

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL
UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL,
CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD,
AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
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

February 8, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Fisch called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall via Virtual Webex.

Present: Alex Fisch, Mayor
Daniel Lee, Vice Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Yasmine-Imani McMorris, Council Member
Albert Vera, Council Member

o0o

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

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

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION.

Closed Session

At 5:37 p.m. the City Council adjourned to Closed Session to consider the following Closed Session Items:

CS-1 HA - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Re: Initiation of Litigation - 1 Matter Pursuant to Government
Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

o0o

CS-2 CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Case No(s). WCAB ADJ9512574; ADJ9846695; ADJ10193076
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

o0o

CS-3 CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Re: City of Portland, et al. v. Federal Communications
Commission and United States of America
Case No: 18-72689, et al.
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

o0o

Reconvene

Mayor Fisch reconvened meeting of the City Council at 6:45 p.m.
with all Council Members present.

o0o

Recognition Presentations

Item R-1

CC - Proclamation in Honor of Black History Month 2021

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, presented Proclamation in
Honor of Black History Month 2021.

o0o

Recess

At 6:48 p.m. Mayor Fisch called a brief recess of the City
Council.

o0o

Regular Session

Mayor Fisch reconvened the meeting of the City Council and convened meeting of the Housing Authority Board and the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board at 7:00 p.m. with all Council Members present.

o0o

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Fisch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

o0o

Closed Session Report

Mayor Fisch reported on Closed Session item CS-3 noting that the City Council had decided to continue participating in a Municipal Coalition, which it joined in 2018, challenging the Federal Communication Commission's STC Small Cell Order which relates to the placement of wireless antennae in the City's right-of-way.

o0o

Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Vera noted that Valentine's Day was coming and he encouraged everyone to shop local.

Mayor Fisch reported that he would be a panelist on the Mayor's Panel of the Westside Urban Forum on February 10.

Vice Mayor Lee encouraged people to reflect on Black History Month; discussed Amanda Gorman; the significance of Kamala Harris serving as Vice President; history being made; things that need to change; methods used to make change happen; and the partnership between the Mayme Clayton Museum and the Wende Museum.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, announced that applications were being accepted for special interim appointments to Commissions, Boards and Committees until February 22; the regular process would

begin in March or April; and she reported that additional information could be found at culvercity.org/serv.

o0o

Joint Public Comment - Items NOT on the Agenda

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, reported no public comment received for Items Not on the Agenda.

o0o

Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Mayor Fisch reported receipt of email and public comment.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

o0o

Order of the Agenda

Items C-5 and C-9 were considered separately at the end of the Consent Calendar.

o0o

Consent Calendar

Item C-1

CC:HA:SA - (1) Approval of Cash Disbursements for January 16, 2021 to January 29, 2021

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD: APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR JANUARY 16, 2021 TO JANUARY 29, 2021.

o0o

Item C-2

CC:HA:SA - Approval of Minutes for the Regular Consolidated City Council Meeting on January 25, 2021

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 JANUARY 25, 2021.

o0o

Item C-3

CC - (1) Approval of an Amendment to the Existing Professional Services Agreement with Raimi + Associates, Modifying the Scope of Services and Budget for the General Plan Update (GPU); and (2) FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Approval of Related Budget Amendment Allocating Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Funding to the Project

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RAIMI + ASSOCIATES, MODIFYING THE SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (GPU); AND
2. APPROVE A RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT ALLOCATING LEAP FUNDING TO THE PROJECT (FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT); 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

o0o

Item C-4

CC - Approval of a Purchase Order with Bauer Compressors, Inc. for a Replacement Air Compressor/Fill Station/Cascade System in the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$71,296.47

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH BAUER COMPRESSORS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT SCBA AIR COMPRESSOR IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$71,296.47; AND
2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

o0o

Item C-6
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Regular Meetings of the City Council for the Calendar Year 2021 and Rescinding Resolution No. 2020-R114

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R114.

o0o

Item C-7

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Records Retention Schedule for the City of Culver City, Authorizing Destruction of Certain City Records in Accordance with the Amended Retention Schedule, and Rescinding Resolution No. 2019-R026

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CITY RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDED RETENTION SCHEDULE, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R026.

o0o

Item C-8

CC - (1) Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title 17, Zoning, of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC), Section 17.400.065 Related to Mixed-Use Development Standards to Include Affordable Housing Provisions (P2020-0238-ZCA); and (2) Adoption of a Resolution Rescinding Resolution Nos. 2008-R015 and 2017-R108, Previously Establishing the Existing Community Benefit Incentive Program

