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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY
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CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 2, 2020
8:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the special meeting of the City Council, Housing Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall via teleconference.

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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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Sahli-Wells.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Lee expressed appreciation to the Emergency Services Department, the City Manager, the Fire Department and the Police Department for their work to protect the health and safety of the community, and he congratulated the Farmers Market on a job well done on Tuesday, noting the long-term benefits of safely providing such a vital service to the community.

Council Member Fisch echoed Council Member Lee's comments; expressed hope that the benefits of observing the stay at home rule would be reflected soon; and he encouraged everyone to self-report for the census at 2020census.gov, noting the importance of being counted.

Council Member Small emphasized the importance of filling out the census, and he expressed gratitude to everyone in the City who was working hard to combat the COVID-19 crisis.

Vice Mayor Eriksson encouraged everyone to check in on their neighbors to make sure that they were ok.

Mayor Sahli-Wells reported that there were one million people in the world with Coronavirus; the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health had indicated 19 cases and one death in Culver City; information was available at culvercity.org/coronavirus, from the hotline at (310) 253-6890 or questions could be emailed to coronavirus@culvercity.org; she discussed the goal of the City to provide information and resources; a recent Clean Power Alliance Board meeting noting that those needing assistance should call to see if they qualify for discounted rates; she shared contact information for California Edison: (800) 655-4555 or sce.com noting their partnership; and she stated that no one would have their power shut off due to lack of payment.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read public comment submitted by:

Luther Henderson and Patricia G. Siever: questioned when Culver City would be sending Donald J. Trump an official letter of commendation for providing outstanding service to state, county

and local governments, public and private businesses, and institutions.

Prisca Gloor: expressed appreciation to the City for providing updates on the Coronavirus and for making park restrictions more flexible; she expressed concern that the purchase of a ballistic, engineered, armored response counterattack truck was still being considered; she discussed instances where the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had provided SWAT services without charge to the City, noting that they were on standby at all times; expressed concern with spending money to militarize the Culver City Police Department (CCPD); she did not think the truck would save lives; felt the policy was poorly written and unprofessional; expressed concern with the ability of CCPD to use weapons against demonstrators; discussed budget meetings; and she requested accountability and oversight.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

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

No changes were made.

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Public Hearings

None.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the March 27, 2020 Second Supplement to Public Order Issued by the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services, under City of Culver City Emergency Authority, Expanding the Residential Tenant Eviction Moratorium to Prohibit All Evictions of Residential Tenants through May 31, 2020, Subject to Certain Limited Exceptions, Due to Coronavirus Respiratory Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, read public comments submitted by:

Kelli Estes: stated that the changes were overly broad and exceeded the Governor's Emergency Order; provisions should only relate to renters directly impacted; renters should be encouraged to work with and communicate to the landlord about paying back what they owe; and she hoped that promises to tenants would stand in court.

Danielle Peretz: indicated that she wanted a letter to be read, but no letter was attached.

Ben Patterson: requested that streets be closed to automobiles; asserted that residents needed to be free to walk and bike in a Safer at Home environment; stated that minor thoroughfares should be closed; and suggested potential streets for closure.

Mayor Sahli-Wells suggested that if any remaining comments were not able to be read at the meeting, they would be made available online.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated agreement.

Responding to inquiry from Vice Mayor Eriksson regarding a question from the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA) about the constitutionality of the proposed action, Assistant City Attorney Heather Baker discussed the authority of the City to monitor a landlord's recourse to permitted evictions in order to prevent abuse of the intent of the moratorium; she felt the proposed action was within the City's authority; and she added that the City follows the same process as the interim rent control ordinance to ensure that a landlord is only evicting tenants under lawful grounds that are set forth in that ordinance and that would be the same process in the residential tenant eviction moratorium.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MARCH 27, 2020 SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO PUBLIC ORDER ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER, AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, UNDER CITY OF CULVER CITY EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, EXPANDING THE RESIDENTIAL TENANT EVICTION MORATORIUM TO PROHIBIT ALL EVICTIONS OF RESIDENTIAL TENANTS THROUGH MAY 31, 2020, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, DUE TO CORONAVIRUS RESPIRATORY DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

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Item A-2

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming Third Supplement to Public Order Issued on April 1, 2020 by the Director of Emergency Services, Allowing Firearms Retailers to Conduct Business, Including New Sales and Transfers, During the COVID-19 Local Emergency, Consistent With U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Advisory Guidance and the Los Angeles County Positions Regarding Firearms Retailers

Lisa Vidra, Senior Deputy City Attorney, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment and suggested that if public comment was not concluded by 10:30 p.m., the remaining comments would be made available on the website for the public to see; she indicated that the City Council had received and would read all of the comments; and she indicated that the meeting would be finished by 11:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Eriksson expressed support for the proposal by the Mayor.

