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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

August 24, 2020  
5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Eriksson called the regular meeting of the City Council, the Culver City Housing Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall via Virtual Webex.

Present: Göran Eriksson, Mayor  
Alex Fisch, Vice Mayor  
Daniel Lee, Council Member  
Meghan Sahli-Wells, 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.

Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that no public comment was received for Closed Session Items.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

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**Closed Session**

At 5:33 p.m. the City Council adjourned to Closed Session to consider the following items:

**CS-1** CC - Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Re: 9240 Culver Boulevard

City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager

Other Parties Negotiators: K-ZO Restaurant

Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment or both, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related consideration

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

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**CS-2** CC - Public Employee Appointment

Title: Fire Chief

Pursuant to Government Code Section § 54956.7(b)(1)

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**CS-3** CC - Conference with Labor Negotiators

City Designated Representatives: City Manager John Nachbar; Assistant City Manager Serena Wright

Employee Organization: Culver City Employees Association; Culver City Management Group; Culver City Police Officers Association; Culver City Fire Fighters Association; Culver City Police Management Group; Culver City Fire Management Association; Executive Management Employees

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

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**CS-4** CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation - 1 Item

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

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**CS-5** CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Re: Initiation of Litigation - 1 Item

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

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### **Regular Session**

Mayor Eriksson reconvened the meeting of the City Council and convened the meeting of the Culver City Housing Authority Board, and the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board at 7:16 p.m. with all Members present.

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Eriksson.

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### **Closed Session Report**

Mayor Eriksson noted that Item CS-3 had not been heard in Closed Session; he indicated that the City Council had met in Closed Session under Section § 54956.7(b)(1) to consider the appointment of the position of Fire Chief; and he announced that Acting Fire Chief Ken Powell had been unanimously appointed to serve as Fire Chief for Culver City effective August 31, 2020 with a ceremonial swearing in at the City Council meeting on September 14, 2020.

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

Council Member Sahli-Wells discussed Culver City students going to college; new voters; and she asked for guidance for first-time voters who want to vote by mail, noting concerns with new signatures.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that the process to put items on the ballot was complete; discussed outreach to voters; different ways to drop off ballots; locations; voting early; length of the voting period; and she indicated that all voters would have the option to vote by mail.

Council Member Small congratulated Eric Owen Moss and Frederick and Laurie Smith for the nomination of the Hayden Tract for an award from the American Institute of Architects, and he

indicated that he would make a request to agendize an item pertaining to that at the end of the meeting.

Council Member Lee acknowledged decreased access to candidate forums due to COVID-19; announced a meeting of the Democratic Club for endorsements on September 9 with additional information available at [www.c-c-e-c.com](http://www.c-c-e-c.com); and he stated that he would seek to add an item to a future agenda at the end of the meeting for Prop 15, the Schools and Communities Initiative on the ballot in November.

John Nachbar, City Manager, discussed the City Council request that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services department expand the Rec Extension program offered for Culver City residents in grades 3-6 to include permitted students and City Council authorization of funding for expansion of wifi at Veterans Memorial Building and Vets Park.

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Item I-1

#### **COVID-19 Update**

Manny Cid, Acting Police Chief and Director of the Emergency Operations Center, indicated nothing to report.

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#### **Presentations to City Council**

Item P-1

#### **CC - Presentations of Culver City's Adopt a Creek Program**

Kim Braun, Environmental Programs and Operations Manager, presented a video for the new Adopt a Creek Program; provided background on the program; discussed the Recycling Partnership; efforts to decrease contamination of recycling through education; the grant agreement; increased funding; addressing the litter reduction parameter of the grant; the Adopt a Creek program; sponsorships for Adopt a Creek Clean Up programs; COVID-19 procedures for future events; the video demonstrating the necessity of the program; numerous water quality programs in Culver City; use of the video to educate the community and to support ongoing requests for future grant funding for water quality projects; grant funding received to date; availability

of the video on the Environmental Programs and Operations webpage; and she expressed appreciation to those who helped create the video.

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**Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda**

Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Mike Karimi expressed concern about an enclosure at 5977 Washington Boulevard; discussed contamination; health risks; closure of the street for outdoor dining; and efforts to clean up the property.