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT P2020-0238-ZCA, AMENDING CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE (CCMC), TITLE 17 - ZONING (ZONING CODE) SECTION 17.400.065 - MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, TO INCLUDE A MANDATORY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPONENT AS PART OF NEW MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, WHICH INCORPORATE COMMUNITY BENEFITS TO ACHIEVE INCREASED DENSITY; AND,
2. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NOS. 2008-R015 AND 2017-R108, PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHING THE EXISTING COMMUNITY BENEFIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

o0o

Item C-5
(Out of Sequence)

CC - Approval of a Four-Year Agreement with Woods Maintenance Services, Inc., for Cleanup and Illegal Dumping Abatement in Encampments of Unhoused Persons in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$80,000 for FY 2020/2021 and an Annual Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$162,800 for FY 2021/2022 through FY 2023/2024

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Mark Lipman discussed throwing away money fighting the effects of homelessness rather than using resources to house people and solve the problem; increased funding for street cleaning; concern that there is no intention of housing people for the next three and a half years; more money spent on services than it would take to house people; he observed that there was no

need to wait until June to ask for funding for urgent items; pointed out the urgency of being homeless; increased death rates for homeless individuals; emergency funding available for direct housing; the Rapid Rehousing program; vacant market rate housing; and he questioned when ineffective, decades-old policies would be abandoned, with a Consent Calendar item to get people the housing they need.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding an upcoming Housing Programs presentation on February 22; the amount of money allocated for clean-up; increased need for encampment cleanups; environmental, public health, and safety requirements; flexibility in the contract to discontinue services if they are no longer needed; moving forward in the current moment; considering the issue with the General Plan consultant; multi-benefit issues; positive results that do not show up in the system that resources are being put into; environmental issues; toxic waste; long-term cost savings with prevention; the importance to doing whatever possible at every opportunity to house people; linking costs and benefits over different levels of government; mismatched incentives; and alignment of interests.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH WOODS MAINTENANCE, INC. FOR CLEANUP AND ILLEGAL DUMPING ABATEMENT IN ENCAMPMENTS OF UNHOUSED PERSONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000 FOR FY 2020/2021 AND AN ANNUAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$162,800 FOR FY 2021/2022 THROUGH FY 2023/2024; 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.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-8.

o0o

CC - Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Letter of Agreement Revising the July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Culver City and the Culver City Police Officers' Association

Serena Wright-Black, Assistant City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Sebastian Hernandez expressed concern with the City Manager's Office and the Culver City Police Officer's Association (CCPOA) making deals on the side; discussed the referral program; concerns with efforts to expand the police force; the previous report indicating that staffing for police response is double what is necessary; reducing staff size through attrition and retirement incentives; the process for reimagining public safety; and he asked that the item not be passed.

Jeff Schwartz felt that the proposal was ill-timed; noted the process to re-think policing nation-wide; discussed alignment of police officers with the alt-right to aggressively resist change; referral bonuses; documentation showing that Culver City Police Department (CCPD) officers receive far more in supplemental pay than other nearby jurisdictions; he felt it inappropriate to request additional perks; noted the current financial crisis; and he asked that the item not be supported.

Disa Lindgren asked that the City Council vote no on the item; felt that it was not the time to pay bonuses for lateral hires to CCPD; discussed the need to address systemic racism; reducing the size of the police force; the need for decreased spending on CCPD with increased spending on public services for everyone; and the need to back up words with action.

Mark Lipman discussed the number of people who could be housed for each new police officer hired; the Rapid Rehousing program; and the responsibility to ensure that public monies are allocated to serve the public good and address the most pressing need.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding origin of the item; the recruitment process; incentives and

tools to remain competitive; the prior process; the need to reimagine and reallocate funds; common practice; more pressing items to fund; direction from the prior Council; the need to continue the broader conversation around Public Safety; the previous budget process; hiring the best candidates possible; impacts on the community of supporting the item; concern with more money being funneled into the system; support for reimagining policing; following through with a previous Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); changing values of CCPD; concrete action coming forward; and placing the item on the Consent Calendar vs. making it an Action Item.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT REVISING THE JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2022 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF CULVER CITY AND THE CULVER CITY POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (POA).

AYES: ERIKSSON, FISCH, VERA
NOES: LEE, MCMORRIN

o0o

Public Hearings Items

Item PH-1

CC - PUBLIC HEARING: Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC), Title 17: Zoning (Zoning Code), Sections 17.220 - Commercial Zoning Districts, 17.320 - Off-Street Parking and Loading, and 17.700 - Definitions, to Establish "Extended Stay Hotel" as a Category of Hotel/Motel Land Uses (P2019-0058-ZCA)

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING AND POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICE.

