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REGULAR BUDGET MEETING - CITY WORK PLANS
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD,
CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY, AND
CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

March 3, 2020
3:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells reconvened the regular budget meeting - City Work Plans of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Culver City Parking Authority and Culver City Housing Authority Board to order at 3:04 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

Jane Leonard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Vice Mayor Eriksson received clarification that the slide presentations from each department would be made available to Council Members.

Mayor Sahli-Wells discussed preparedness for the COVID-19 virus; information available; and she encouraged people to prepare, but not to panic.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, discussed the election; redirecting people to the Veterans Memorial building; vote by mail drop offs accepted at City Hall; and counting vote by mail ballots.

Mayor Sahli-Wells thanked the City Clerk for her work to provide extra locations and opportunities to vote; discussed the ability of unregistered voters to register and vote today; the availability of sample ballots online; and facilitating the process.

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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:

JT Parr discussed environmental concerns and bringing awareness to de-forestation in the Amazon by shaving a stripe down the middle of his head.

Chad Kroeger discussed planting more avocado trees vs. shaving a stripe down the middle of your head.

Mayor Sahli-Wells discussed the urban forest in Culver City and back yard trees.

Council Member Fisch noted that Culver City is home of the Movember Foundation.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

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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

Serena Wright-Black, Assistant City Manager, introduced members of her department; provided a status report on the 2019-2020 Administrative Services Department Work Plan; and discussed the proposed Work Plan for 2020-2021.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding public records requests; decentralizing the hiring process; ensuring the integrity of the hiring process; mitigating concerns or claims of bias; LA Works; employee volunteer days; the Historic Preservation Ordinance; historic resource evaluations; concern with losing qualified candidates due to the length of the hiring process; the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) survey; funding for increased staff in Cultural Affairs; Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) reporting; digital disclosure in time for the November election; the culture of supporting the arts even with a lack of funding; risk management; employee wellness; employee morale; cost benefit analysis; productivity; recruitment; working to become an employer of choice; restoration of public art; the Lion Fountain; increased transparency; and the interface for FPPC filing and compliance.

The City Council sang Happy Birthday for the 92nd anniversary of Culver City Bus.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, discussed the Short Range Transit Plan; introduced staff members; provided a status report on the 2019-2020 Transportation Department Work Plan; and discussed the proposed Work Plan for 2020-2021.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the bus only lane feasibility study; the need for community support to make changes happen successfully; issuing a unique Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Comprehensive Mobility Service Plan and a separate RFP for community engagement; speed of public transit vs. using a car; squeezing bus only lanes into existing right of way; actions of other cities; the number of cars; benefits of public transit to riders; cost structure; price elasticity; lack of shade at bus stops; the Next CC Bus app; scooter share; micro transit pilot; free fare days; event based promotion; partnerships with stakeholders; street furniture; scooter and bike parking; last mile mobility solutions; dedicated bike lanes; outreach for Police and Fire; partnering with Police, Fire and Public Works; appreciation for the celebration; congratulations to staff on Culver City Bus being declared fastest in the nation for Real Time Information; getting people into good habits; the Downtown Connector; the number of new employees coming into the City; Transportation Demand Management (TDM); the need for ongoing funding; interdependency of different departments; connections to the Palms area; costs per vehicle service hour; redefining success for micro transit; use of EV vehicles; offering free student fares; connecting with Los Angeles; proving speed; strength of connections; ensuring that public transit is available for City meetings; designing transit around the most frequent users; public art; the Sepulveda Corridor; creating a Culver City Flyaway bus; ensuring that meetings are finished before the last bus; and the General Plan Update process.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, introduced department staff; provided a status report on the 2019-2020 Public Works Department Work Plan; and he discussed the proposed Work Plan for 2020-2021.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP); problems caused by Waze; Ballona Creek; lighting on the bike path and under the bridges; resurfacing the bike path; the Adapted Traffic Control System (ATCS); natural pedestrian walkways to get to public transportation access points; the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC); the bridge on Higuera; Caltrans; delays; the ramp project; National League of Cities; the Highway Trust Fund; local agency need; the process; permits that are about to expire because promised funding has not become available; funding repair of the bike path; improvements to Ballona Creek; streamlining the NTMP process; concern with blocked bike lanes; pedestrian only streets in the downtown area; holding more open streets events; benefits of street festivals; pedestrianizing Washington through downtown on Saturday nights; the Main Street and Culver intersection; right turn on red traffic cameras; prohibiting right on red for southbound Duquesne turning right on to Jefferson; recycling bins; heating The Plunge electrically; funding for microgrids; 5G applications; permits; agreements; the mobile app; integration with the Transportation Department; support for small projects to raise awareness of the larger projects; improvements to Higuera; slowing down traffic; prioritizing pedestrians over cars; neighborhood outreach regarding construction projects; the Marina del Rey Watershed Project; crosswalks; Lafayette and Braddock; Safe Routes to School; traffic counts; signage; the crosswalk at Duquesne and Jefferson; a suggested street closure on Machado as a tactical urbanist move; the Urban Forest Canopy Plan; quick interventions; pilot ideas; distracted driving; presenting sketches so that people can visualize projects; construction around Washington/National; the need to ensure that pedestrian access is provided; managing construction schedules; timing and access; the rate study for waste management; the National Sword policy; incentives; process; rate setting; excess capacity for food waste at the joint water pollution control plant in Carson; water recycling; Measure W; Our Water, Our Future; appreciation for Zero Waste at City Hall; outreach; successful modeling; the need for waste reduction on school campuses; investing in waste reduction strategies; the Clean Power Alliance; grant and loan opportunities; leveraging funding; quick implementation; the intersection at Main Street and Washington; using textures to alert drivers; Overland near El Rincon; the Parkway Ordinance; permitting; compliance; BPAC recommendations; the pilot project; the bike and scooter policy in Town Plaza; Traffic Demand Forecast Model; development of a mobility fee; the