Ron Bassilian, Protect Culver City; discussed the "Defend, Don't Defund" campaign; signage; sign stealing; he asked for universal condemnation of election tampering; indicated that he had reported the issue to the Culver City Police Department (CCPD); discussed those who want to keep the status quo; and he invited anyone interested in receiving additional information to contact: [info@protectculvercity.org](mailto:info@protectculvercity.org) or to call (310) 879-1579.

Kira Grimes discussed the recent appointment of Lieutenant Luis Martinez to the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee (EHRAC); formation and goals of the EHRAC; and she asked the City Council to demand the resignation of Lt. Martinez until a permanent replacement could be found.

Morgan Roth, Bird Scooters, followed up on public comment he made at the August 17, 2020 City Council meeting; discussed the decision made by Culver City to move forward with another micro-mobility service provider; felt that staff decisions had limited choices for the City; noted the importance of access to mobility; discussed City transportation goals; other markets that Bird operates in; work to provide sustainability and flexibility; and he hoped the City Council would direct staff to work with them.

Kelli Estes declined to speak.

Meg Sullivan discussed faulty assumptions in the City Council discussion of the rent control ordinance last week; subletting and adding roommates; differing language in different cities; existing regulations in other jurisdictions; unsophisticated

"Mom and Pop" housing providers; those operating under outmoded agreements; concern with owners losing control of their building and their uses; the speed of the process and unintended consequences; support for the formation of a technical committee; and she felt that reasonable concerns were being ignored.

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

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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### **Order of the Agenda**

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, noted that Item A-2 was perfunctory and could be considered along with the Consent Calendar as no public comment had been submitted.

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### **Consent Calendar**

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-5, C-7 AND ITEM A-2.

Item C-1

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

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

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Item C-2

**CC:HA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting on August 3, 2020 and the Regular Consolidated City Council Meeting on August 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 AUGUST 3, 2020 AND THE REGULAR CONSOLIDATED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 10, 2020.

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Item C-3

**CC - Adoption of an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Code Amendment (P2020-0018-ZCA), Amending the Definition and Parking Requirement for Fitness Studio Uses**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE, ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT P2020-0018-ZCA, AMENDING THE DEFINITION AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR FITNESS STUDIO USES.

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Item C-4

**CC - Adoption of an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Code Amendment (P2020-0078-ZCA), Amending Various Sections of the Culver City Municipal Code, Title 17: Zoning Code, Related to Residential Development Standards, Family Daycare Homes, Commercial Setbacks Abutting Alleys, Parking Requirements, and Smoking in Outdoor Dining and Retail Areas**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT P2020-0078-ZCA, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, FAMILY DAYCARE HOMES, COMMERCIAL SETBACKS ABUTTING ALLEYS, PARKING REQUIREMENTS, AND SMOKING IN OUTDOOR DINING AND RETAIL AREAS.

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Item C-5

**CC - Approval of Amendment to Existing Professional Services Agreement with NBS Government Finance Group for Enhanced Tax Roll Billing Services for the Safe/Clean Water Protection Measure (Measure CW) and Enhanced Tax Roll Billing for Refuse Collection Services in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$28,200 for FY 2020/2021**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NBS FOR ENHANCED TAX ROLL BILLING SERVICES FOR THE SAFE/CLEAN WATER PROTECTION MEASURE (MEASURE CW) AND ENHANCED TAX ROLL BILLING FOR REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,200 FOR FY 20/21; 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-7  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - 1) Acceptance of \$79,097.00 in 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program Funds Awarded to the City of Culver City, and 2) Approve a Budget Amendment Appropriating the Funds (Requires A Four-Fifths Vote)**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ACCEPT \$79,097.00 IN 2019 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM FUNDS AWARDED TO THE CITY OF CULVER CITY; AND
2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE THE GRANT FUNDS. (A BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE).

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Item A-2  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Final Map for Tract Number 83031 Consisting of a One Lot Subdivision Creating Five Residential Air Space Units at 3961 Tilden Avenue**

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT NUMBER 83031 CONSISTING OF A ONE LOT SUBDIVISION CREATING FIVE RESIDENTIAL AIRSPACE UNITS AT 3961 TILDEN AVENUE.