Mayor Sahli-Wells asked to hear the complete statement from the owner of the gun shop, and that one minute each be allowed for the other comments submitted.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, read public comment submitted by:

Alexander Reyes, Martin B. Redding, Inc. (MBR): provided background on the company; discussed compliance with the law; the safety of customers, staff and community; their response to the COVID-19 crisis; voluntary steps taken to limit exposure;

limits to occupancy and volume; the appointment only policy; social distancing standards; the City order to stay open for 30 days to complete pending transactions and direction not to accept new business; developments since the original order; the addition of firearms retailers to the list of critical infrastructure under Public Safety; new CISA guidelines; the position of the county; direction from the federal government; the request to the City Manager to be allowed to stay open; the third supplement to the City's order related to COVID-19 clarifying the City's position to allow firearms retailers to conduct business including new sales; meeting obligations during the crisis; he expressed appreciation to the City for making the determination; reaffirmed MBR's commitment to the community in addressing concerns regarding new firearms owners and encouraging safe firearms handling practices; reported on new outreach and social media content to instruct shooters of all levels; and he encouraged the City to offer something similar to residents.

Prisca Gloor: asserted that President Trump accepted money from the National Rifle Association (NRA), and she discussed school shootings and the number of people who die daily from gun violence and suicide due to the availability of guns.

Norman Johnson: asserted that the City Council would be responsible for any death or injury resulting from the use of firearms if they allow the purchase of guns during the pandemic; praised the competency of CCPD and their short response time; and he stated that more guns were not needed in the hands of private citizens.

Ryan Wunderlich: stated that guns and ammo should be available in the current environment so that people can hunt small game to feed their families, noting that with the closure of big retailers, these shops were the only outlets to purchase in the state.

Mayor Sahli-Wells received clarification regarding the synchronization of the timer and that everyone would have the same amount of time to be heard.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read public comment submitted by:

Bruce Pfleiger: questioned why he should have to defend his Second Amendment rights; discussed basic and essential rights; the goals of liberty and justice; destroying rights out of fear and uncertainty; and felt that the character of the nation and

its people manifests itself when under stress and under the toughest trials.

Jason Spaltro: provided background on himself; wanted to see his Second Amendment rights guaranteed by the Constitution; acknowledged the primary concern of public health; and discussed ways to manage risks.

Nathan Danilowicz: expressed support for maintaining his Second Amendment rights and the rights of MBR and their employees, and he wanted to maintain the option of purchasing a gun if he chose to.

H. Hatter: asked that the gun store stay open as an essential business as it a Constitutional right.

Mark Minichiello: provided background on himself; asked the City Council to uphold his Constitutional rights; wanted to see the store reopened; acknowledged the public health concern; discussed ways to manage the risks; expressed concern with the authoritarian rule of the City Council; and he noted that a poor decision could result in a lawsuit and cost the City a lot of money.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, read public comment submitted by:

Matt Bergman: asked that the City Council not infringe on Second Amendment rights and instead consider MBR an essential business as a supplier to first responders and citizens.

Carlos Pinzon: asserted that it was their right under the Constitution to defend themselves; discussed law abiding citizens who want to purchase firearms; driving to San Diego to purchase ammunition; the actions of Los Angeles; penalizing the long-time business owner and residents in proximity of the shop; and he stated that the City Council should not change the rules for its citizens who pay taxes.

Mike Rocha: felt that Culver City should be focusing on different issues during the pandemic; discussed Constitutional rights; the very real chance of civil unrest due to furloughs and layoffs; starvation and malnutrition due to the loss of income; putting lives at risk; further loss of income for small business gun retailers; and he suggested focusing instead on temporary housing for the homeless, community action projects

on how to feed the jobless, and children in the City who go hungry when there isn't a crisis.

