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AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD,
CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY,
REDEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY,
AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

December 14, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Eriksson called the regular meeting of the City Council, Culver City Housing Authority Board, Culver City Parking Authority, Redevelopment Financing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 6:01 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

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Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

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

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that the Tree Lighting Ceremony would be streamed while the City Council was in Closed Session, and she turned over the meeting to Assistant City Attorney, Heather Baker.

Closed Session

At 6:04 p.m. the City Council adjourned to Closed Session to consider the following Item:

CS-1 CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation (1 Item)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Claim of GEICO Insurance as Subrogee of Jacob Recio

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Regular Session

Mayor Eriksson reconvened the meeting of the City Council, the Housing Authority Board, the Culver City Parking Authority, the Redevelopment Financing Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board at 7:09 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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Recognition Presentations

Item R-1

CC - Presentation of Commendations and Certificates to Community Members in Recognition of Their Volunteer Service to Culver City During COVID-19

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, presented Certificates of Recognition to those who provided volunteer services to Culver City during COVID-19 and Commendations to Albert Vera, Thomas Small, former Council Member Jeff Cooper with The Exchange Club, Colin Diaz with the Chamber of Commerce, Alan Shulman with Akasha, Eric Sims representing the Downtown Business Association, Lisa Skelly with Grace Diner, Carol Kramer with the Culver City Police Department (CCPD), Dan O'Brien, Kathy Johnson with the Culver Hotel, and Jay Shery with The Exchange Club.

Albert Vera indicated that it was a privilege to give back to the community and he thanked the City for the Commendation.

Thomas Small thanked the City for the recognition and expressed appreciation for being involved with Feed Culver.

Colin Diaz, Culver City Chamber of Commerce, thanked the City and everyone involved for their help to those in need; stated that it was an honor to work together to support each other; and he discussed the response of businesses and residents to support each other.

Eric Sims thanked the City for the honor and expressed appreciation for the work of the volunteers, noting the importance of the public private partnership to make Culver City great.

Lisa Skelly, Grace Diner, expressed gratitude for the partnership with Feed Culver and everyone in the community.

Carol Kramer, Senior Volunteer Coordinator with CCPD, thanked Troy Dunlap, Mayor Eriksson, Eric Sims, Chief Cid and everyone at CCPD, and she expressed appreciation to all the Feed Culver volunteers as well as to individual volunteers who went above and beyond to help.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, read the names of volunteer certificate recipients from the Exchange Club and Grace Diner.

Mayor Eriksson thanked donors and those who volunteered noting that additional donations would be needed to keep the program going through 2021 as the need would continue.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Eriksson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Closed Session Report

Mayor Eriksson indicated nothing to report out of Closed Session.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Small discussed the announcement of Eric Owen Moss as the 2020 Laureate of the American Prize for Architecture.

Council Member Lee thanked the Downtown Business Association for organizing the Holiday Tree Lighting; he proposed integrating other holiday traditions in the celebration; offered to help in any way that he could; and he encouraged people not to travel or visit elderly family members over the holidays due to worsening the spread of COVID.

Mayor Eriksson announced the Culver City Arts Foundation fundraiser on December 27 honoring former Poet Laureate, Dr. Janet Hault, and he asked that when the meeting is adjourned, that is be adjourned in memory of Maria Dadabhoy.

Council Member Lee discussed the life and legacy of Bill Wynn and asked that the meeting also be adjourned in his memory.

Mayor Eriksson presented a video on The State of the City 2020.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Mayor Eriksson reported 15-16 pages of correspondence received.

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

Mayor Eriksson received clarification that there were six speakers for Items Not on the Agenda that would be heard at the end of the meeting.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-4.

Item C-1

CC:HA:SA - (1) Approval of Cash Disbursements for October 31, 2020 to December 4, 2020

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 31, 2020 TO DECEMBER 4, 2020.

