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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 19, 2021  
5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Fisch called the special meeting of the City Council to order at 5:32 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

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Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that no requests to speak had been received for Closed Session.

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

**Closed Session**

At 5:34 p.m. the City Council adjourned to Closed Session to consider the following Closed Session Item:

**CS-1** CC - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation - One Item  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

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**Regular Session**

Mayor Fisch called the special meeting of the City Council back to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall via Virtual Webex with all Council Members present.

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**Report on Action Taken in Closed Session**

Mayor Fisch indicated nothing to report out of Closed Session.

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**Recess**

At 6:04 p.m. Mayor Fisch recessed the special meeting of the City Council to the joint meeting with the Committee on Homelessness.

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**Reconvene**

Mayor Fisch called the special meeting of the City Council back to order at 10:24 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall via Virtual Webex with all Council Members present.

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

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

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

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**Receipt and Filing of Correspondence**

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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## **Order of the Agenda**

Item A-2 was heard before Item A-1.

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## **Action Items**

Item A-2  
(Out of Sequence)

**CC - (1) Discussion of a Resolution Requesting a State Audit of Alleged Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, Bullying and Retaliation at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; and (2) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Jeff Schwartz, Culver City Democratic Club, reported that the Culver City Democratic Club had unanimously passed a measure similar to the measure being considered by the City Council, and he expressed hope that the City would take the same action.

Pete Rockwell was called to speak, but was not in the meeting.

Council Member Vera read a statement on behalf of Scott Huston from the West Basin Municipal Water Board acknowledging the need for accountability and calling for an investigation.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding a suggestion to ask the Board to resign; support for a third party investigator; using the City of Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District as a model; and the ability of the City Council to weigh in when the matter is brought back.

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**CC - (1) Discussion of a Potential Resolution to Support State Legislation to End Child Marriage; and (2) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a summary of the material

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Elizabeth Sitton was called to speak, but was not present in the meeting.

Rima Nashashibi, Global Health 365, provided background on the organization; applauded the City for their hard work; discussed the work of the organization; urged the City to pass the resolution that other cities have also supported; discussed the number of states where child marriage is legal and the number of girls married to adult men; vulnerability of children to predation; statutory rape; denouncement of child marriage by the United States Department of State as a human rights abuse in other countries; American Medical Association Resolution 86901; increased health risks; human trafficking; she asked the City to help educate for the end of this type of child abuse; and she indicated that she had provided a copy of her remarks to the City Council.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the history of communes and cults in the state that participate in the practice; the extensive nature of the resolution; religious discussion; tradition in other cultures; City Manager discretion; objectives consistent with the goal; and support for having City staff adapt the resolution.

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

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

No public comment was received.

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**Items from Council Members**

None.

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**Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items**

Council Member Eriksson proposed bringing back information on pallet shelters for the homeless for additional consideration.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding keeping the focus on the top three items; having a discussion about federal monies and immediate uses; upcoming budget discussions; and direction to bring back the issue at the appropriate time.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 10:47 p.m., the City Council adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on April 26, 2021.

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

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ALEX FISCH  
MAYOR of Culver City, California

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