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Item C-6  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC- Receipt and Filing of FY2019/2020 3rd Quarter Measure CC and C Sales Tax Status Reports as Approved by the Finance Advisory Committee**

Vice Mayor Fisch received feedback on the sales tax for Fiscal Year 2020.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding identifying areas where the City did better; the report from ACL; the goal to bring an unaudited set of June financials before the City Council in September; and increased online sales.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR FISCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE MEASURE CC AND C SALES TAX STATUS REPORTS.

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**Action Items**

Item A-1

**CC - (1) Consideration and Approval of Temporary Lane Closure to Accommodate Outdoor Dining in the Arts District; (2) Discussion of City-Sponsored Temporary Parklets in Curb-Side Parking Areas to Support Restaurants' Recovery in the City; and (3) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Heba El-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineer, provided a presentation on the request and proposed plan received for outdoor dining in the Arts District.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding plans to close Hargis; Play Mountain Place; agreement that staff address concerns; concerns about vapor intrusion at 5977 Washington Boulevard voiced by Play Mountain Place; other agencies addressing ground contamination issues; direction to staff to follow up; the Rush Street parklet; use of barriers for street closures; the need for additional materials; use of concrete benches and pots as barriers in parklets; consistency; guidelines for temporary parklet design; other parts of town requesting expansion of outdoor dining; whether the City should provide materials for parklets vs. allowing them; a request for a lane closure on West Washington; parklet requests; clarification that parklets are restricted to the parking lane; accommodation of turning movement; authorized funds; potential backups with partial closure of the right turn lane; and consultation with the owners.

Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

George Montgomery thanked the City Council for their consideration and felt the changes would be a real benefit.

Ken Mand discussed opportunities to minimize impacts of COVID and attract people to enjoy the Arts District safely; the space on Hargis; the importance of collaboration and communication; sharing space; and he thanked everyone involved for their work on the process.

Heather Wollin expressed support for the item; discussed lessons learned from the process in the downtown area; ensuring that staff work with the businesses to get their permits; and providing every chance to succeed.

Joe Ringlehan thanked the City Council and staff for their efforts on the project; discussed consideration of alternatives to address concerns; support for restaurants; traffic; and he indicated that they wanted to participate and be good neighbors.

Bubba Fish discussed the safe destination created in downtown Culver City with the outdoor dining program; expressed support for the full lane closure for outdoor dining and a buffered bike lane; he felt that prioritizing parking would be a mistake; and he thanked staff and Council Members for their efforts.

Aron Tadesse thanked the City Council for their support of businesses.

Michelle Weiner thanked the City Council and staff for their work; expressed support of anything that makes the City more walkable and bike friendly; and she noted that Play Mountain Place was not a daycare business but rather a place with a long history in the City that should be valued.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding support for having staff devise a solution that works for everyone; the importance of acknowledging everyone's needs and concerns; helping expedite the toxic remediation process; proximity to the school; addressing the needs of the school and the neighbors; consideration of different rules during school hours; and one-way access.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the east Washington area; support for full closure rather than creating parking pockets; buffering the bike lane; pavement markings; providing as much protection as possible; providing space for restaurants vs. providing protection for cyclists; enhancements to visibility; discussion with restaurants regarding loss of space; seating capacity; the intent to help restaurants; clarification that there is currently no bike lane on that section of Washington Boulevard; bicycle parking; a suggestion to add delineators for visibility and protection; temporary solutions; taking other areas of the City into consideration; offering a grace period; allowing time for businesses to gain some revenue, apply for parklet design and approval, and then move the barriers to other parts of the City; concern with dedicating public barriers to any particular parklet; the Economic Recovery Task Force (ERTF); use of barriers for street closures; and support for helping K-ZO restaurant.

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Item A-3  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - 1) Presentation of the Draft Creative Economy Connect Stakeholder Meeting Summary Report; 2) Consideration of Comments and a Recommendation from the Cultural Affairs Commission; and 3) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, introduced the item.

Dr. Yolanda Gorman discussed the Creative Economy Report; provided an overview of the Creative Economy Connect Stakeholder meeting and recommendations that came out of the meeting; she expressed appreciation to the Cultural Affairs Commissioners for their assistance; discussed the interdependence of creative organizations and other businesses in the City; validation of findings in the 2017 report; the importance of the creative industries in the City's economic eco-system; ensuring access; participation in the creative economy; the need for transparency; being able to connect and learn from one another; continued opportunities for connection and integration; having Culver City grow as a creative hub; connectivity, access and opportunity; alignment with other City planning efforts; and recognition of the value of creative stakeholders to the City and to the City's economy.