Michael Allen, Current Planning Manager, introduced the item.

William Kavadas, Assistant City Planner, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding estimates on the decreased amount of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) with the proposed change; establishing in lieu fees; protecting revenue streams; new uses; TOT data from early 2020;

information on the number of rooms and room rates; consideration by the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC); staff time put into the process; grandfathering of properties; parking requirements; and encouraging the use of public transit in the context of hotels, the General Plan and the Transit Oriented District (TOD).

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Kevin Lachoff discussed the new hotel business model; stays longer than 30 days; the importance of not losing TOT or finding a way to recapture it; and the possibility of corporate tenants renting rooms for years.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding concern raised by the FAC; the need for additional study; the ability to amend the ordinance for future extended stay hotels; support for approval with direction to the FAC to study how to recapture lost revenue if another property wants to be an extended stay; addressing comments made by Kevin Lachoff; creating a timeline for the phase out of grandfathering status; ensuring rates do not significantly affect business; the feeling that grandfathering takes the place of actual policy if the only vendor in the industry operates on antiquated rules; support for moving forward with the item; in lieu fees for new businesses; whether to go to voters for a special tax to support affordable housing if the industry is growing; ensuring that use is not being pushed into neighborhoods; sublets; and ensuring against inadvertently charging a TOT on residents.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: INTRODUCE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE, AMENDING ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT P2019-0058-ZCA, ESTABLISHING "EXTENDED STAY HOTEL" AS A CATEGORY OF HOTEL/MOTEL LAND USES WITH DIRECTION THAT THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXAMINE QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO REVENUE.

o0o

Item PH-2

CC - PUBLIC HEARING: (1) Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Culver City Zoning Map, as Referenced in Title 17, Zoning, of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC), Section 17.200.015 - Zoning Map (P2019-0291-ZCMA); and (2) Adoption of a Resolution Approving Density and Other Bonus Incentives (P2019-0291-DOBI) and a Parking Reduction, for the Construction of a 5-Story Mixed-Use Development, Consisting of 12 Dwelling Units, 6,820 Square Feet of Commercial Space, and Subterranean Parking at 3727 Robertson Boulevard (Project)

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING AND POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICE.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, provided background on the project.

Gabriela Silva, Planning Associate, provided a summary of the material of record; discussed requested actions; site location; existing conditions; the site plan; the residential floor plan; parking; the zoning code map amendment; land use consistent with the designation; and density and other bonus incentives.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation to the developers for their work; support for the item and for reduced parking; and changes to the neighborhood since the project inception.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

George Rhyner reported working on the Transportation Analysis and indicated that he was available to answer any questions.

Bernard Ashkar thanked everyone who helped with the project.

Jean-Pierre Boladian declined to speak.

Farnoosh Farmer was called to speak but could not be heard.

Andrew Weissman discussed his work with the developer and the City on the project; thanked staff, the City Council, Bernard Ashkar and the principals of Icon West for seeing the project through; discussed changes to the project; and he acknowledged that the project was better than when it had begun.

Barry Kurtz, Culver City Traffic Engineer, reported reviewing the study conducted by George Rhyner indicating that the project had no significant impacts on traffic and transportation; noted that the project fell within the TOD and conforms to the latest TOD requirements; discussed transportation options; and stated that he was available to answer questions.

Farnoosh Farmer expressed appreciation for being part of the project; hoped to contribute to enhancing the livelihood and diversity of Robertson Boulevard; and she indicated that she was available to answer questions.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding support for the project; the change to include housing; creating a neighborhood without negative affects to existing uses; opening up mixed-use development; below-market units; speeding up the process; Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) obligations; and the similar appearance of the project to homes in affordable cities all over the world.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY MAYOR FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING CODE MAP AMENDMENT; AND

2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING DENSITY AND OTHER BONUS INCENTIVES AND A PARKING REDUCTION, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL SET FORTH IN PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2020-P016, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 5-STORY, 12-UNIT MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT.

o0o

Action Items

Item A-1

CC - (1) Review and Discussion of the Police and Fire Department's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) End of Pilot Program Report; and (2) Direction to the Police Chief as Deemed Appropriate

Jason Sims, Assistant Police Chief, presented the End of Pilot Program Report for the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) or Drone Program; discussed delays to the report due to the Public Safety Review; discussed the joint program between CCPD and the Culver City Fire Department (CCFD); budgeting through CCPD; outreach; feedback from the Chief's Advisory Panel; the community engagement process; privacy concerns; restrictions and procedures; he indicated that the Drone Policy and additional information could be found at culvercitypd.org; he provided background on the program; discussed reactive use; trained and licensed pilots; deployments throughout the pilot program; available reports; costs associated with the program; fire incidents; perimeter searches; vehicle pursuits; previous utilization of helicopters from Los Angeles to achieve similar tasks; advantages of drones over helicopters; drones as community safety tools; use of drones as a de-escalation tool; crime investigation; search and rescue; and assistance in serving warrants.