General Plan Update; the Climate Action Plan; greenhouse gas inventory; and work with Advanced Planning.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, discussed the seven divisions that comprise Community Development; he provided an overview of division highlights for 2019-2020; and discussed the proposed Community Development Work Plan for 2020-2021.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding accomplishing existing projects vs. new projects; Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs); the state default; gentle density; the missing middle concept; single family design guidelines; Housing Trust Fund monies; the Affordable ADU program; grants; target numbers for ADUs; defining the focus for the consultant; finding a way for people to be able to do more with their property while respecting their neighbors; incentivizing property owners to choose enhanced neighborhood design; underdeveloped properties in R-2 zones; missed opportunities; the Mansionization Ordinance; acknowledging that triplexes are now legal in California; support for a budget enhancement to create plans; the General Plan Update process; bungalow courts; loss of affordable housing; neighborhood acceptability; limiting size to guarantee a certain amount of affordability; the actions of Santa Monica; Code Enforcement; homelessness; keeping the community clean and hygienic; hiring inhabitants to conduct cleanup efforts; flexibility with below market housing; acquiring existing multi-family units; naturally affordable housing in the City; meeting affordability goals; redevelopment opportunities; land banking; scarcity of resources; incentivizing development; monetizing development rights; height and density; making ADUs easier to build; grants for affordable ADUs ten year covenants; co-living situations; apodments; code amendments; mixed use development; price controls; the California Community Foundation; funding options; messaging around housing; linkage fees to deter flipping; the right for tenants to purchase their building if is being sold; coordination with Los Angeles and enforcement for the area around the 405

freeway; focusing on community benefit; the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Visioning Process; implementation; creation of a Specific Plan for the area; providing reference points; community buy-in; the Annual Sustainability Report vs. the Climate Action Plan; the shift from Level of Service to Vehicle Miles Travelled; funding for no-car mobility efforts; mitigation funds; tracking existing and planned affordable housing; communication regarding the progress being made; changing the mixed-use ordinance to allow for other ground floor uses beyond retail; Brick and Machine; neighborhood activation; difficulty leasing space; the changing market; determining type and percentage of use; and additional consideration of mixed-use development.

Onyx Jones, Chief Finance Officer, provided a recap on the 2019-2020 Finance Department Work Plan; and discussed the proposed Work Plan for 2020-2021.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the new online system for business licenses; revised and corrected forms; review of the Purchasing Card (P Card) policy; the Lighthouse contract; the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline; third party monitoring of complaints; best practices; the practices of other cities; trackable workflows; time and resources used in staff presentations; whether there is increased efficiency with a bi-annual budget; dynamic forecasting; Socrata software; updates to the website; communication; transparency; and the Executive Summary of the budget.

Jesse Mays, Assistant City Manager, introduced members of the City Manager's Office: Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, and Helen Chin, Assistant to the City Manager on Homelessness, who discussed the proposed Work Plan for the City Manager's Office for 2020-2021.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding deferred maintenance; the amount of need; potential; communication and outreach regarding affordable housing; the

audit of available space; community meeting space; the petition to revoke the decision for an interim rent control ordinance and require any future provision to go on the ballot; the legislative process; balancing interests; paid signature gatherers; concern with confusion with the way that the initiative is written; the rent registry; concern with creating uncertainty for tenants and landlords; the deadline to get a measure on the November ballot; ballot arguments and rebuttals; expiration of the interim ordinance; the timeline; the analysis; facts for consideration of final legislation; data to inform the policy; legislative flexibility; concern with the threat of eviction and litigation; awareness and education regarding consequences of making changes; state law; taking action to protect everyone; the importance of public input; appreciation to Shelly Wolfberg for her work with the National League of Cities; cannabis revenue; illegal dispensaries; the department taking the lead with AARP; the coronavirus; the amount of activity and change; appreciation to staff for their efforts; addressing homelessness; regional efforts; the new homeless count; and the depth of the crisis.

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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 8:55 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Culver City Parking Authority, and Culver City Housing Authority Board adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on March 9, 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: _____