Howard Hugh: indicated that as a Chinese American, he felt threatened by the President and with potential hate crimes; he wanted gun stores to be allowed to stay open; and he asserted that this was the same situation as the LA riots.

Edward Cosgrove: expressed support for exercising his Second Amendment rights and re-opening gun stores with social distancing measures in place; reported on his failed attempt to purchase a gun before the lock down; noted stringent procedures to purchase a gun; and enforcement of regulations.

Carla Apodaca: discussed violating Second Amendment rights; concern with people purchasing weapons on the black market; and she provided a copy of an article from the Daily Mail.

Ron Escobar: provided background on himself; indicated that he did not feel safe and wanted to exercise his Constitutional right to buy a gun so that he could have peace of mind during the unprecedented times; and he asserted that MBR was an essential business.

James Clay Busch: felt compelled to purchase a firearm and asserted that his Second Amendment rights should secure his ability to do so.

Ronald Olson: asserted that the City had no right to shut down any gun shop and was overstepping their duties; discussed the Second Amendment; treason against the Constitution and Bill of Rights; and he stated that firearms were essential to public safety due to slowed police response in a crisis and the right to defend oneself.

Sean Ness: asserted that MBR is an outstanding retailer in the City and that owning guns is a Constitutional right; cited data indicating less crime in areas where people own guns; and requested that MBR be allowed to continue to operate in the City.

Scott Leeper: asserted that MBR is an essential business during this time of crisis and he praised them for their service to the community.

David Poura: asked the City Council to consider allowing the sale of firearms to continue with proper limitations on the number of patrons in the store.

Christian F. Bryant: expressed concern with being able to protect his family during uncertain times and wanted to see gun stores allowed to remain open.

Anthony Metzidis: expressed support for police officers and emergency personnel; discussed the right to keep and bear arms; and he asked that the City Council allow MBR to stay open as an essential business.

Chris and Gertrude Tarn: asserted that firearms stores were essential businesses; discussed the necessity of firearms; early release of criminals due to the crisis; crimes occurring; firearms as a deterrence; and offering information on the safe handling of firearms online.

Bernard McVeigh: wrote in support of keeping gun stores open.

Alice Dewey: asked that gun stores be allowed to stay open so that she could purchase a taser to protect herself.

Glenn and Sydney Shelton: expressed support for the Second Amendment; wanted to have the option of buying a gun; discussed recent panic; release of prisoners; and support for social distancing as well as extra scrutiny for background checks.

Joel Bertlet: asked that MBR and other firearms retailers be allowed to remain open; discussed Second Amendment rights; and the actions of the City of Los Angeles and Pasadena.

Joseph John Carreon: asked that firearms retailers be allowed to continue to operate noting the important service provided.

John M. Perez: urged the City to allow firearms and ammo retailers to continue operation while following all current health and social distancing guidelines.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read public comment submitted by:

Dave and Denise Crawford: expressed appreciation that the City allowed MBR to honor its contractual obligations over the past few weeks; support for CCPD but concern with rising crime related to increased unemployment; and felt that MBR should be allowed to continue to service the community.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, read public comment submitted by:

Roxanne Beckford Hoge: suggested that closing the gun store could prove expensive to Culver City.

Jack Schwartz: asked that MBR remain open to allow protection of Second Amendment rights.

Dennis Kelley: discussed upholding Constitutional rights and maintaining firearms retailers as critical infrastructure.

Joe Winter: expressed concern with the order from Culver City preventing MBR from conducting normal business; questioned the relationship to the COVID-19 outbreak; felt it was an attack on the gun store; and expressed concern with denying Constitutional rights.

Mike Winter: provided background on himself; discussed attempts to deny Second Amendment rights under the guise of dealing with the current crisis; and the inability of the police to protect people in their homes and businesses.

Emmanuel Espinoza: expressed support for declaring gun stores as non-essential; discussed survivors of domestic violence; and she did not want to see more guns added to the mix.

Tara Espinoza: provided background on herself; expressed discomfort with having a gun store in such close proximity to schools and the mosque; and she expressed concern with hate, ignorance, and panic.

