SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CULVER CITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD,
AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CULVER CITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

March 19, 2018
1:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Cooper called the special meeting of the City Council, the Culver City Housing Authority Board and the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board to order at 1:17 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Jeffrey Cooper, Mayor
Thomas Small, Vice Mayor*
Jim B. Clarke, Council Member
Göran Eriksson, Council Member
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Council Member**

* Vice Mayor Small participated in Closed Session via telephone from 8894 Carson Street, Culver City, CA 90232
**Council Member Sahli-Wells arrived at 3:54 p.m.

Note: The City Council also sits as Members of the Governing Board(s) convened as part of the meeting.

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Pledge of Allegiance

John Nachbar, City Manager, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Recognition Presentations

Item R-1

Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Participants

in the Los Angeles Marathon from the City's Sister City of Kaizuka, Japan

Mayor Cooper presented a certificate of recognition to participants in the Los Angeles Marathon from the Culver City Sister City of Kaizuka, Japan.

Using the aid of a translator, Hiro Ishihara, representing Kaizuka, Japan, reported concern at the prospect of coming to Culver City without being able to speak English, but indicated that he had positive experiences visiting City facilities and intended to report back on what he learned about the City noting that he hoped the relationship between the sister cities would endure for many years to come.

Rie Minamida described her experience at the LA Marathon; she wanted to teach Culver City about Kaizuka City and to teach people in Kaizuka about Culver City; and she hoped the relationship between the cities would last forever.

Mayor Cooper praised the runners; hoped the relationship between the cities would last forever; and he presented gifts to the runners.

The runners presented gifts to Culver City from the Mayor of Kaizuka.

Mayor Cooper invited local runners, Jessica Dorsey and Iyob Tessema to take a picture with the runners from Kaizuka.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Clarke read a statement expressing concern with a vulgar display of free speech at the March 13, 2018 City Council meeting; he noted that while City Council Members may have different opinions, they still work together, acting in what they believe to be in the best interests of the City; he expressed concern with personal statements or personal attacks; discussed items written in the Culver City Observer; and he asserted that Culver City is a City of Kindness and that kindness would overcome.

Council Member Eriksson echoed Mr. Clarke's comments noting additional defamatory comments made anonymously.

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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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

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

Scott Bixby, Police Chief, announced that the Culver City team for the Baker to Vegas run had come in first place in their division, breaking the all-time record; he provided a status report of the 2017-2018 Police Department Work Plan; and he discussed how the work plan intertwined with the City Council Strategic Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding frequency of bicycle deployment in the downtown and Ballona Creek areas; communication of accident data to Public Works; and complaints regarding the smoking ordinance.

Manny Cid, Police Lieutenant, provided a brief overview of law enforcement grants to address department needs.

Council Member Clarke received clarification regarding letters of support for discretionary and competitive grants.

Scott Bixby, Police Chief, discussed the work plan for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding expansion of the special enforcement team; the monthly report; tracking effectiveness; crime statistics for Culver City; technology to increase effectiveness; reallocation of resources; hiring of additional officers; expanding mental health resources to address calls for service; Vison Zero; communicating accident data to the Public Works department to address issues with pedestrian fatalities; education, enforcement and engineering issues; collision data; bicycles; including a reference to Vision Zero; the Los Angeles county Met position; 5150 holds; and Southern California Hospital.

Dave White, Fire Chief, provided a status report of the 2017-2018 Fire Department Work Plan, and he sought input on objectives for the next year.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding comparisons with other area agencies; accreditation; the Regional Call Center (RCC); the alarm handling phase; increased response speed; upgrades to fire station equipment; improvements to turnout time; the number of fires; increases in the number of incidents per year; increased call volume resource draw down; reasons for the increased number of incidents; development in the City; the Affordable Health Care Act; increased usage of MediCal; increased medical calls; average age of the population; concern with the ability to sustain the program; new development coming in the City; increased transport ambulance revenue; clarification that the number of super users has remained steady; response to calls from the Baldwin Hills Overlook; peak staff vs. a 24/7 paramedic ambulance; costs to the City for implementation of a third rescue; clarification that the last unit was added in 1981; projections for the next five years; concern with the large increase in volume in such a short time; an observation that increased calls for service in the police department is not as dramatic; EMS calls; the daytime population; private ambulance services; purposeful aging; impacts to dispatch; changing the name of the Fire Prevention Division to the Community Risk Reduction Division; nationwide rebranding of functions within fire departments; regulatory processes; identifying efficiencies; potential use of drones;

the program to make defibrillators available; brush clearing inspection; CPR training; outreach to youth groups; and the Bicycle Medic Program for special events.