Len Dickter, Cultural Affairs Commission Vice Chair and Creative Economy Subcommittee Member, discussed work done to date; staffing levels; concern with access and connectivity; identifying what can be done to allow creative industries to participate, have access and be allowed to communicate; the Cultural Planning Group; common goals; opportunities for the City to take a leadership role; coordination with the City Council Economic Development Subcommittee; the desire to be partners in the process; and he noted the importance of representing the creative economy in a transparent way and ensuring that all constituents are being represented and allowed access.

Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

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

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding acknowledgment that the arts created the renaissance in Culver City; national notice of the City as an arts focused community; current challenges being faced by the City; the nexus with the General Plan Update; pressures of gentrification; the loss of the Mayme Clayton Library; the importance of working with the ERTF to save at-risk institutions; using available resources to support the arts; the positive ripple effect of culture on the community; making the municipal fiber network available to all residents since many businesses are happening at home; concern with the loss of galleries in Culver City; coordination with the Culver City Historical Society; retaining items of cultural

significance; the definition of value; public art; public space; public events; independent artists; connecting the big with the small; encouraging collaboration; the lack of opportunity for youth to experience the City; the value of keeping kids in the City; cross-sector collaboration; support for live music; preservation of music venues; appreciation to those who have worked on the Creative Economy Report; the importance of opening the lines of communication and creating unity in the Creative Economy of Culver City; creative content generated in Culver City that is seen all over the world; the slow pace of government; missed opportunities; affordable commercial rent; making use of public space for cultural events; expanded use of parklets; democratizing the use of open streets; the Toys R Us parking lot; connectivity; expanding networking of creative businesses; the difficulty of funding and financial support; the Art in Public Places program; public relations focusing on Culver City as a cultural hub; utilizing the Foundation to run the cultural calendar; pricing smaller institutions out of the City; stabilizing small businesses, small creative and non-profits in the City; the General Plan; demand; the audit of space at City Hall; opportunities to provide space to community groups and cultural institutions; expanding to other spaces in addition to City Hall; finding alternative solutions to preserve smaller local institutions; having commercial pop-ups in store fronts; incorporating Cultural Affairs into the ERTF; collaboration with other non-profits; coordination between staff and the Cultural Affairs Subcommittee; and appreciation to staff for their work.

Len Dickter, Cultural Affairs Commission Vice Chair, acknowledged direction from the City Council and indicated that he would follow up with staff.

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Item A-4

**CC - Consideration of the Following Two Jail Services and Management Options: (1) Authorization to Increase City Jail Staffing by Five Additional Funded Jailer Positions for a Total Jail Staff of One Senior Jailer and Seven Jailers; and (1) (A) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of a FY 2020/2021 Related Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$470,070.00; OR (2) Approval of a Five-Year Agreement for a Total Amount Not-To-Exceed \$2,095.548.00 with G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc. to Operate and Manage the Culver City Jail; and (2) (A) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE**

**REQUIREMENT: Approval of a FY 2020/2021 Related Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$388,116.00**

Manny Cid, Acting Police Chief, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the process; timing; feasibility of contracting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for jail services; staffing requirements and legal classification of using the Type 1 Facility as temporary holding facility; efficiency; costs; transportation; impacts to operations; quantification of actual costs and hours; length of time a temporary is allowed to be held in custody; staffing levels; average length of time people are held; average number of bookings per day; the need for monitoring; court order detainees; inmate workers; trustees; community service; and Court Commitments.

Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Jeff Schwartz spoke in support of the open letter from Culver City Action Network (CCAN) on the item; he requested that the City Council reject both options; noted that CCPD has known that the department has been understaffed for years but did not remedy the situation despite their expanding budget; he found it offensive that an increase in the police budget was being sought at a time when one of the largest movements in the country is calling for the opposite; he asked that any increase be rejected and that CCPD staff the jail appropriately within current resources; discussed the choice of G4S, removal of the item from the August 10 agenda, and the abysmal record of G4S; exposés in USA Today; far right paramilitary subculture; credibility; arms dealers and security consultants; and he asked that the City Council exercise greater oversight of CCPD.

