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AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

REGULAR BUDGET MEETING - CITY WORK PLANS March 1, 2021
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL 3:00 p.m.
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD,
CULVER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD
AND CULVER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Fisch called the Regular Budget Meeting - City Work Plans of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Culver City Housing Authority Board and Parking Authority to order at 3:08 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall via Webex.

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

Absent: Göran Eriksson, Council Member

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Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Fisch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

None.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

Mimi Ferrel, City Clerk Specialist, reported that Kelly Rockline had registered to speak, but was not present in the meeting.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Mayor Fisch reported several pieces of correspondence received.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERA AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FISCH, LEE, MCMORRIN, VERA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: ERIKSSON

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC:HA:PA:SA - (1) Presentation and Consideration of Current and Proposed Work Plans for City Departments; and (2) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Noah Zatz indicated trying to speak under Items Not on the Agenda; amplified key points he had touched upon in correspondence submitted to the City Council asking that establishment of policy direction regarding recommendations made in the Solidarity Consulting report be agendized for Council consideration; he discussed deflection, delay, and avoidance; staff actions in the absence of strong direction from the City Council and the responsibility to direct staff work; the importance of making a clear choice and being accountable; going on record regarding the hiring process currently underway by the Culver City Police Department (CCPD); the budget crisis; the hiring freeze; reallocation of resources; demonstration of overstaffing by the Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM) report; opportunities afforded by vacant positions; and he asked the City Council to show leadership and take responsibility.

Discussion ensued between Council Members regarding agendizing a discussion of making a final decision on the recommendations received from the Public Safety Review; providing explicit direction; removal of police officer positions through attrition; consideration of both reports received; and differing conclusions reached.

City Council consensus was achieved to agendize a discussion regarding making a final decision on the recommendations received from the Public Safety Review and to provide explicit direction.

Manny Cid, Police Chief, introduced members of the Police Department; provided a status report on the 2020-2021 Police Department Work Plan; and he discussed the proposed Work Plan for 2021-2022.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding refocused police directives; budget impacts; taking a less

enforcement intensive, more community centered approach; maintaining impressive response times; focusing on traffic safety rather than on low-level traffic enforcement; high visibility patrols; alternative crisis response for unhoused populations; growing housing and mental health resources; coordination between Police and Fire; outreach; Vision Zero; crime lab accreditation; the Reserve Program; program funding; the Police Explorer Program; training; moving forward in a more productive manner; different visions for the future of Culver City; the need for compromise to best serve the entire community; continuing the evolution of CCPD; taking a wholistic view of the department; reporting and fear of retaliation; duty to intercede; ensuring accountability; creating a culture shift in CCPD; staffing levels; the Mobile Crisis Pilot Program; large companies coming into the City; bicycle officers; increased bicycle traffic in the City; alternate deployment; the Park/Bike/Walk/Talk Initiative; cross training and certification; making educated assumptions of how the City will change with the new companies; area assignments; striking the right balance; consideration of the CPSM and Solidarity Consultant studies prior to finalizing the budget; data; national issues; crime trends; quantifying changes in approach; reduced interaction; illustrating less disparity through the Racial Identity Profiling Act (RIPA); trends; ensuring transparency; what is required to maintain response times; education; the need for more certainty before moving forward; increases in violent crime; the My Brother's Keeper program; youth initiatives; Days of Dialogue; challenges related to COVID; virtual events; changes ahead as things open up; obstacles faced by officers when addressing mental health calls; the difficulty of finding long-term solutions; identified goals with Special Services for Groups (SSG) and the UCLA School of Social Welfare to address mental health issues; the LA County Homeless Initiative; collaboration; long-term services; and support for any and all resources to address challenges.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that though the meeting was available on cable and through youtube.com, there had been technical issues with streaming live on the City website, and she proposed recessing the meeting to allow a reboot of the system.

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Recess/Reconvene

Mayor Fisch called a brief recess from 4:28 p.m. to 4:44 p.m.

