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REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

REGULAR BUDGET MEETING - CITY WORK PLANS March 2, 2020
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL 3:00 p.m.
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD,
CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD
AND CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the regular budget meeting - City Work Plans of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Culver City Housing Authority Board and Parking Authority to order at 3:03 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

*Council Member Lee arrived at 3:07 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Helen Chin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Vice Mayor Eriksson reported attending the Sandy Segal Youth Health Center Award Dinner on February 29.

Mayor Sahli-Wells Announced The 92nd Anniversary of Culver City Bus on March 3 and the launch of the Next CCBus App.

Dave White, Fire Chief, provided a briefing on the City's efforts on the coronavirus; he noted that Los Angeles is the lead agency and that Christine Para serves as acting liaison; he discussed community messaging; encouragement of proper hygiene; self-isolation; flu vaccinations; disaster preparedness; employee proactive measures; the potential for cancelled events; outreach; and continuity of operations.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding enhanced cleaning protocol; allowing employees to stay home if they are sick or to care for their children; precautions for the unhoused population; the availability of sanitary facilities; concern with anti-homeless sentiment; county services; targeted hate and discrimination; help by calling the 211 hotline; and instructions to point people to Los Angeles County Public Health.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that March 3 is election day; encouraged everyone to vote; and indicated that same day voter registration is available.

Mayor Sahli-Wells described her experience voting at the Culver City Farmers Market last week.

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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, reported one piece of correspondence received for Item A-1.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL 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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Action Items

Item A-1

CC:HA:PA:SA - (1) Presentation and Consideration of Current and Proposed Work Plans for City Departments; and (2) (If Desired) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Scott Bixby, Police Chief, introduced members of the Police Department present to answer questions; provided a status report on the 2019-2020 Police Department Work Plan, and he discussed the proposed Work Plan for 2020-2021.

Jeanine Plute, Senior Management Analyst, provided an update on Police Department grants.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Mark Lipman felt that the Police Department should not be a catch-all for every problem in society; discussed fiscal responsibility; the amount of money spent on police services vs. the amount spent on housing; he observed that police officers do not want to deal with homelessness; discussed homelessness as a societal problem, not a policing problem; the request from the Committee on Homelessness for \$1 million; he asked for \$2 million to directly house people; noted the obligation to help those who need help even if it takes some

money from the Police Department budget; discussed addressing hotspots; helping those who need direct services; directly housing people; and he did not want to see any more surprises in the budget like the Bearcat last year, noting the importance of community input.

Donna Kent discussed providing mental health to those in need; the role of the Police Department; different priorities for police officers vs. those for mental health professionals; and she noted the lack of measurable goals.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the housing budget; the lack of funding to provide new housing units; the mobile home park; comparisons with Los Angeles; clarification that Los Angeles county provides mental health services; increased services to meet the need; training to provide the appropriate response; and clarifying roles in the situation.

Daniel Richardson, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, discussed services provided; training in de-escalation; specific training for mental health; and available coverage seven days per week.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Richardson, staff and Council Members regarding the process for addressing calls; referrals to various types of services; the pilot program with the UCLA School of Welfare; the social worker at the Senior Center; integrating social services with emergency services; work with USC; follow up after the initial crisis; guiding residents to non-police resources; and building support systems.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding staffing levels; police officers hired to deal with a growing daytime population; continuing work from last year; concern that the Police Department has become the agency to respond to conditions of poverty; responding to issues with the unsheltered and domestic violence; using non-sworn officers or specialists to take some of the load off of police officers; evidence that car design has led to increased pedestrian fatalities; SUV sales; a suggestion to investigate using lower profile grills for police cars; the number of people who run stop signs; targeted awareness enforcement around schools and problem areas; the new 15 mph speed limit; work to get the organization up to full speed with additional staff; appreciation for staying within last year's budget; appreciation for the second mental health officer; support for

24/7 coverage; the Chief's Advisory Panel; development impact fees; the amount of money approved for the Police Department vs. the request from the Committee on Homelessness; reallocating funds from each department to construct more housing; seeking alternative solutions to get more housing built; acknowledgement of the work done and ever changing conditions; the Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE); the Human Relations Committee; parking around Frost Auditorium; dependence on the Police Department to take up slack left by the eroding social safety net; evolving challenges; the crossing guards; irresponsible and dangerous driving; parent education; cross departmental efforts; new projects coming online; providing a sounding board in the community; tension with regard to the emergency rescue vehicle; fostering dialogue amid controversy; establishing protocol for coordination of social media and the webpage; the Youth Diversion Program; engagement in the General Plan Update; and resources to address the coronavirus.