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Item C-2

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Regular Consolidated City Council Meeting on November 9, 2020

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CONSOLIDATED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

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Item C-3

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the November 12, 2020 Thirtieth Supplement to Public Order (Extension of Commercial Tenant Eviction Moratorium) Issued by the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services, under City of Culver City Emergency Authority, Due to the Coronavirus Respiratory Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOVEMBER 12, 2020 THIRTIETH SUPPLEMENT TO PUBLIC ORDER (EXTENSION OF COMMERCIAL TENANT EVICTION MORATORIUM), ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER, AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, UNDER CITY OF CULVER CITY EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS RESPIRATORY DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

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Item C-4

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the November 23, 2020 Thirty-First Supplement to Public Order (County Surge Response Limitations) and the November 30, 2020 Thirty-Second Supplement to Public Order (Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Surge Response) Issued by the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services, under City of Culver City Emergency Authority, Due to the Coronavirus Respiratory Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020 THIRTY-FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO PUBLIC ORDER (COUNTY SURGE RESPONSE LIMITATIONS) AND THE NOVEMBER 30, 2020 THIRTY-SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO PUBLIC ORDER (TEMPORARY TARGETED SAFER AT HOME SURGE RESPONSE) ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER, AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, UNDER CITY OF CULVER CITY EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS RESPIRATORY DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

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Public Hearings Items

None.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC - Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, Certifying and Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on November 3, 2020 and Stating the Results of Such Election in Accordance with the City Charter

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, provided a summary of the material of record.

Council Member Lee congratulated the new Council Members and Mayor Eriksson on his re-election, and he thanked Bike Culver City and Feed Culver for their involvement.

Vice Mayor Fisch thanked all the candidates who ran and the voters for approving Measure RE, and he congratulated the new Council Members and Mayor Eriksson on his re-election.

Council Member Small thanked everyone involved in the campaign and he felt the City was headed in a good direction.

Council Member Sahli-Wells congratulated Mayor Eriksson on his re-election as well as the new Council Members; discussed voter turnout; the benefits of consolidated elections; and she received clarification that Measure RE would be implemented on April 1, 2021.

Mayor Eriksson thanked all the candidates who ran and encouraged those who did not prevail to run again; he discussed voter turnout; and he congratulated the new Council Members.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SAHLI-WELLS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING AND RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AND STATING THE RESULTS OF SUCH ELECTION.

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Item A-2

CC - Departure of Council Members Whose Terms have Ended

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, presented a message from California State Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager congratulating Mayor Eriksson on his reelection, welcoming new Council Members Yasmine-Imani McMorris and Albert Vera, and thanking outgoing Council Members Sahli-Wells and Small.

Council Member Lee indicated that it was an honor to serve with Thomas Small, the first Asian-American elected to the Culver City Council, noting the importance of representation; discussed honest disagreement; sincere care for the well-being of the City; he thanked Council Member Sahli-Wells for her advocacy and support; discussed her progressive principles; pushing people to reconsider their viewpoints; the example set by Barbara Hoenig and Gary Silbiger; he hoped to see Council Member Sahli-Wells continue her career in politics; he discussed the history of the City vs. the future of the City; the lack of

female candidates; Bill Wynn; and he wished Council Members Small and Sahli-Wells success in their future endeavors;

Vice Mayor Fisch thanked Council Members Sahli-Wells and Small; discussed the amount of work done in the last couple of years; reduction of the City's structural deficit during that time; hard choices made at great personal expense; scary, inappropriate criticism; smart and brave consistency; and large problems solved in a short amount of time.

Mayor Eriksson expressed appreciation for being able to work with Council Members Sahli-Wells and Small on Committees and Subcommittees; acknowledged disagreements; and expressed best wishes to the former Council Members.

Council Member Small expressed pride at being able to be part of helping the community; discussed his election to the City Council; the Transit Oriented District Visioning Project; reinventing the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the City; public engagement; his experience serving as Mayor; the State of the City event; the Culver City Forward Motion movie; Community Conversations in Fox Hills; grants; advancing the way the City communicates; the General Plan; 100% renewable energy; work on the Inglewood Oil Field; addressing housing and homelessness issues; implementation; moveculver.com; tactical urbanism; interdepartmental collaboration; things still to be done; the renaissance of Ballona Creek; Civic Spark Fellows; continued opportunity; grant funding; the upcoming Olympics and the original Olympic Arts Festival in 1984; unsung heroes in the City; he urged the City to create programs to honor extraordinary achievement in Culver City; discussed the Artist Laureates; communication with diverse viewpoints; the importance of disagreement; and he thanked those who gave him advice over the years, staff for their efforts and support, his colleagues, his friends, neighbors and his family.