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Item A-1
(Continued)

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Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that rather than hold up the meeting any further, the meeting could be viewed on cable or by streaming at <https://www.youtube.com> and she indicated that people could also access the meeting through clicking on a link at www.culvercity.org

Ken Powell, Fire Chief, introduced members of the Fire Department; asked that those lost to COVID-19 be remembered; he provided a status report on the 2020-2021 Fire Department Work Plan; and he discussed the proposed Work Plan for 2021-2022.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the work of staff; data; ensuring that efforts are not being duplicated; coordination; efficiency; department metrics; creation of a monthly dashboard; transparency; the Alternative Destination Transport Program; AB 1544; data tracking on narcotic use; the SAFER Grant; hiring; call volumes; Community Connect; challenges in addressing homeless issues; plans to implement a program similar to what is being done in Pasadena; hands-on help; providing wraparound services for the most vulnerable in the community; providing more case-work; the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); identification of new sources of revenue; streamlining the process for ambulance drivers; the drone program; the 99 Cents Store Fire; bringing the third rescue ambulance into service; costs; grant funding; increased call volumes; hospital wait time; mutual aid; the importance of being self-sufficient; funding for radio replacement; increased travel times; a suggestion to focus on bringing in more female firefighters; working conditions at Southern California Hospital (SCH); concern that there is only one working elevator at SCH; the practice of venting water into the streets; alternative deployment strategies; lessons learned from the pandemic; the importance of focusing on people; mental health support for emergency responders; battery backup vs. Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS); staffing for a third rescue vehicle; federal funding; personnel costs; cuts made due to COVID; the hiring freeze; grants; reimbursement; costs per year;

base cost; the ten year forecast; appreciation for the quick response to COVID; the Survival Training Unit; keeping people safe and prepared to do the best they can for the community; fire cost recovery; the State Office of Emergency Services; and paramedic bike units.

Michelle Williams, Chief Information Officer, discussed highlights of the 2020-2021 Information Technology Department Work Program, and provided an overview of the proposed Work Plan for 2021-2022.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation to IT for the response to the pandemic; ensuring accessibility for everyone; platform related issues; positive feedback from the Disability Advisory Committee; continued work to improve accessibility; outdoor coverage; Culver Connect vs. Ting; outreach; Onward; internet for the business community; replacing network storage; City cameras; security; processing of online payment solutions; appreciation for providing different methods for watching and participating in meetings; expanding participation; public availability of GIS files; democratization of data; the actions of neighboring cities; collaboration with other agencies; cooperatives with other cities; accessibility of data on the website; and the fiber optic network.

Armando Abrego, Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Director, provided a presentation on the 2020-2021 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Work Plan, and the proposed Work Plan for 2021-2022.

Darren Uhl, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Manager, discussed expanded programs for people with disabilities.

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, discussed AB 1881; State Water Mandate Compliance; the irrigation audit; upgrades in response to findings; downtime that has helped with turf refurbishment; Work Plan goals to add exercise equipment in the parks; park playground improvement projects; the General Plan process; and the Master Parks Plan.

Armando Abrego, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, thanked Patrick Reynolds for his work to upgrade Tellefson Park; discussed items to include in the General Plan; inclusion of a Turf Report in the Parks Master Plan; inclusion of all PRCS facilities in the City's Facilities Condition Assessment Report; identification of funding for maintenance

and Capital Improvement Projects in order to develop, rehabilitate and maintain parks and recreation facilities; ensuring that equitable access to park amenities, recreation and open space is a mandate of the General Plan; long-term financial stability; marketing; field enhancements; and lighting.

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, discussed SB 1383; partnering with Sanitation and Public Works; reduction of green waste going into landfill; field allocation; and sharing the space.

Armando Abrego, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed expanding programming and mental health resources for teens; development of non-traditional programming with an emphasis on non-traditional populations; and water safety training for staff and the community.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst and Grants Administrator, provided a presentation on grants.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding QR Codes; direct marketing to teens; realizing outreach goals; partnering with the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD); inventive programming implemented during the pandemic; youth services; money for social services that was not included in the budget; restoration of previous cuts to the Senior Center; money allotted to expand social services; the contract with SSG targeting seniors for case management; money allocated for outreach instead of utilizing police response; the Plunge; collaboration with CCUSD and the swim team; congratulations to Mr. Abrego for his appointment as Director; appreciation to PRCS staff for their response to the pandemic; allocation of more funds for mental health services for seniors; partnerships with non-profits for peer-counseling; areas where the City and CCUSD overlap when it comes to park space; development going on at West LA College; areas that could become greenspace for West LA College students; creating a partnership for the potential use of under-utilized space during off times; and support for helping people transition to the "new normal".

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, acknowledged the work of her staff and of all City staff during the pandemic, and she provided a presentation on the 2020-2021 City Attorney's Office Work Plan and the proposed Work Plan for 2021-2022.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation to staff for their work; Public Records Requests;

impacts of the General Plan process on the department workload; the need for additional counsel; SB 1383; money-saving programs; and complexities of recycling markets.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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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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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:13 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Board, Housing Authority Board and Parking Authority adjourned the meeting to March 3, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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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, Culver City Parking Authority, 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, Culver
City Parking Authority, and Culver City Housing Authority
Board

Date: _____