Dave White, Fire Chief, introduced members of the Fire Department present to answer questions; provided a status report on the 2019-2020 Fire Department Work Plan; and he discussed the proposed Work Plan for 2020-2021.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the potential effect of a dedicated bus lane to response times; new paramedic ambulances; the crisis communication plan; the Woolsey Fire; the parcel by parcel inspection; solar panels; the Universal Power Supply; working to cut down hiring timelines; processes in Human Resources and in the Fire Department; entry level positions; turnover; reconfiguring Washington Boulevard to accommodate more people; research regarding the effect of dedicated transit lanes in other jurisdictions; increased development; stressed resources; paramedic ambulances; unintended consequences; beneficiaries of the enhancements; innovative funding mechanisms related to new groups coming into the City; the new dispatch; manpower required for brush inspections; use of drones; Public Safety Grade Radio Systems; communication; frequencies; use of commercial systems; cross-compatibility; privacy concerns; Culver City Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CCARES); appreciation for the update on the coronavirus; Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training; the turnover in population in Culver City; updating the public on the preferred method of CPR; engaging in the General Plan Update; appreciation for the presentation given during the General Plan Lecture Series; and Community Connect.

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, introduced department staff; presented an update on 2019-2020 Strategic Plan Initiatives for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department; presented 2020-2021 Strategic Plan Initiatives and the 2020-2021 Work Plans; he provided updates on current operating grants and grant opportunities; and he discussed departmental efforts and involvement in the General Plan Update.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Ken Mand discussed demand created with the new homes coming online in the next year in the area of Syd Kronenthal Park and asked the City Council to keep that in mind when formulating the budget; expansion and repurposing park programming to include better indoor community spaces; shading; and adding an additional tennis court and a community garden space.

David Voncannon, Tellefson Park Neighborhood Association, was pleased to see the new playground equipment installed in Tellefson Park and he discussed the need for lighting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding what could be done with additional funds; meeting AB1881 requirements; irrigation; ensuring that parks are playable; field rehabilitation; length of the waiting list; utilizing indoor space during inclement weather; the additional room at Linwood Howe opened up by the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD); dedicating additional resources to find more space for afterschool programs; the need for large, open facilities; work with neighborhood associations; events to bring the community together; instituting monthly events; partnerships; adding hydration stations; development impact fees; traffic mitigation; the need to expand the public realm; the need to enhance and expand park space; maintenance; establishing a productive land use pattern that pays for itself; meeting housing needs; the Quimby Act; staffing; demand; parking impacts to surrounding neighborhoods; co-locating lighting on 5G poles; the Turf Report; mobility plans for seniors and students; providing opportunities to sign up for discounted TAP cards; making it possible for people to donate toward infrastructure improvements; previous efforts to create a foundation; adding childcare at public meetings to

the work plan and budget; increasing public awareness; the community garden; coordination with a non-profit; using the kitchens at Vets for cooking classes; partnering with Southern California Edison; gas-free infrastructure; partnerships with CCUSD and West LA College; establishing a fully inclusive and accessible playground at Lindberg Park; leveraging community interest; regulatory signage in parks; vaping; soccer signage; the need to increase maintenance if additional playing is added; night time programming in the summer; what to work toward in the General Plan; American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Age Friendly Community work; the AARP Parks Tool Kit; Measure W; finding an alternative to safely celebrate July 4th; the coronavirus; perception of bias with signage; new park regulations; Plunge into Fiesta; the scavenger hunt at Fiesta; wifi; and funding for lighting at Tellefson Park.

Michelle Williams, Chief Information Officer, discussed highlights of the 2019-2020 Information Technology Department Work Program, and she provided an overview of the proposed Work Plan for 2020-2021.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding warnings when emailing an outside email address; public awareness of the ability to stream meetings; the mobile friendly online service portal; disaster planning and recovery; business continuity plans; ransomware; identity theft; protecting privacy; secure data; compliant security measures; best practices; following industry standards; City Hall conference rooms; telecommuting; maintaining business and organizational continuity; wifi on buses, in parks and in City facilities; City policy; the fiber network; the growth of dark fiber; provider selection; the transition; cash flow; the Electronic Document Management System Project; reducing hard copy storage requirements; protocol for addressing technology failure and minimizing disruption; site support for City Council meetings; taking more of a hands on approach; multiple components and manufacturers; Granicus; built in redundancies; live streaming; work with Tripepi Smith; and coordination with CCUSD.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, provided a presentation on the 2019-2020 City Attorney's Office Work Plan, and the proposed Work Plan for 2020-2021.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding Public Records Request training; digitizing files; file organization; work load; global and national issues facing the City; staffing levels; prioritization of issues; generation of issues by the public; the cost of public records requests; time constraints in which requests must be answered; hiring internal counsel to save money on outside consultants; specific subject matter; effective use of interns; the deadline to put a measure on the November ballot; communication with the vendors on the flavor ban; compliance; exemptions; and public engagement.

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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

Vice Mayor Eriksson indicated that he would be attending the National League of Cities meeting to meet with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); he asked Council Members for input; and he indicated that he would be unable to attend the March 9 City Council meeting.

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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:51 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Board, Housing Authority Board and Parking Authority continued the meeting to March 3, 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, Culver City Parking Authority, 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, Culver
City Parking Authority, and Culver City Housing Authority
Board

Date: _____