Natan Euol spoke representing POC for Change; discussed understaffing of Culver City jails; use of private security; the fact that most people who are incarcerated are Black or Latinx; identified issues with G4S; safety, accountability and transparency concerns with use of private security; minimizing liability at the cost of providing proper recourse for people who experience harm while incarcerated by Culver City; troubling hiring practices of G4S; and he felt that further discussion was necessary as the options presented were inadequate.

Paula Amezola thanked the City Council for their response to requests for expansion of student supervision at City facilities; expressed support for equitable treatment of all CCUSD students; she endorsed the open letter from CCAN; asked the City Council to reject the options presented; expressed concern with limited oversight of the private security firm; felt that instead of hiring a firm to increase jail capacity, everything possible should be done to prevent further spread of the virus and limit the number of people put in jail; asked for greater oversight of CCPD with a review practices and identification of alternatives to sending people to jail; suggested diverting non-violent criminals and people with mental health or substance abuse issues away from jail; discussed criminal accusations related to G4S; ensuring that contracts are executed with companies that are vetted and hold similar values as those held by the City; problems ignored by CCPD; and she felt that the future of Culver City safety could not be trusted to companies with a record like G4S.

Kiana Roman expressed support for CCAN's position against expanding Culver City jailing capacity; discussed poor distribution of resources; and she did not feel that the options presented were appropriate.

Francesca Namala did not feel that money should be allocated to a police institution that has been used for centuries to oppress, murder and terrorize People of Color (POC), specifically the African-American community; she discussed Jacob Blake; trauma created by continuing murders of Black people by the police; fear of going outside; she asserted that the City did not care about POC; expressed concern with a country that values white supremacy and capitalism; fear of being murdered by an institution that pretends to protect; she questioned why the City would want to expand the prison system which furthers oppression of POC and terrorizes people; and she expressed concern with characterizations of peaceful protests as violent.

Mayor Eriksson indicated that the City Council did not accept or appreciate the use of profanity.

Noah Zatz. CCAN, found it curious that the response to Ms. Namala's comment only included concern about profanity; he noted that the two options presented represented a false, binary choice; noted the failure to develop or exhaust other options or discuss concerns with jail privatization was disappointing and undermined public confidence in the process; dismissed the

citing of time pressure as a reason; urged the City to resolve the problem; encouraged the City not to lock in excess reliance on incarceration with a long term contract or permanent new hires; did not want an increase in the CCPD budget; noted the importance of transparency with any solution; pointed out that G4S is a major contractor with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and has been sued for misconduct; discussed previous budget increases for less important items; concerns with consistency with Culver City as a sanctuary city; and he asked that both budget amendments be rejected and a solution found that is consistent with Culver City's values.

Yasmine-Imani McMorris provided background on herself; expressed support for the CCAN letter; echoed previous comments from Jeff Schwartz, Paula Amezola, Noah Zatz and POC for Change; expressed concern regarding the timing of the item; impacts of the pandemic; questioned why CCPD seemed exempt from having to reduce their budget noting that the budget is a value statement; she acknowledged that many people were feeling a lot of harm; expressed concern that the City Council and CCPD were not responding appropriately; noted the need for the community to feel that reimagining policing is being taken seriously; referenced public safety presentations; and she expressed concern with privatizing policing and weakening public rapport.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding City Council participation in the process; efforts to find a workable solution; retention of the two jailers for transportation to address ICE concerns; the CCAN proposal; the need to take action and find an immediate solution to ensure the safety of people in the care of the City; companies that provide the service required; necessary training; the need to engage in a process to examine funding to create better public safety for all; mental health training for police officers; the importance of being intentional with changes being made; putting too many responsibilities on police officers; logistics; the need to have someone present at all time to ensure the safety of people within the care of CCPD; changes in workplace rules; the feeling that G4S is the least bad option and the only choice; finding a more care-oriented jailer system; collaboration with other cities to create a non-profit alternative force; concerns voiced about G4S in Closed Session; the need for additional information regarding the Sheriff option; reassigning current officers to jailer positions; retaining Culver City jobs; the need to respond to and reflect the changing times; acknowledgement of concerns of citizens and stakeholders of Culver City; helping the City move forward to address concerns



