OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
STANDING CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC
PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 30, 2026
4:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The special meeting of the Standing City Council Public Safety Subcommittee was called to order at 4:08 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at Culver City Hall.

Present: Bubba Fish, Vice Mayor
Yasmine-Imani McMorrin, Council Member

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Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees at the meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment – Items NOT On The Agenda

None.

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Presentations

Item P-1

PSS: Presentation to the Public Safety Standing Subcommittee on the Public Safety Ecosystem in Culver City.

Lea Eriksen, Senior Assistant City Manager, delivered a presentation on the public safety ecosystem in Culver City on behalf of multiple department representatives present at the meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the city's ecosystems view of public safety encompassing police and prevention, fire preparedness, crime prevention, mental

health, housing stability, community well-being, and youth development; the public safety continuum including prevention, early intervention, crisis response, recovery, and resilience; the Police Department's role including 24/7 emergency response to approximately 48,000 calls for service annually, crime prevention through data-driven policing strategies, and partnerships with multiple city departments and community organizations; the Fire Department's role including fire suppression, EMS, technical rescue, hazardous materials response, fire and life safety inspections, preparedness planning, and community education; Housing and Human Services' role including the mobile crisis team, homeless outreach, mental health services, housing stability, tenant protections, and code enforcement; Public Works' role including infrastructure safety, community quality of life improvements such as graffiti removal, and support for police and fire operations; Planning, Transportation, and Community Design's role including crime prevention through environmental design, land use and zoning decisions, and streetscape improvements contributing to walkability, safe crossings, and transit access; Parks, Recreation, and Community Services' role including youth programming, after-school activities, the teen center, senior services, recreation programs, adaptive recreation, and community events; community partners including the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Public Health, the Homeless Services Authority, school districts, hospitals, and nonprofit service providers; the role of residents and businesses in contributing to community safety through emergency preparedness, reporting, and neighborhood watch programs; how the ecosystem works together during major emergencies, traffic collisions, public behavioral health crises, and community events; and the opportunity for the subcommittee to enhance coordination, investments, and future policy discussions related to the public safety ecosystem.

Subcommittee Members expressed appreciation to Senior Assistant City Manager Eriksen, and all department representatives present for the thorough and thoughtful presentation.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR FISH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE STANDING CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

PSS: Action Item: Discussion and Recommendation on Subcommittee Meeting Schedule, Format, Selection of Chair, and Other Guidelines

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding the selection of chair, with Vice Mayor Fish nominating Council Member McMorrin to serve as Chair; Council Member McMorrin's acceptance of the nomination and assumption of the role of Chair; meeting frequency with a recommendation to meet every other month with flexibility as needed; meeting duration with a goal of two hours per meeting and no more than two action items per meeting; agreement to hold meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.; the hybrid meeting format allowing members of the public to attend in person or via Zoom; the creation of a new public safety category for interested parties to subscribe to meeting notifications; the preferred meeting location being the Patacchia Room for future meetings; and the scheduling of future meeting dates.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR FISH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE STANDING CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH AT 4:00 P.M., IN A HYBRID FORMAT, WITH SCHEDULED MEETING DATES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2026; OCTOBER 20, 2026; DECEMBER 8, 2026; FEBRUARY 16, 2027; AND APRIL 20, 2027.

THE STANDING CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH AT 4:00 P.M.

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Item A-2

PSS: Action Item: Discussion and Recommendations on Subcommittee's Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding potential items for inclusion in the work plan: Reimagining Public Safety Element of the General Plan, which was previously referred to the subcommittee by the City Council and identified as a priority item to set the stage for the subcommittee's work; review of public safety Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and the establishment of a public dashboard to track and publicly share metrics across the public safety continuum; SB 720 red light camera reform, which had previously been presented at the Mobility Subcommittee and was awaiting full Council consideration; discussion of potentially moving animal control and parking enforcement out of the Police Department's purview and into Public Works or Transportation; exploration of an ambassador program modeled on successful programs used in the metro system; consideration of establishing a public safety commission as a publicly-driven body invested in public safety issues; review of prior studies and reports commissioned in 2020 and 2021, including a report by the Center for Public Safety Management and a study by a UCLA sociologist analyzing policing and social justice impacts in Culver City, with interest in identifying actionable items from that existing work; a report on union membership across city departments; linking 911 dispatch to the mobile crisis team to allow appropriate calls to be routed directly; establishing KPIs for the mobile crisis team; understanding call-for-service data and patterns including the nature and categorization of the approximately 48,000 annual calls received by the Police Department; frequency and objectives of Emergency Operations Center activations; the dynamic between the Police Department and Housing and Human Services in responding to mobile crisis calls; the annual AB 481 military equipment report; a potential separate special meeting given the scope of discussion; the annual RIPA report and strategies for addressing identified disparities; police deployment practices; the number of officers and vehicles responding to various call types; tracking traffic fatalities and the impact of infrastructure improvements on traffic safety incidents; and the suggestion to organize work plan items thematically around the buckets of prevention, early intervention, crisis response, recovery, and resilience.

Discussion also included staff workload and bandwidth, with clarification from Subcommittee Members that the work plan items were not intended to be completed within a single year and that some items were intended to reduce rather than add to departmental burden; and agreement that staff would compile the work plan items in writing, discuss prioritization and feasibility internally, and bring a proposed work plan back at the next meeting.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR FISH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMORRIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE STANDING CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE: DIRECT STAFF TO COMPILE THE DISCUSSED WORK PLAN ITEMS IN WRITING, PRIORITIZE ITEMS IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, AND RETURN WITH A PROPOSED WORK PLAN AT THE NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING.

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Items from Members/Staff

None.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:30 p.m., the Standing City Council Public Safety Subcommittee adjourned.

Jeremy Bocchino

SECRETARY of the Culver City Standing City Council Public Safety Subcommittee, Culver City, California

YASMINE-IMANI MCMORRIN
CHAIR, Standing City Council Public Safety Subcommittee, Culver City, California

Date: 9/2/2026