; (2) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of a Budget Amendment Appropriating \$46,032 from the General Fund; (3) Designation of Culver City's Boulevard Music 2020 Summer Festival Series as a City-Sponsored Event; (4) Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding and License Agreement with Boulevard Music in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$46,032 for Culver City's Boulevard Music 2020 Summer Festival; and (5) Approval of a Fee Waiver for the \$119 City Banner Permit Application Fee and \$100.76 for the Tech Surcharge Fee**

Mayor Sahli-Wells discussed the extensive community support for the Boulevard Music Summer Concert series; the extension for 2020; and she asked about community discussion of the event in the future.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding City Council guidance; holding a concert series in the new Town Plaza; a suggestion to consider the item at a joint meeting with the Cultural Affairs Commission; Hackman Capital; Culver Studios; continued development of the Plaza; and the need for a community conversation if any changes are considered.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2019 SUMMER CONCERT FINANCIALS PROVIDED BY BOULEVARD MUSIC; AND
2. (FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIRED) APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING \$46,032 FROM THE GENERAL FUND; AND,
3. DESIGNATE CULVER CITY'S BOULEVARD MUSIC 2020 SUMMER FESTIVAL A CITY-SPONSORED EVENT; AND,
4. APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH BOULEVARD MUSIC IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$46,032 FOR THE 2020 CULVER CITY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES; AND,
5. WAIVE THE \$119 CITY BANNER PERMIT APPLICATION FEE AND \$100.76 FOR THE TECH SURCHARGE FEE; AND,
6. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
7. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: APPROVE ITEMS C-3 AND C-6.

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#### **Public Hearings**

None.

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#### **Action Items**

##### Item A-1

**CC - Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.11 to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Smoking Devices (E-Cigarettes) in Outdoor Dining Areas and City Parks and Recreational Areas, and Prohibit Smoking and Use of E-Cigarettes in City Hall Courtyard and Town Plaza**

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Claud Moradian, Department of Public Health Tobacco Control and Prevention Program, discussed electronic smoking devices (ESDs) noting that they are not approved or regulated by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA); undermining compliance of smoking regulations; emission of harmful chemicals into the air by ESDs; other cities in California that have enacted ordinances prohibiting or restricting use in certain areas; and reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, including ESDs.

Mark Han, Korean American Family Services, discussed the organization; policy solutions; contributing to a healthier community; prohibition of use of ESDs in outdoor areas; exposure to second hand smoke; harmful chemicals in ESDs; comprehensive smoke free outdoor area policies; outlining specific places where smoking is prohibited; other cities that have enacted bans; and he asked the City Council to consider a comprehensive policy solution.

Dr. Marielle Reataza discussed work to raise awareness about the harms of nonconsensual exposure to secondhand smoke and vape emissions; harmful aerosols from ESDs; reducing exposure in outdoor public spaces and multi-unit housing; strengthening the City ordinance to include ESDs in outdoor dining areas; undermining compliance for smoking regulations; reversing social norms; and closing existing loopholes where smoking is still allowed.

Jane Steinberg, USC Public Health faculty, discussed the ordinance restricting tobacco appealing to underage youth; the proposed ordinance to close loopholes in the City policy; rates of traditional cigarette smoking vs. use of ESDs; unanswered questions regarding long term health impacts; she cited an article in the Journal of the American Heart Association; discussed vulnerable populations; and potential harm to nonusers from second and third hand exposure.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.11 OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES (E-CIGARETTES) IN OUTDOOR DINING AREAS AND CITY PARKS AND

RECREATIONAL AREAS, AND PROHIBIT SMOKING AND USE OF E-CIGARETTES IN CITY HALL COURTYARD AND TOWN PLAZA.

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Item A-2

**CC - (1) Report on the Status of City-Owned Property Located at 10858 Culver Boulevard, and (2) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Todd Tipton, Economic Development Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Sahli-Wells expressed appreciation for the community input; discussed the attempt to find a balance in input received; and finding a balanced and beneficial use for a key piece of public property.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Justin Jampol, Wende Museum, discussed their efforts to provide a community center by and for the public, for free; public meetings; working to be an essential resource for everyone; partnering with the Committee on Homelessness; and he thanked different organizations that would play a role in the community center.

Steven Fisher thanked those who have championed the Mayme Clayton Library and Museum; discussed their eviction; support from the community; and he asked the City to support the proposal put forth by Justin Jampol.