Brandon Williams: asserted that firearm retailers were essential and discussed the need for citizens to protect themselves.

David Moshe Einstein: discussed his cancelled appointment with MBR; fairness; honoring Constitutional rights; fear of the unknown; and allowing people to protect their families.

Raquel Vargas: provided background on herself and asked that MBR be allowed to stay open.

Nate White: provided background on himself; questioned the logic of limiting access to the tools he needed to conduct essential business; hoarding; and increased crime.

John Gregorchuk: provided background on himself; discussed his reliance on MBR; criminals being released early; and he asked that his Second Amendment rights be protected with MBR allowed to remain open.

Mario Olguin: provided a petition in support of allowing MBR to remain open.

George Syrengelas: discussed the City's decision to obstruct the rights of MBR to conduct business in the City; those in Culver City and other cities who choose to exercise their Second Amendment rights; and personal agendas getting in the way of people's rights.

Gary Panton: asked that the City revisit and reverse their decision to close MBR; discussed actions of the Los Angeles Sheriff; Second Amendment rights; and he asked the City to support local businesses.

Bob Ahmanson: discussed his experiences with MBR which he felt deserved to be open.

Christophe Kempton: thanked the City for their service; felt it critical for firearms stores to remain open; discussed concerns with safety; and utilization of resources.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read comments submitted by:

Kevin P. Rice: asserted that firearms retailers provide essential products, tools and supplies; discussed the Second Amendment; risks; and costs of litigation.

Chris Urban: asserted that gun stores were an essential business so that citizens could protect themselves.

Eric Wong: asked that MBR be allowed to remain open; discussed Second Amendment rights; the ability of people to protect themselves and their homes; and support for spending money locally rather than online.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, read public comment submitted by:

Hysumtymes: asked that the gun store be allowed to remain open citing safety concerns.

Jon Nettleton: discussed Second Amendment rights and did not understand why gun stores would not be allowed to remain open.

Peter M.: discussed Second Amendment rights; local police agencies severely compromised by the Coronavirus; and the importance of allowing citizens their right to protect themselves.

MM: discussed Second Amendment rights; prisoners being released from jail; and asserted that MBR was an essential business and should be allowed to operate.

Al Taylor: discussed legal opinions; Constitutional amendments; rights; determinations; definitions; and asserted that gun stores were essential.

George Toyama: discussed the Koreatown riots; the necessity of protecting oneself in times of unrest; personal safety; and the false sense of security provided by the police.

Miriam Janousek: discussed Second Amendment rights; the right to defend homes and families; potential for crime; mentally unstable homeless people; and she wanted to see MBR kept open for business.

Gilbert Vargas: asked the City Council to agree with the determination made by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that firearm and ammunition manufacturers and retailers are essential businesses; discussed reliance on the businesses by security professionals; homeowners; and Second Amendment rights.

Rae Gruder: asked for support of gun and ammo stores.

M. Hernandez: expressed concern with increased crime due to inmates being released; noted the need to protect homes and families; and asked that the stores be allowed to remain open.

Robert Chartier: provided background on himself; reported seeing lines at gun stores; and felt that guns should be allowed so that people could protect themselves and others.

David Delhomme: expressed support for considering firearms and ammunition retailers as essential businesses noting the importance of protecting family and home.

George Best: discussed the importance of protecting Second Amendment rights.

Larry Mattson: discussed the release of criminals from prison and the need for people to have access to guns to protect themselves.

Gerardo Sanchez: noted the need to protect homes and loved ones with the recent release of inmates from prison.

Arno: discussed attacks on rights and the need to follow the Constitution.

Benjamin Sarto: discussed issues facing people during uncertain times; criminals being released; the need to protect oneself; and bad decisions being made by the Sheriff's Department.

Ronnie Corona: felt that any business that provides a service for self-protection should be deemed essential.

Brian Gallo: noted that the right to protect one's family was essential especially during a time of overreach and denial of Constitutional rights.

Miriam H: discussed difficult times; the need for access to firearms and ammunition; protecting Second Amendment rights; release of prisoners back into the general public; and the right of law abiding citizens to be able to protect themselves.

