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CITY OF CULVER CITY FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF CULVER CITY
FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA**

**August 12, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Lachman called the regular meeting of the City of Culver City Finance Advisory Committee to order at 7:01 p.m. via teleconference.

Members Present: ANDREW LACHMAN, Chair
 MARC BAUER, Member
 JOSH GOLDSTEIN, Member*
 JOHNNIE GRIFFING, Member
 KEITH JONES, Member
 SEAN KEARNEY, Member
 KEVIN, LACHOFF, Member
 BRYAN SUA, Member

*Member Goldstein joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Absent: DARREL MENTHE, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Onyx Jones, Chief Finance Officer
 Erica McAdoo, Procurement & Financial Services Manager
 Punit Chokshi, Senior Management Analyst
 John Figueroa, Senior Account Clerk
 Michelle Villongco, Associate Analyst

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Pledge of Allegiance

Kevin Lachoff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Member Goldstein joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Lachman invited public comment .

John Figueroa, Senior Account Clerk, indicated that no public comment had been received for Items Not on the Agenda.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY MEMBER BAUER, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLDSTEIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT VICE CHAIR MENTHE), THAT THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING OF JULY 15, 2020 AS SUBMITTED.

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Order of the Agenda

Items A-3 and A-4 were moved forward on the agenda to be heard after Item A-1.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Approval of Measure CC and C Sales Tax Status Reports for Transmittal to City Council

Punit Chokshi, Senior Management Analyst, provided background on the Sales Tax Measures and an overview of the Measure CC Sales Tax Status Report.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding the process to generate sales tax from Amazon and the 23% decrease over the same period from last year.

MOVED BY MEMBER GRIFFING, SECONDED BY MEMBER BAUER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT VICE CHAIR MENTHE), THAT THE

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE TRANSMITTAL OF THE SALES TAX STATUS REPORT FOR MEASURE CC TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Punit Chokshi, Senior Management Analyst, provided an overview of the Measure C Sales Tax Status Report.

MOVED BY MEMBER GRIFFING, SECONDED BY MEMBER LACHOFF AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT VICE CHAIR MENTHE), THAT THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE TRANSMITTAL OF THE SALES TAX STATUS REPORT FOR MEASURE C TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

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MOVED BY MEMBER SUA, SECONDED BY MEMBER KEARNEY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT VICE CHAIR MENTHE), THAT THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVE ITEMS A-3 AND A-4 TO BE HEARD BEFORE ITEM A-2 ON THE AGENDA.

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Item A-3
(Out of Sequence)

Receive an Update on the Culver City Economic Recovery Task Force

Member Jones discussed the July 16 meeting of the Economic Recovery Task Force; results of the survey conducted; experiences reopening his business; efforts to keep employees engaged; fundraising; adherence to safety protocols; continued monitoring of the situation; and opportunities for businesses to open outdoors.

Discussion ensued between Committee Members regarding increased business for restaurants able to open outdoor dining; support for continuing outdoor dining to make up lost revenue; use of blank storefronts; and mask messaging.

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Item A-4

(1) Receive Reports from Current Subcommittees; (2) Discussion of Approved Work Plan; (3) Discussion of the Creation of Subcommittees; (4) (If Desired) Creation of Subcommittees; and (5) (If Desired) Appointment of Members to Such Subcommittees. Receive Reports from Subcommittees

Discussion ensued between Committee Members regarding the Innovation Subcommittee; the Information Subcommittee; the Bylaws Subcommittee; and acknowledgement of the need for increased diversity on the Finance Advisory Committee.

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Item A-2
(Out of Sequence)

Discussion of Budget and Policy Impacts of Public Safety Reform and Reorientation

Chair Lachman provided background on the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC); discussed his research; goals of the FAC; email received; policy recommendations; receipt of input from diverse sources; clarification that no vote would be taken at the meeting; alternatives regarding the police budget; suggestions or changes to the Culver City Police Department (CCPD); identification of cuts; those who propose adherence to a strict number; changes to infrastructure; creating good policy based on the law; the task to consider what works within the confines of what is allowable to improve the City's commitment to justice and safety; accountability; enforcement; root causes of poverty and some criminal activity; and the desire for safety for everyone.

Manny Cid, Acting Police Chief, provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 CCPD budget; discussed the structure of CCPD; roles and responsibilities; new initiatives and changes currently underway; the Public Safety Task Force; consultants; reallocating resources; making a determination of proper funding levels; identifying things that work and things that need improvement; data; getting police officers out of cars; additional bike and foot patrols; increasing engagement; changing the focus from enforcement to a community centered approach; traffic stops; dynamics of racial profiling; enhancing the presence in the community while improving effectiveness; mental health resources; the co-responder model; the Racial Identify Profiling Act (RIPA); the Youth Diversion Program; span of control; Jail Operations; the move to G4S; staffing concerns; fiscal responsibility; adding staff vs. contracting out; consultant recommendations; emergency and non-emergency response times; mental health related outreach; arrests; K-9 Officers; the Mental Health Officer; and the importance of building valuable relationships in the community.

Dr. John Sharon indicated that he would have to leave for another meeting and address the FAC at a future date.

Manny Cid, Acting Police Chief, discussed Traffic Operations; daytime vs. nighttime traffic; parking enforcement; the Animal Services Officer; and availability of the information presented.