Council Member Sahli-Wells discussed her service on the City Council; her intentional focus to bring those left out of the political process to the table; the importance of sharing power; she felt the City was better served when diverse voices were heard and heeded; she felt that politics should be transformational, not transactional; she discussed successes and collaborative accomplishments; those lost to COVID-19 and those currently infected; addressing and rectifying disparities; the need to cure the scourge of institutional racism; ending police practices that disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous, People of Color; making the City safe for

everyone; attempts to intimidate during the election cycle; scars that will be hard to heal; she applauded staff and the community who have come together to provide assistance in the economic disaster; she asserted that Black Lives Matter; thanked her fellow Council Members; she expressed pride in being able to serve on the most diverse City Council in the history of the City; she welcomed Yasmine-Imani McMorris and Albert Vera; and she thanked the City for the opportunity to serve.

John Nachbar, City Manager, indicated that the outgoing Council Members had received their plaques; he expressed appreciation for the dedicated leadership and service of Council Members Sahli-Wells and Small; discussed accomplishments and ongoing efforts that would leave long-lasting effects from the Council Members; and he wished them well.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Scott Houston, West Basin Water District, expressed gratitude to Council Members Sahli-Wells and Small for their service; discussed the pandemic; and he extended best wishes to the outgoing Council Members in their future endeavors.

Dr. Kelly Kent, Culver City Unified School Board, thanked Council Member Sahli-Wells for her leadership and strength during the past year; expressed appreciation for the dignified leadership of Council Member Small and for his strength of convictions; and she expressed best wishes for health and safety to both outgoing Council Members.

Colin Diaz, Culver City Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council Members Sahli-Wells and Small; discussed the amount of time spent serving the community; sacrifices made by the Council Members; he congratulated Mayor Eriksson on his re-election and incoming Council Members McMorris and Vera; and he expressed eagerness to work together in the future.

Jim Shanman congratulated the incoming Council Members and Mayor Eriksson on their election; he thanked Council Member Small for his efforts; he discussed his work with Council Member Sahli-Wells; and he presented Council Member Sahli-Wells with the first annual Golden Sneaker Award.

Beth Lane thanked Council Members Sahli-Wells and Small for their leadership, diversity of thought and integrity, and she welcomed incoming Council Members McMorris and Vera.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that the terms of Council Member Sahli-Wells and Small had come to an end; she expressed pride in working with both Council Members; and was looking forward to working with them in a different manner in the future.

Council Members Sahli-Wells and Small signed out of the meeting as Council Members.

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Item A-3

CC:FA:HA:PA:SA - (1) Administration of the Oath of Office to the Council Members-Elect; (2) Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor; and (3) Confirmation by the Financing Authority/Housing Authority/Parking Authority/Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency that the Mayor and Vice Mayor of the City Shall Serve as Chair and Vice Chair of these Bodies, Respectively

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Albert Vera, Yasmine-Imani McMorris and Göran Eriksson; she and the Council Members signed their Oaths; Council Members displayed the Certificates of Election; and Council Members received their City Council pins.

Council Member Lee welcomed Mayor Eriksson back and new Council Members McMorris and Vera; he expressed appreciation to Council Member McMorris for running; discussed the need for younger representation; making efforts to acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of young Black women; maintaining democracy; unwanted criticisms; the history and experience of Council Member Vera in Culver City; and he indicated that he was looking forward to serving with both new Council Members.

Vice Mayor Fisch welcomed Mayor Eriksson back and welcomed the new Council Members, noting that there was much work to do.

Council Member Vera thanked the community, his supporters, and his critics; discussed the importance of being a part of an evolving community; he welcomed feedback; discussed his vision for building inclusion; providing access to all residents; he asked for volunteers as programs move forward; noted opportunities to come together as one community; the need for greater collaboration; ensuring that residents do not feel overlooked; and he wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council Member McMorris thanked her colleagues; discussed her goals; equity and inclusion; the importance of reflecting the diverse population of the City; she thanked everyone who supported and helped her campaign; and she expressed eagerness to serve.