A. Lopez: provided background on himself; did not want to see Culver City prohibit the sale of guns and ammunition; noted the potential inability of officers and emergency workers to protect people; and the possible need for self-reliance and dependence on firearms for survival.

Eddie Barton: felt it was imperative for gun stores to be allowed to remain open during the pandemic; discussed release of prisoners from prison; decreased numbers of law enforcement personnel; the uncertain length of time the situation will last; peace of mind; and the need for firearms and ammunition stores to remain open.

Cezar Munz: expressed support for the Constitutional right to bear arms; discussed the corrupt political state; infringement on Constitutional rights; and concern with losing liberties.

Tom Smith: felt that gun stores should not be taken off the essential list and noted the failure of Los Angeles county when they tried to do so.

Scott Sturgis: discussed the failed attempt of the Los Angeles County Sheriff to stop the sale of guns and ammunition; the threat of lawsuits; the guaranteed right to bear arms by the Constitution; and he suggested that time and taxpayer money not be wasted on the issue.

William Bennett: noted that government staff have been sworn to uphold Constitutional rights.

Steve Tann: expressed support for designating local gun retailers as necessary and essential businesses; discussed release of prisoners; Constitutional rights; the actions of other states; and focusing on the best ways to serve the community.

Anthony Salinas: praised the work of President Donald Trump; expressed disappointment in the leadership of the mayor of Los Angeles and the governor of California; discussed the release of prisoners; failed regimes; and he asserted that gun control did not work.

Bernard Azer: provided background on himself; expressed support for keeping gun stores open; and discussed preparing for potential reduced numbers of law enforcement officers.

Daniel Ferszt: discussed the right to self-defense; background checks; denial of Second Amendment rights; and he asked that the matter not be politicized.

Bernard Cane: discussed the Second Amendment; the right to protect oneself; and he asked that the City not sanction the early release of criminals from jail.

Linda Jones: provided background on herself; discussed her desire to own a gun; the inability of the National Guard to protect everyone; the need to protect oneself; and she asked that MBR be allowed to re-open.

James Royal: requested that firearms retailers not be forced to close; discussed accommodations to allow for social distancing; the Second Amendment; the right to self-defense and protection of loved ones; access to the means necessary to defend oneself;

using a crisis as the means to take away rights; and the importance of holding onto freedoms.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read comments submitted by:

Laura Palmerin: provided Sheriff letters from Merced, Yuma and El Dorado counties with contact information if questions arose, and a letter from Mitchell and Associates written on behalf of FFL Guard, Inc. and the California Rifle and Pistol Association and respective members and customers regarding the classification of firearms businesses as essential or non-essential during the COVID-19 emergency.

Mozell Payton: discussed the Constitutional right to bear arms and asked that taxpayers be represented.

Richard Bulot: asked that the subject businesses be allowed to remain open, and discussed Constitutional rights and the safety of residents.

Daniel Bohning: asked that the City protect Second Amendment rights.

Joe Zimmerman: asked that gun stores be allowed to remain open for citizens to at least be able to purchase ammunition.

Mike Brown: wrote "this is a necessity."

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, read written comments submitted by:

Thomas Bristow: discussed rights to self-protection under the Second Amendment and asked that COVID-19 not be used as an excuse to promulgate anti-gun measures.

Frank Fasullo: provided background on himself; discussed the essential nature of gun stores; Second Amendment rights; loss of common sense; and early release of criminals.

Colin McFadden-Roan: expressed support for Second Amendment rights and the classification of firearms dealers as essential businesses.

Marco Alves: expressed support for gun rights protected under the Second Amendment of the Constitution and asked that gun stores, ranges and personnel related to those businesses remain an essential part of society.

Mark Smith: discussed required background checks and denial of Second Amendment rights.

Mitchell Tanenbaum: asked that MBR be allowed to remain open as a valuable resource.

Claude Conkrite Jr.: provided background on himself; stated that firearms retailers are unique as they allow exercising Second Amendment rights; discussed background checks and safety training; and those considering self-protection during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Salvatore Grammatico: discussed the services provided by MBR, and asked Culver City to live up to Constitutional law noting the need to preserve the safety of families and the community.

LB Torr: discussed the release of criminals from prison and the right of law-abiding citizens to be armed to protect themselves and their families.