Roger Braum, Assistant Fire Chief, discussed benefits associated with the use of drones by the CCFD, and the 99 Cent Store fire.

Jason Sims, Assistant Police Chief, discussed key elements of the Drone Policy; recorded live stream video; transparency and accountability; the requirement to make an announcement prior to launching a drone; the cost breakdown of the program; pilot availability; equipment costs; and benefits of the program.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding successful use of drones in CCFD and channels available for people to provide complaint.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Michelle Weiner questioned what suspects were being apprehended for when drones were deployed; she expressed opposition to the program and concern with the militarization of CCPD; discussed

costs; use of money in the program to reimagine Public Safety; she expressed support for usage of drones in CCFD; and she encouraged the City Council to examine the value of the program going forward.

Kelli Estes expressed support for maintaining the program; increased safety; reduced liability costs; and she did not want to see the program rejected just because it is related to CCPD.

Jeff Schwartz asserted that the CCPD report on the program illustrated an expensive failure; asked that the program be discontinued with funds reallocated to Social Service programs instead; discussed the actual number of flights in Culver City; true program costs; cost per flight; lack of program goals or a measured outcome; whether drones in fact made anything safer; the lack of data; benchmarking against cities that do not have drones; the need for clear, measurable goals; concern that CCPD is not held to standards that other departments are held to; the need for civilian control over CCPD: enacting measures to prevent future folly being put in place; the small percentage of crimes against people and property; consumption of resources; and he felt the City could and should do better.

Neil Glickman discussed the duty to provide Public Safety to the entire community; assisting in the safety of employees while performing their duties; guidelines suggested by community members; success of the pilot program for CCFD and CCPD; quick and safe apprehension of suspects; other jurisdictions that have added permanent drone programs; and he asserted that drones were an excellent tool, and the City deserved to have their own Public Safety tool.

Disa Lindgren withdrew her comment.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding submitted comments; ensuring that people are safe; concern with metrics for defining success; costs; comparisons with other cities; potential cost savings; the situation before drones were employed; reasons for apprehensions; primary usage of the drones; serving warrants; assistance to other agencies; mutual aid agreements; ongoing costs; clarification that there would not be a request for additional drone funding in the next year; deployment decisions; usage to safely address critical incidents in the field; threat assessment; efficient handling of incidents; decreased injuries; using drones as a risk management tool; anticipated monthly costs; avoiding the use of K-9 units; the value of de-escalation; usage by other departments; the

inevitability of drone usage; upcoming federal and state legislation governing airspace and drone usage; a request for additional data; tracking usage in cities of a similar size; disaggregation of drone data; Race and Information Profiling Act (RIPA) requirements; community fears of surveillance and control; results of the Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM) Report; quantifying how often police are dispatched to address the most violent safety interaction; theft or property damage vs. other crimes; whether an inordinate amount of money is being spent on less violent crimes; providing distinction between violent and non-violent felonies; ensuring transparency and making data available to allay fears that something is being hidden; notification; scheduling; overtime costs; staffing levels; ensuring the tool is used to enhance safety, not to create fear in the community; notification of usage; balancing civil liberties; feeling safe in public and private spaces; limiting the program to high-risk situations; changing conditions in the City; initial concerns that did not prove to be an issue; the ability of anyone to ask questions about deployments; adding another method for objective evidence collection; reduced overtime costs; continued monitoring of the program; creating a timeline for regular feedback to the City Council regarding usage to ensure transparency; maintaining drone information on the website in addition to monthly reports; additional data; compliance with RIPA; a suggestion to present non-budgetary data at a City Council meeting; specific reports on drones for the first two years of the program; and comparisons in data to inform policy

o0o

Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

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

o0o

Items from Council Members

None.

o0o

Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

Mayor Fisch was looking forward to an agendized discussion of acknowledging the history of Culver City as a "Sundown Town" after the issue is considered by the EHRAC.

o0o

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:19 p.m., the City Council adjourned the meeting to February 22, 2021.

o0o

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

ALEX FISCH
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: _____