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CULVER CITY FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**September 9, 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 7:00 p.m. via Webex.

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

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

Josh Goldstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Presentations

Item P-1

Presentation from LA County Department of Mental Health Regarding Mental Health Public Safety Issues in Culver City in Preparation for Joint Meeting with Chief's Advisory Panel

Chair Lachman reported that the item would be deferred to a future meeting as Dr. Sharon was not available to make the presentation.

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Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Chair Lachman invited public comment.

Michelle Villongco, Associate Analyst, indicated that no public comment had been received for Items Not on the Agenda.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Adjourned Meeting of July 29, 2020

MOVED BY MEMBER KEARNEY, SECONDED BY MEMBER BAUER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING OF JULY 29, 2020 (ABSENT VICE CHAIR MENTHE).

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Item C-2

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Adjourned Meeting of August 12, 2020

MOVED BY MEMBER LACHOFF, SECONDED BY MEMBER BAUER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2020 (ABSENT VICE CHAIR MENTHE).

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Item

Item A-1

Receive an Update on the Culver City Economic Recovery Task Force

Member Jones discussed ideas discussed at the recent Economic Recovery Task Force meeting including: focusing on sustainability during recovery; creating a hiring event and a shop local campaign; capping delivery fees to give restaurants relief; establishing a training certification program for COVID prevention; showcasing art installations in empty storefronts; and providing a dedicated page for virtual performances.

Chair Lachman expressed concern with restaurants being squeezed by larger companies and supported establishing fair rules.

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Item A-2

Receive Reports from Current Subcommittee

Chair Lachman indicated nothing to report from the Bylaws Subcommittee.

Member Griffing reported on the August 26 meeting of the Innovation Awards Subcommittee; discussed encouraging City departments to submit projects that have saved money for the City or demonstrated exceptional innovation; end goals; award structure; cost savings awards; efficiency awards; recognition for energy related savings or reductions to carbon footprint; development of a questionnaire for departments; establishing an award ceremony; and involvement of Council Members with award presentation.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding coordination with the Civil Service Commission; award sponsorship; updating the questionnaire; and creating a plan and a timeline for moving forward.

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Item A-3

Discussion of October Agenda

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding extending an invitation to Jim Clarke for a presentation on Public/Private Partnerships; the upcoming joint meeting with the Chief's Advisory Panel; budget impacts; consultant recommendations; agendaizing a follow up discussion for the September 24 meeting; a suggestion to analyze real property assets for Culver City; maximizing revenue at parks; and focusing the discussion.

MOVED BY MEMBER GRIFFING, SECONDED BY MEMBER GOLDSTEIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATE AN ASSETS SUBCOMMITTEE FOCUSING ON USE OF CITY ASSETS AND APPOINT MEMBERS GOLDSTEIN, GRIFFING AND LACHOFF THERETO.

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Public Comment – Items NOT on the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Lachman invited public comment.

Michelle Villongco, Associate Analyst, reported that no public comment had been received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Michelle Villongco, Associate Analyst, indicated that no other correspondence had been received other than the materials from the presentation by the Chief.

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Items from Committee Members/Staff

Responding to Chair Lachman regarding upcoming items, Erica McAdoo, Procurement & Financial Services Manager, discussed Measure C and Measure CC Reports.

Onyx Jones, Chief Finance Officer, reported that preliminary financials for June would be going before the City Council on September 29 with a copy emailed to Committee Members, and she encouraged Committee Members to email staff with any questions or concerns, or to attend the City Council meeting.

Member Jones felt the FAC should establish a Task Force or Subcommittee to examine better use of additional sales tax already approved by residents to ensure

that basic City services would not have to be curtailed; discussed the issue of defunding, or reimaging the Culver City Police Department; Measure CC; reducing police officers; violating the promise to the voters who approved the higher sales tax; and he suggested having the attorneys look into the idea and agendize the topic for a future meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Committee Members regarding upcoming agenda items; waiting to see what transpires; problematic language in the Transfer Tax; the rebuttal argument; the task of the Committee to comment on the structure, not the exact language of the ordinance going before the City Council; encouragement for Members to look at Section 1d allowing City Council amendment of the measure in any way that does not increase the tax rate; a suggestion to withhold approval subject to review of actual language of proposed measures in the future; the ability to change thresholds; authorized uses for the proceeds; the extension of the measure; marketing for the measure; obligations to residents and businesses in Culver City; and the agenda and speakers for the joint meeting between the City and the FAC.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:47 p.m., the Finance Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting to Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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Michelle Villongco
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