on both sides; the need to take G4S off the table; confidential labor discussions; local and international reporting; acknowledgement that the issue is pressing, but also has been an issue for four years; the intentional community process to analyze policing; reassessing the model; the transformation of policing over the years; the need for proper vetting and to engage in a healthy and sincere process; data to demonstrate the necessity of hiring more employees; length of the process to find a sustainable, affordable solution; the difficulty of outsourcing the task; concern with a successful outcome with the 90-day process; difficulties with the Sheriff's Department; risks with extending the process; expert advice; legal responsibilities; identification of a short term solution that does not lock the City into current jail practices and expense at the same time that the City is working to reimagine public safety; necessary training to become jailers; bias; concern with giving direction when staff has indicated a process will not work; identifying immediate budget reductions in the Task Force; reducing the number of jail beds; the need to be legally compliant; the need for a global review of reducing the budget rather a piecemeal process; the time frame to staff up; requirements for the temporary holding facility; the worldwide company; positive experiences with G4S; cities that have their own police or fire departments; concern with the reputation of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; reduced outsourcing; concern with solutions that are not workable; Task Force recommendations; the ability to cancel the contract without cause; quality control; and concern with increased liability.

Mayor Eriksson moved that the City Council outsource jailer functions due to lower cost and quality control with the ability to cancel the contract on short notice. Vice Mayor Fisch seconded the motion and expressed concern with risks to injury while in the care of CCPD and concern that delaying the decision could be seen as showing disregard to the care of people being held in custody.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding implications of not approving a contract; compliance; approving a contract temporarily while investigating alternatives; putting people in place to cover duties temporarily; labor issues; having employees work out of class; filling the safety gap; having people work different jobs within the department; the level of urgency to address the issue; attrition; the number of recent recruits in Culver City for the

well-paid, sought after jobs; and the feeling that staff could be reassigned to make things work.

MOVED BY MAYOR ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR FISCH THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

2. APPROVE A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$2,095,548.00 WITH G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS (USA) INC. TO OPERATE AND MANAGE THE CULVER CITY JAIL; AND

2.A. APPROVE A FY 2020/2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$388,116.00 FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (ACCT# 10140200.619800) (A BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE); 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.

THE MOTION FAILED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, FISCH

NOES: LEE, SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL

Council Member Sahli-Wells pointed out that the job of the consultants is to look at efficiencies and best practices in policing throughout the nation; she noted the opportunity to gain insights; discussed the process; robust community input; and she wanted to see the matter come back before the public.

Council Member Sahli-Wells moved to direct staff to utilize the previously contracted consultants as part of the Task Force working on the reimagining of policing in concert with the City Manager, internal team, and community stakeholders to return to the City Council with concrete data and a recommendation with the 90-day process. Council Member Lee seconded the motion.

Further discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern for the safety of the people within the care of CCPD and whether the process could be completed within the 90 day time frame.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO USE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTED FOR THE TASK FORCE

TO COME BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITH CONCRETE DATA AND A RECOMMENDATION WITH THE 90 DAY PROCESS.

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Item A-5

**CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Letter of Agreement with the Culver City Employees Association Pertaining to the Outsourcing of Jail Services (Subject to Approval of G4S Secure Solutions Agreement to Operate and Manage the Culver City Jail**

Mayor Eriksson requested that the item return at a future meeting.

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**Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda**

Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that no additional members of the public were available to speak.

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**Items from Council Members**

None.

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**Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items**

Council Member Lee received City Council consensus to place a potential endorsement of Prop 15, the Schools and Communities First proposition on a future agenda citing potential revenue generated for Culver City.

Council Member Small discussed joining Los Angeles in the process of recognizing the Hayden Tract and Frederick and Laurie Smith and the Samitaur Group by naming a portion of the National and Jefferson intersection for them.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding timing; whether an agendized discussion is necessary; whether an expenditure of funds would be required; and direction for the Economic Subcommittee to investigate.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 12:16 a.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2020 the City Council, Housing Authority Board, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on September 14, 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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GÖRAN ERIKSSON  
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: \_\_\_\_\_