Sandy Bleifer discussed affordable housing for artists; expressed support for the proposal put forth by the Wende Museum; and she read a poem by Janet Hoult in support of a community center.

Brian Wickersham reported working with the Wende Museum on the project and he expressed support for the proposal.

Donna Sternberg, Donna Sternberg Dancers, expressed support for the proposed project.

Larry Loughlin provided background on himself; asked that the building be given back to the veterans; discussed services provided by the veterans; and he indicated that they would be willing to abide by City directives.

Keith Jeffreys, United States Veterans Artists Alliance (USVAA), provided background on the organization; presented a photo from the last meeting of the veterans writers' group; thanked community members and the City for their support; discussed the track record of the Wende Museum; and he expressed support for a community center at the location.

Robert Zea provided background on himself and expressed support for the Wende Museum proposal.

Kim Estes expressed support for the Wende Museum proposal.

Angela Thompson provided background on herself and expressed support for the Wende Museum proposal.

Ella Krieger provided background on herself; discussed her experiences engaging with the Wende Museum; and she expressed support for the proposal put forth by the Wende Museum.

Tom Wilson indicated that the Wende Museum has been a good neighbor and he expressed support for their proposal; he discussed the program proposed by Upward Bound; increased numbers of homeless in Culver City; keeping people in their homes; and he asked the City Council to support the project.

Doris Baizley provided background on herself; discussed collaboration with the Wende Museum; the Historical Witness Project; and she asked the City Council to support the proposal.

Greg Kestenbaum, Creative Matters, provided background on the organization and expressed support for the Wende proposal.

Hope Parrish provided background on herself; discussed the need to provide space for affordable housing for homeless veterans and artists; implementing a solution to the homeless crisis as soon as possible; and she suggested subletting unused space in large parking lots for modular housing units.

Jennifer Winther discussed classes and community involvement at the Wende Museum and expressed support for their proposal.

Lisa Leonardi Knight expressed support for the Wende Museum proposal.

Freddy Puza discussed the passing of Pam Rector; the many benefits of providing services to the homeless; and he asked the City Council to support the Wende proposal.

David Voncannon expressed support for the Wende proposal.

Gary Zeiss noted the importance of the support from the community for the proposal.

Steve Seigel indicated vast neighbor support for the Wende proposal; provided a petition to the City Council in support of the Wende proposal; expressed opposition to housing at the site; and he felt that the City Council should support what the neighbors want.

Gary Richwald provided background on himself; discussed successful programs; and expressed support for the Wende proposal.

Jessica Cattelino provided background on herself; expressed support for the Wende proposal; and she suggested that affordable housing, possibly involving veterans, be included in the proposal.

Jim Clarke, Culver City Arts Foundation, expressed support for the Wende proposal; discussed the Mayme Clayton Museum; solidifying the Cultural Corridor; and the scarcity of useful space to showcase artists and organizations.

Disa Lindgren expressed support for building affordable housing; discussed the collaboration and community input that have gone into the Wende proposal; she felt the proposal did not go far enough; discussed City land fronting Culver Boulevard; mobility options; nonprofit developers willing to work with the City; and support for the current proposal with housing.

Nathan Birnbaum provided background on himself; expressed strong support for the Wende proposal; discussed support for the arts; and public space for the arts.

Mark Lipman expressed support for the process; discussed the duty to serve artists, veterans and the unhoused community; the urgent need to address the homeless situation; he expressed support for including housing in the proposal; felt that 24

units could be built with the community center; expressed concern with a fear mongering attitude toward the unhoused; and he emphasized the importance of improving the lives of others.

Jeff Schwartz provided background on himself; expressed support for maximizing housing potential on the land; discussed the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) mandates; and the scarcity of public land.

Michael Stivers hoped that the proposal would be specific to 10858 Culver Boulevard; expressed support for the proposal from the Wende Museum; discussed the presentation by the Wende Museum about the condemned AmVets building; inclusion of parcels to the west; and he asked the City Council not to link the Wende project with other proposals.

Karlo Silbiger discussed consideration of the issue by the Committee on Homelessness; the desperate need for community space; the housing crisis in Los Angeles county; combining the proposals; consultation with non-profit developers; and the importance of approving housing projects to get people off the street.

Christine Giasco, Upward Bound House, thanked the City for their continued support; provided background on the organization; discussed working in partnership with the City; and the importance of stopping people from falling into homelessness.

Dr. Kelly Kent, Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD), reported support for the project by the CCUSD Superintendent; discussed the possibility of housing on public land on the parcels to the west; the opportunity to do a fully-funded project now; and she expressed her individual support of the project and for using adjacent land to the west for housing.