Art Ida, Transportation Director, provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Transportation Department Work Plan.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the significant decline in ridership of Culver City buses; the previous West Los Angeles College mechanic training program; the Los Angeles Community College Technical Board; the need for bus operators; training; safety; customer service; overtime; reserve bus drivers; tourism; linking public attractions with other agencies; ridesharing services; the future of public transportation and buses; the feasibility of delivering on-demand service; the federal government; changing technology and demographics; creating more mobility options; reverse lanes and dedicated bus lanes; the mobility component and expanding the department to encompass transportation and mobility; the first and last mile; microtransit; implementing a microtransit pilot program; people flow; cities in the country looking at gondolas; and the Regional Ridership Improvement Task Force.

Michele Williams, Chief Information Officer, provided highlights and a status report of the 2017-2018 Information Technology Department Work Plan, and she discussed objectives for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the intended completion date for the fiber; construction; delays; clarification that the parking garages are using point to point fiber between the facilities; responsibility for videotaping of meetings, microphones and voting; concern with equipment issues at meetings; the television cable broadcast; high definition transmission; coordination with respective cable companies to address issues; routine updates to the website; the website liaison; providing wifi on City buses; higher speed internet for residents; focusing on staying operational; the draft bill in Sacramento prohibiting cities from having their own fiber networks; creation of a wifi strategy; addressing dead zones; the potential for City owned streetlights for mobile hot spots; standards for equipment placement; and coordination of constituent email to Council Members.

Jeff Muir, Chief Financial Officer, provided highlights and a status report of the 2017-2018 Finance Department Work Plan, and he discussed departmental initiatives for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) auditing; short term rentals; companies that assist with auditing of short term rentals; the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC); reauthorization of the half cent sales tax by the voters; removal of the sunset provision; accounts receivable; collections; fees included in the property tax bill; commercial trash; fee review; fees for service vs. facility rentals; and the comprehensive fee update item;

Council Member Sahli-Wells joined the meeting.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding pension liability updates; actions of other cities; best practices; collective thinking with other cities; the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers and other groups; concerns in California and nationally; conferences; feedback from the actuary; short term rental revenue; administration of the program to inform the policy; information available with the recommendation; answering questions to help create policy; utilization of the FAC; entering into agreements with Airbnb and Home Away for collections; determining the number of days per year to allow rentals; administration of the policy; ensuring that affected departments are able to weigh in; banking services; guiding principles for banking; public pressure to change banks; timing of the Request for Proposals (RFP); allowing the FAC and/or the City Council to weigh in on the RFP; and support for maintaining the FAC as a commitment to financial transparency.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, provided a status report of the 2017-2018 Work Plan for the City Attorney's Office, and discussed the proposed Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation for the hard work of the department; the amount of work accomplished; hoarding; taking a compassionate approach to mental health issues; code enforcement; best practices of other cities; taking a different approach to legal issues associated with societal problems; overflights; promoting the complaint apps for overflights to the

community; increased communication; construction on the runways; the wave points; Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) procedures; the recent LAX Noise Roundtable meeting; the number of public comments on the Oil Field; comments received from different entities; the schedule and next steps in the process; the process for prioritizing what gets done; workload; use of outside counsel; proactive work that can reduce the workload; who makes the determination as to what moves forward and takes priority; communication with the City Council to help balance the workload; the intent to manage with the current staff level; budget enhancements where outside counsel is needed; the telecommunications push; consultants; and historic preservation.

Mayor Cooper indicated that he wanted to postpone the City Manager's report to the meeting of March 20, 2018; he asserted that a second roll call was necessary before going into Closed Session; he stated for the record that a portion of the consolidated City Council meeting would be conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953 in that Vice Mayor Thomas Small would participate in the meeting via speakerphone, and, in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, his teleconference location had been identified in the notice and agenda for the meeting.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reached Vice Mayor Small via speakerphone; confirmed that Vice Mayor Small could hear clearly, had heard the previous proceedings, had a copy of the agenda, and that he had posted a copy of the agenda at his location where it was accessible to the public; she received clarification that no members of the public were with Vice Mayor Small or would be attending the Closed Session portion of the meeting; she received clarification that Council Members present in Mike Balkman Council Chambers could hear Vice Mayor Small and believed that the voice they were hearing to be that of Vice Mayor Small; she stated that all votes were required to be taken by voice vote during the teleconference; and she called the roll for the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

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

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Closed Session

At 5:08 p.m. the City Council recessed to Closed Session to consider the following item:

CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
Emery Eccles v. City of Culver City et. al.
LASC Case No. BC639773
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

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Reconvene

Mayor Cooper reconvened the meeting at 6:12 p.m. with four Council Members present (absent Vice Mayor Small).

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Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Mayor Cooper indicated nothing to report out of Closed Session.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, reported that Vice Mayor Small left the meeting at the conclusion of the Closed Session item at 6:06 p.m.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Cooper 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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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:14 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, and Culver City Housing Authority Board continued their meeting to March 20, 2018 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, and Culver City Housing Authority Board
Culver City, California

JEFFREY COOPER
MAYOR of Culver City, California and CHAIR of the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Board, and Culver City Housing Authority Board