Nancy Duarte: discussed her experiences with guns and lack of police response.

Nozomo Furuya: wanted firearms stores to be kept open; discussed the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms; and their ability to meet social distancing requirements.

Dawn Rambo: requested that MBR be allowed to remain open; discussed social distancing measures already being taken; the City order barring new sales; financial hardship; Second Amendment rights; and loss of work for their employees.

Patrick Dolente: discussed the continued operation of alcohol and cannabis stores and Second Amendment rights.

Len Schoppe: asserted that it was an essential right for citizens to protect their homes and families; discussed the inability of the police to enforce the closure of popular meeting places; Second Amendment rights; fostering cooperation rather than division; concern with martial law actions; and actions being taken in the guise of public interest.

Kent Diffenderfer: expressed hope that Culver City would protect Second Amendment rights and support guns shops.

Joseph Davidon: asserted that there was no reason to close gun and ammunition sales in Culver City at the present time.

Frank G: asked that Culver City work with gun shops to allow for continued operation.

Ian McArthur: cited court cases indicating that the police have no duty to protect citizens; discussed plans to release criminals; the Second Amendment; accountability if access is denied; and access to means of defense.

Eric B.: stated that all gun stores are essential and should remain open to serve all citizens; he did not want to see discrimination in only allowing firearms to law enforcement, military personnel and security personnel; and he discussed the Constitutional right to bear arms to protect loved ones and property.

Isabel Xochililli: stated that firearms retailers are essential businesses.

Brian Thomen: wanted firearms, ammunition retailers and ranges designated as essential businesses as a Constitutional right.

Brenda Rambo: questioned the closure of MBR; discussed Second Amendment rights; impacts of the closure; and safety precautions taken by the business.

Dave Rogers: asked that the City take the obligation to protect and defend loved ones and the community seriously, and expressed concern with preventing law-abiding, tax-paying citizens from purchasing ammunition and firearms.

Dale Rambo: stated that MBR should be allowed to remain open to provide a place for people to take an unsafe or unwanted gun, and asserted that the shop had worked hard to meet the demands of the City for social distancing.

Emmet Sfetku: expressed concern with threats to Constitutional freedoms.

Merri McArthur: expressed support for providing a necessary service to the legal gun-owning public and wanted to see MBR be allowed to stay open.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read comments submitted by:

James Montoya: asserted that gun and ammunition shops were essential; discussed infringement of Constitutional Rights; the gun community; education and training; and he encouraged development of a partnership.

Jack Zelonka: indicated that he was an employee of MBR; discussed consideration of the shop as an essential business; concerns of the City; and depriving people of a means to protect their families.

Jerry Jacob: urged the City Council to follow DHS guidelines and allow arms retailers to be considered essential businesses, and to direct the City Manager to allow such businesses to remain open.

Eddie Russell: discussed Second Amendment rights and concern with destroying rights in a time of strife.

Lenny Teneces: recited the Pledge of Allegiance and asserted that gun stores should be allowed to remain open.

Julia Anne Anderson: stated that firearms retailers were an essential business; discussed the need for firearms; police response time; the fact that the police are not required by law to help people; early release of prisoners; crime; firearms as a deterrent; and providing online educational videos on firearm safety.

Jose Heded: stated that firearms retailers provided an essential service to the community; discussed background checks; sports shooting; and home protections.

Khanly Saycon: expressed support for small businesses; discussed recent attacks on Second Amendment rights; the essential nature of firearms retailers in the current situation; and allowing MBR to remain open.

Shawn Jordan: asserted that gun stores and ranges were absolutely essential; discussed Constitutional rights; and the declaration by the DHS that gun stores are essential businesses.

Harry Aaronson: expressed opposition to closing MBR; discussed determinations by the state of California and the Department of Justice; background checks; and the state-mandated waiting period.

Chantal Carrere: discussed the Constitution; crime; police response, and the determination by the DHS that firearms retailers, importers, distributors and shooting ranges are essential.

Created Forel: discussed the importance of keeping firearms retailers open; the Bill of Rights; safety concerns; riots; and armed Korean shop owners.