John Wahlert indicated being the closest neighbor to the parcel being considered and he wanted to see the project move forward as soon as possible.

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

T. Nghiem-Ellbeck  
Elsy Villatranca  
Heather Moses

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the process; current support for the project; how the project

fits in with broader issues; strong opinions on housing at that location; additional outreach; issuing an RFP to consider the adjacent parcel; the community garden; the impact of six units; timing; financing for the project; moving forward before funding disappears; concern with taking park land zoned for public activity to use for housing when there is other property that is more appropriate; the need for community meetings regarding the lots west of AmVets; focusing on larger housing projects; clarification that public outreach would be included in an RFP process; the community garden; going forward with an RFP for affordable housing for the specified location; the process; concern with discussion in a committee that is not open to the public; land use issues; the survey of public spaces; general direction given to staff; public opposition to housing on the western parcels; support for taking every opportunity to provide housing; conducting an RFP for affordable housing; population growth in LA county; overcrowding; delayed household formation; cycle 6 of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA); releasing public land; honoring veterans; the history and importance of the site; honoring the arts; the interconnectedness of the services; USVAA: bringing together different uses; past and future veterans; Upward Bound House; finding middle ground; making a modest start; costs for affordable units; permanent modular units; and a request to split the vote.

Council Member Lee moved to support the Wende Museum project and Mayor Sahli-Wells seconded the motion.

Mayor Sahli-Wells discussed expanding the project all the way to Elenda; moving forward; and providing a proof of concept to the community.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND SECONDED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ISSUE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) TO CONDUCT PUBLIC OUTREACH TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL USE OF THE ABUTTING LOT TO THE WEST FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES AND PRESENT THE FINDINGS TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FISCH, LEE, SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL  
NOES: ERIKSSON

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



WENDE'S CREATIVE COMMUNITY CENTER TO PROCEED THROUGH ENTITLEMENTS.

Mayor Sahli-Wells discussed next steps in the process noting ample opportunity for community input.

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Item A-3

**CC - (1) Adoption of a Resolution Amending City Council Policy Statement Regarding Mayoral Rotation and Rescinding Resolution Nos. 2017-R015 and 2018-R055; and (2) Adoption of a Resolution Amending City Council Policy Statement No. 4304 Regarding Smoking in the Workplace (Renamed Smoke-Free Environment**

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Jamie Wallace felt that getting rid of a fair and reasonable mayoral rotation policy was wrong and that the Vice Mayor should be allowed to rotate to the Mayor position; she expressed opposition to allowing a majority to choose; discussed disenfranchising voters; partisanship; the excuse given repeatedly that the policy is not followed; she felt that majority rule was a power grab; she asked that the old policy be reinstated; and she cautioned Council Members to be careful of what they create.

Mark Lipman recommended that the policy not apply to the next Mayoral selection; discussed democracy; fairness; integrity; allowing the process in place to move forward to respect the person who would be most harmed by the decision; and the importance of doing what is right.

Steve Siegel reported that the City Council was getting a reputation of not listening to community input; he observed that none of the Council Members live near 10858; he discussed breaking tradition; low income housing; and he asked that the City Council consider the will of the residents.

Gary Zeiss expressed concern with squelching opposing points of view; concern with having one side or the other running things; and he asked the City Council not to rescind the policy.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the intent of the change; having a policy that contradicts the City Charter that no one follows; enacting a more honest policy; separating out the ceremonial celebration from the deliberation; concern with accusations of squelching voices; doing what one thinks is right; lack of unanimity; information provided by the City Historian; past practice of not following the policy; the problematic nature of the policy since the terms do not match; having an open discussion about the succession; and picking a date for the ceremony.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FISCH THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING MAYORAL ROTATION AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NOS. 2017-R015 AND 2018-R055.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FISCH, LEE, SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL  
NOES: ERIKSSON

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT.

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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**

Council Member Lee received Council consensus that the City Council receive a presentation about how cities can apply for public banking from Public Bank LA.

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Vice Mayor Eriksson received clarification that the Economic Development Plan would be brought back in the work plan.

Mayor Sahli-Wells reiterated her earlier request for outreach to promote the availability of child care for City meetings.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 11:00 p.m., the City Council adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on March 2, 2020.

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Jeremy Green  
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council and SECRETARY of the  
Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency  
Board, and Culver City Housing Authority Board  
Culver City, California

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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: \_\_\_\_\_