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AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

PROPOSED DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS May 18, 2021
REGULAR 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 BOARD
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Fisch called the regular meeting of the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, Culver City Housing Authority Board and Culver City Parking Authority Board to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall via 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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Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Fisch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member McMorris encouraged everyone to vote in the election and suggested that those needing additional information go to LAVote.net.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

Kelli Estes was called to speak, but could not be heard.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Mayor Fisch received clarification that no correspondence had been received.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC:HA:PA:FA:SA - Continuation of the Budget Study Session - City Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022: Presentation of the Proposed Budget for Each City Department by its Respective Department Head

Armando Abrego, Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Director, provided a presentation on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department budget.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation to staff for their efforts amid great challenges; plans for expanded youth programs; spreading activities around the City; ensuring community resources for everyone; collaboration with Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD); changes in CCUSD leadership; expansion of the aquatics program; establishing a novice swim team; playground equipment upgrades; mental health services enhancement; grants; leveraging funding; overutilization of mental health services at the Senior Center;

ensuring that enough funding is being allocated to address issues; baseball field lighting; issues with new policies and procedures brought up by a vendor; the field trip ban; Parks, Recreation and Community Services workers as essential workers; COVID response; increased operational savings with improved lighting; turf enhancements; finding alternative ways to improve lesser used fields; balancing the needs of the community with the needs of various neighborhoods; ensuring the neighborhood is comfortable with improvements; parks that lose a neighborhood feel when improvements are made and increased numbers of people are drawn to the park; redesign of parks; opportunities; and determining the age group to be served.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, introduced department staff and provided a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Transportation Department budget.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation to staff; regional leadership; the circulator program; the fare-less initiative; impacts; costs; the pilot program; coordination with CCUSD; instituting a K-12 program; micro-transit; partnerships with LA Metro; investigation of innovative transportation systems; increased ridership for less miles; increasing subsidy and support; a suggestion to have developers contribute to a transportation fund; focusing on first/last connections; implementation of micro transit and the circulator; creating programs for school transit; discussions with the Downtown Business Association (DBA) and the Chamber of Commerce; challenging businesses to encourage employees to take the bus; partnerships; changing behaviors; new employees coming into the City; naming bus stops; improved headways and service levels; ensuring accessibility for everyone; outreach; federal mandates; masking; Transit Ambassadors; MOVE Culver City; creation of a single portal on the website; the Community Project Advisory Committee; collaboration with Metro; the state mandate for the electrification of buses; the long-term electrification study; non-destination riders for fare-less programs; people who currently get on the bus for free; the unhoused community; providing safe housing; equity; protecting people from the elements; heat related illnesses; flexibility with the evolving industry; partnerships; scooter share; revisiting the free structure; and Requests for Proposals (RFPs).

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, introduced staff and provided a presentation on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Public Works Department budget.

Kim Braun, Environmental Operations Manager, discussed grants applied for and received.

Heba el-Guindy, Mobility and Traffic Engineering Manager, discussed grants applied for and received.

Charles Herbertson, Public Works Director, discussed Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs); Measure CW; sewer projects; the Storm Water Master Plan; compliance; funding; cash flow; competing interests for available monies; SB1 funds; reduced parking as a result of MOVE Culver City; the Metro grant; the new connection with the Ballona Creek Bike Path; and lighting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the efforts to obtain grants; solar lighting; the polystyrene ban; enforcement; education; the Environmental Inspector; homeless encampment cleanups; complaint based enforcement; using micro-transit for Safe Routes to School; the tri-school complex; pick up and drop off zones; safety concerns; the LAX settlement; the dynamic messaging sign; reducing Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT); the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program; Adaptive Traffic Control; system design; MOVE Culver City; working to get people out of their cars; peak periods; the newsletter; outreach; expense associated with mailers; interest groups; distribution of copies at the Senior Center and City Hall; support for the Sustainable Business Certification Program; refuse service; bulky item collection; small multi-family vs. the larger complexes; CicLAvia; improvements in Fox Hills; ficus tree removal; Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance; Slow Streets; multi-modal safety education; the Local Road Safety Plan; community outreach; delays due to the pandemic; Metro BikeShare; ridership levels; the Studio Village wall; formation of a Homeowners Association; the Sustainable Business Certificate Program; cost comparisons with other cities with similar programs; street improvements on Centinela; the Pavement Management Program; street light replacement; clarification that monies from the City Hall Centennial Garden project cannot be reallocated to the Ballona Creek project; allowing more money to resurface neighborhood streets; and carryover funds to complete the design for the Centennial Garden project.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP) funds; opportunities to accelerate construction during the pandemic; funding and approvals; the Highway Bridge Program; allowing large landlords to pay an increased fee to handle bulky item