Howard Krivoy: urged the City Council to consider MBR an essential business; discussed the authority of local, state and federal governments; Second Amendment rights; and determinations made by the President, the DHS and other agencies, that firearms retailers are essential businesses.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, read comments submitted by:

Simone Gold: discussed restrictions on gun sales in Culver City on March 20, 2020; the actions of DHS to decree that gun stores are part of critical infrastructure and must be reopened; the actions of Los Angeles county; the need to adhere to a higher authority; being in violation of state and federal law; and the need for an emergency injunction in federal court if Culver City does not allow gun stores to remain open as an essential business.

Ben Gonzalez: discussed other businesses that are allowed to stay open in Culver City and scrutiny placed on firearms dealers.

Bob Holsinger: requested support for the decision made by the county of Los Angeles and the DHS that firearms retailers are essential businesses and should be allowed to remain open; discussed court decisions indicating that police officers are not required to protect citizens; and police officers falling ill.

Robert Brennan; stated that firearms businesses are essential to the well-being of citizens; discussed Constitutional rights; bad government policy; and self-preservation.

Stephen Lee: did not want to see gun stores in the City closed; discussed safety; allowing people to protect themselves and purchase guns and ammunition; potential lawsuits and money wasted fighting a right that is protected by the Constitution; and he requested that gun stores be allowed to remain open.

Steven Siegel: discussed Second Amendment rights; being prepared for the worst if first responders are overwhelmed; background checks; and he asserted that firearms were essential.

Tiffany Cheuvront: asserted that gun stores were essential and should remain open; discussed Second Amendment rights; and providing security and protection.

Max Macamon: encouraged the City to consider gun and ammunition sales as essential activity and felt it was unconstitutional to prevent people from training, practicing and purchasing guns to defend themselves.

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that the City Council had received copies of all the comment cards; remaining comments would be available for public review online; no more would be read in order to allow the City Council time to deliberate before the meeting ended at 11:00 p.m.; and she received clarification that there were approximately 25-30 cards that had not been read.

Vice Mayor Eriksson expressed support for the City Manager's position to include gun stores as essential and moved the staff recommendation. Council Member Small seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding essential infrastructure; the fact that every public business that stays open exponentially increases the opportunities for viral transmission, extends the duration that the economy will be shut down, and increases the number of people who will be in hospitals 15-20 days from now; the number of Americans that die annually from gun violence; increased self-harm and domestic violence; lack of support from Los Angeles county and the governor; standing against the national gun and ammunition lobby; the need to support City staff; the void left by the federal government; local and state partners; fear mongering; the credo of every man for himself; mutual aid networks; work to bring about common sense gun safety reforms; the need for the City Council to act out of necessity; the authority of other jurisdictions; support for gun control; evidence that more guns means more gun violence; the threat of litigation; extreme reactions during a time of heightened tension; opposition to policies that put more guns in people's hands; financial consequences of the pandemic; a lack of evidence for claims made about safety and guns; the complex nature of the issue; enabling a focus on the pandemic; protecting the City with the finite resources available; regional measures to protect public health; the fact that the pandemic knows no borders; panic buying in

the face of the Coronavirus; comments from residents and those who live elsewhere; the fact that crime is down in Culver City; confidence in the services provided by the City; regional inconsistency; the need for clarity; the prime mission of focusing on public health; acknowledgement cooperation and efforts to implement social distancing measures by MBR; passage of the safe gun storage ordinance in October 2019 requiring safe storage of guns; concern that there has been a run on guns when children are at home and cannot go to school because of the public health order; encouragement for other cities to pass a safe storage ordinance; and people who have never owned guns before.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO PUBLIC ORDER ISSUED APRIL 1, 2020 BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ALLOWING FIREARMS RETAILERS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS, INCLUDING NEW SALES AND TRANSFERS, DURING THE COVID-19 LOCAL EMERGENCY, CONSISTENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBERSECURITY & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY (CISA) ADVISORY GUIDANCE AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY POSITIONS REGARDING FIREARMS RETAILERS.

Mayor Sahli-Wells reiterated that all comments had been received and read by the City Council and would be made available on the City website for the public to see.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that no additional public comment had been received.

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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 10:49 p.m., the City Council, Housing Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned.

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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: _____

April 2, 2020