Phil Ansell, Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative, discussed the interaction between homelessness and the criminal justice system; the role of the City in combating homelessness; high rates of involvement of single adults with the criminal justice system prior to becoming homeless; contributing factors to homelessness; disrupting employment and limiting employment opportunities; the difficulty of securing housing for those with an arrest record; interactions with law enforcement that would not occur with housed individuals; behaviors homeless people are compelled to engage in; minor quality of life crimes; interactions with law enforcement that perpetuate homelessness; adverse impacts to housing or employment access; the significant role of the criminal justice system in relation to homelessness; increased likelihood of homeless individuals being victims of crime; unsheltered homeless; exposure and vulnerability to victimization; racial equity; the disproportionate number of homeless people who are Black locally and nationally; the Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness; recommendations developed by the Committee; the role of various governmental systems in contributing to the gross disproportionality; the Child Welfare System; the Criminal Justice System; efforts to combat racial inequity throughout the county; the relationship between the criminal justice system and Black people; 47 Strategies to Combat Homelessness; efforts to decriminalize being homeless; people who have no option but to sleep outdoors in public spaces; the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Services Team; available training and collaboration with independent police departments around the county; support for progressive strategies; funding to support homeless outreach; the critical role of cities in preventing and combating homelessness; support for efforts of Culver City and the Committee on Homelessness; the need for cities to complement the county's role and responsibilities; law enforcement and land use; the lack of affordable housing; city control of land use decisions within their boundaries; the ability to approve more affordable housing policies; linkage fees; inclusionary zoning; facilitation of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and Junior ADUs; increasing the supply of affordable housing; and he encouraged the Committee to think broadly about the opportunities that the City has to prevent and combat homelessness.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Ansell, staff and Committee Members regarding county funding; specialized homeless outreach by trained police officers for independent police departments; ways that cities can work with county agencies; funding; exploration with the county of investing City funds in additional mental health response to issues that have traditionally been within the purview of law enforcement; bolstering the Met Team staff; St. Joseph's Center; the Department

of Mental Health; options available if a policy decision is made to supplement City resources; outreach; statistics from the county of Los Angeles; racial diversity; mental illness; drug addiction; available data on the racial and ethnic composition of homeless individuals in Los Angeles county; homeless individuals that come from Los Angeles; whether homelessness is caused by a lack of affordable housing; service-resistant individuals; the myth that homeless people are drawn to Los Angeles county; housing construction; providing less expensive housing through ADUs; funding for permanent supportive housing for people with disabilities; the county Affordable Housing Trust Fund; the No Place Like Home program; funding for developers to build affordable housing; the fact that no one prefers to be homeless; people living in vehicles; hotel and motel rooms for people experiencing homelessness; policies during the pandemic; and the waiting list.

Jason Sims, CCPD Lieutenant, provided an overview of the Administration Bureau and the Investigations Bureau; discussed personnel; duties; training; the Youth Diversion program; and he provided statistics on clearance rates.

Chair Lachman invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Committee:

Max Gabl expressed support for enhancing CCPD and opposition to decreasing resources; discussed the efforts of people to defund CCPD; paying taxes to support services; he asked that the City not give in to demands; and he acknowledged the pressure to make changes.

Fernando Benitez spoke on behalf of the Culver City Fire Fighters' Association in opposition to defunding CCPD; discussed instances where they had to call on CCPD for assistance; and he expressed concern with the potential for members to be put at risk with delayed response or no response at all.

Kelli Estes expressed opposition to any potential defunding CCPD; discussed the hiring of consultants; and she questioned the role of the FAC in the process.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding responsibilities of the City vs. the county; clarification that the majority of the CCPD budget is labor; defunding staff positions; the charge of the FAC; the Task Force; evaluation of roles and responsibilities; best practices; reallocation of roles and responsibilities; policy decisions of the City Council; the joint meeting; funding; determining impacts; cost savings; the dispatch center; the co-responder model; appreciation to members of the public who addressed the FAC; efficiencies; cost impacts; the Citizen's Police Academy; the Mental Health Patrol; expanding mental health services; appreciation for the presentation from CCPD; the percentage of mental health related calls; interoperability; the value of having a clinician on mental health calls; collaboration; data; delineating calls; staffing changes; challenges; the park and walk patrolling change; effective foot patrols; fostering

positive relationships with the community; increased funding for response teams; enforcement; having CCPD be partners in solutions rather than being the scapegoat; transparency in policing; body cameras; the in-car camera program; building community trust; documenting and prosecuting criminal cases; the Crime Impact Team; crime committed by non-Culver City residents; follow-up investigations; historic staffing levels; daytime vs. nighttime population; the budget; the fact that Culver City is surrounded by another city; areas for improvement; identifying issues; integration; making changes to personnel costs; the collective bargaining agreement; compensation; competitiveness of salaries and benefits with other cities; fixed costs; flexibility; the Cahoots program; Eugene, Oregon vs. Culver City; opportunities to expand the existing program to handle mental health related calls; the unhoused; frequent fliers; the South Bay Regional Communications Center; comparisons with other programs; funding for the program by the Department of Mental Health; seven-day per week coverage; bolstering the model; finding common ground; risks and benefits to programs; education; the Youth Diversion program; addressing the root causes of violence; the Partnership to Advance Youth (PAY); collaboration with schools; fostering a better relationship with schools; building relationships; facilitating positive interactions; mentorship; primary functions; and the potential of partnership programs to be cut with funding cuts or reallocation of funds.

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Item A-5

Discussion of September Agenda

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding bringing back the speaker from the Department of Mental Health at the September FAC meeting; the Innovation Subcommittee; structuring of the awards program; consideration of the efficiency study for the Police Department; and the joint meeting scheduled for the 24th.

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Public Comment – Items NOT on the Agenda (Continued)

None.

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Receipt of Correspondence

John Figueroa, Senior Account Clerk, indicated that one email and one e-comment had been added to the body of the meeting.

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Items from Committee Members/Staff

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:10 p.m., the Finance Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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John Figueroa
SECRETARY of the Culver City Finance Advisory Committee
Culver City, California

APPROVED

Andrew Lachman
CHAIR of the Finance Advisory Committee, Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK

Date