collection; the recent rate study; elimination of parking minimums; allowing those without cars to get rid of large items; gaging demand; illegal dumping; incorporating 5G obligations into the street light replacement program; collaborative funding to expand internet access; grants; municipal customer fiber; public/private partnerships; limited school hours and street sweeping; enforcement; the Dark Skies Ordinance; current standards; and the Streets for All.

Mayor Fisch invited public input.

The following member of the public addressed the City Council:

Mark Lipman discussed money spent cleaning up homeless encampments and enforcement; re-criminalizing homelessness; the possibility of ending homelessness; the recent announcement that Bakersfield has ended homelessness; the Direct Housing Pilot Program; he asked the City Council to solve the problem; discussed allocation of \$20 million in the next 6 years to provide shelters for the homeless to prolong the problem vs. directly housing them; and he asked the City Council to please reconsider how to help the most vulnerable in the community.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, provided a presentation on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Community Development Department budget.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the proposed hotel/motel conversions; communication and collaboration with the county; repurposing commercial buildings; legal non-conforming properties; amendment of the mixed-use ordinance; the Rent Stabilization Program; changes to the Planning process during the pandemic; incorporation of efficiencies moving forward; online plan review and permitting; use of drones for the inspection process; Park Patrol; the Enforcement Services Division; prosecution; staffing; appreciation for the General Plan Speaker Series; bias; progress with people placed in permanent supportive housing; incorporating feedback from unhoused neighbors; the Economic Development Implementation Plan; returning to live City Council meetings; Code Enforcement staffing; the importance of demonstrating progress made on the homeless issue; surveying unhoused residents to identify barriers to housing; matching homeowners with potential tenants for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs); City subsidies; bringing back larger in-person events; speed of lease-ups; vacancy rates in Culver City; costs; harnessing developer interest; and linkage fees.

Michelle Williams, Chief Information Officer, introduced staff and provided a presentation on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Information Technology Department budget.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding Wi-Fi at the Senior Center; Culver City Police Department (CCPD) cameras; the online reservation system; document storage; security; municipalities hit by ransomware; the Disaster Recovery Program; backups; automation of the Transportation Department; keeping auxiliary systems secure; appreciation for Webex; coordinating streetlight placement with plans for extended Wi-Fi coverage; and moving forward with hybrid meetings.

Serena Wright-Black, Assistant City Manager, provided a presentation on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Administrative Services Department budget.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation to staff for their efforts; the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee (EHRAC) Hotline; the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline; the Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP) presentation; City-wide training; the Equity Analyst; staff support; the Los Angeles County Hate Crime Hotline; providing a mechanism for making anonymous complaints; making the complaint form easier to find on the website; outreach; the process to address complaints; Council Member training; piggy-backing on the Los Angeles county phone number; concern with unvaccinated employees who interact with other employees and the public infecting residents and stake holders; liability; the Civil Service Commission; staffing; use of an Administrative Hearing Officer; the My Brother's Keeper plan; the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE); and contact information for the Los Angeles county Hate Crimes website and phone number: laversushate.org and 211.

Onyx Jones, Chief Finance Officer, introduced staff and presented a summary of the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Finance Department budget.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding CalPERS; the new position; and appreciation for the hard work of staff and conservative fiscal outlook that has put the City in a good position.

John Nachbar, City Manager, introduced the presentation.

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Shelly Wolfberg, Assistant to the City Manager provided a presentation on the proposed City Manager's Office budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding conferences and conventions, and Mobile Crisis Management.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:02 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Board, Housing Authority Board and Parking Authority Board adjourned the meeting to May 24, 2021.

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

Date: _____