Mayor Eriksson thanked everyone who supported his re-election; discussed the importance of being realistic and getting things done quickly; and he expressed eagerness to continue work to find long-term solutions for the City.

Mayor Eriksson invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Scott Houston, West Basin Water District, congratulated the newly elected Council Members and Mayor Eriksson on his re-election; he commended Mayor Eriksson for his work during a very difficult year; expressed support for the diverse City Council; noted divisiveness in the country; the importance of working together at a local level; he indicated that he was happy to support in any way he could; and he wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Ken Mand bid Council Members Sahli-Wells and Small farewell, welcomed new Council Members McMorris and Vera, and congratulated Mayor Eriksson on his re-election; expressed eagerness to continue work in progress; and he thanked everyone for their commitment to Culver City.

Dr. Kelly Kent, Culver City School Board Member, congratulated elected Council Members; she discussed her experiences with Yasmine-Imani McMorris; and expressed eagerness to work together.

Mark Lipman expressed appreciation to outgoing Council Members; congratulated the elected Council Members; expressed eagerness to work together; and he asked that everyone keep an open mind to new ideas that have not been tried before.

Ron Bassilian was called to speak but did not respond.

MOVED BY MAYOR ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ELECT VICE MAYOR ALEX FISCH AS MAYOR.

Mayor Fisch thanked Council Member Eriksson for his service as Mayor.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER DANIEL LEE TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Fisch and to Vice Mayor Lee, who received their pins.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE FINANCING AUTHORITY BOARD, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD: ADOPT RESPECTIVE MOTIONS CONFIRMING THAT THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THESE BODIES, RESPECTIVELY.

Mayor Fisch thanked the outgoing Mayor; discussed his campaign for City Council; he encouraged everyone to get vaccinated, noting that he and Council Member Small had participated in clinical trials; he encouraged everyone to be charitable; he discussed hard months ahead; pandemic fatigue; food insecurity; the importance of human recovery; those at risk of eviction in January; the importance of doing everything possible to help residents; familiar challenges after COVID; the need to shelter the unhoused; taking a regional approach to the housing shortage; continued expansion of transportation options; greenhouse gas emissions; charting a just transition away from resource extraction; continued work on the transition of the Inglewood Oil Field; the need for continued work to ensure that everyone feels safe in Culver City; the focus on policing; anti-racism; considering equity at every step; restoring trust in City institutions; the nationwide decline in public trust; the divisive campaign; the mental health toll taken by the pandemic; he proposed the formation of a Public Health Committee; discussed the failure of Measure B and the passage of Measure RE; the will of the voters; and the desire of the public for the best municipal services available.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

David Metzler was called to speak but did not respond.

Malil Mahmood was called to speak but did not respond.

Charles Withers was called to speak but did not respond.

Bubba Fish was called to speak but did not respond.

Rick Tuttle was called to speak and Rebecca Rona spoke instead, congratulating Mayor Fisch and Vice Mayor Lee; she thanked former Council Members Sahli-Wells and Small; congratulated Mayor Fisch and thanked him for his efforts; thanked Vice Mayor Lee for his history of work in the City; discussed the passing of Bill Wynn and his vision of Culver City as a model City; she congratulated Council Member Eriksson on his re-election and discussed his support of establishing the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee and his leadership during COVID-19; noted that Council Member Vera's parents would be proud of his service; related meeting Member McMorris's mother; congratulated the new City Council; and she expressed eagerness to work together.

Carlos McEwan was called to speak but did not respond.

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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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Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that Council Member appointments to outside bodies would be considered at the next City Council meeting on January 11, 2021.

Vice Mayor Lee discussed the life and legacy of Bill Wynn noting his deep involvement in Culver City.

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MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR LEE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF MARIA DADABHOY AND BILL WYNN.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:37 p.m., the City Council adjourned the meeting in memory of Maria Dadabhoy and Bill Wynn to January 11, 2021.

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Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
Culver City, California

ALEX FISCH
MAYOR of Culver City, California

Date: _____