SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

June 3, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the special meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Meghan Sahli-Wells, Mayor
Göran Eriksson, Vice Mayor
Alex Fisch, Council Member*
Daniel Lee, Council Member
Thomas Small, Council Member

*Council Member Fisch arrived at 7:37 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 invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rebecca Rona Tuttle.

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Community Announcements by City Council Members/Information Items from Staff

Council Member Lee discussed LA Works Day; parking restrictions; and he asked for City Council consideration of making accommodations to help park the event.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding the date of the event; the timeframe to place an item on the agenda; use of remote parking and shuttles; existing residential parking restrictions; use of the Sony parking structure; and the City Council achieved consensus that if the matter requires City Council action, it will be placed on the

June 10 agenda.

Council Member Lee reported that he, Mark Lipman and Tevis Barnes had met with Herb Wesson and that the Housing Committee would be considering a potential partnership.

Vice Mayor Eriksson discussed the graduation of the first class of Leadership Culver City run by West Los Angeles College noting that the program is an option for those who do not get appointed to Committees, Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Sahli-Wells asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the 12 victims in Virginia Beach: Laquita C. Brown, Ryan Keith Cox, Tara Walsh Gallagher, Mary Louis Gayle, Alexander Mikhail Gusev, Michelle "Missy" Langer, Richard H Nettleton, Katherine A Nixon, Joshua O. Hardy, Christopher Rapp, Herbert "Bert" Snelling, and Robert "Bobby" Williams.

MOVED BY MAYOR SAHLI-WELLS AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE VIRGINIA BEACH SHOOTING: LAQUITA C. BROWN, RYAN KEITH COX, TARA WALSH GALLAGHER, MARY LOUIS GAYLE, ALEXANDER MIKHAIL GUSEV, MICHELLE "MISSY" LANGER, RICHARD H. NETTLETON, KATHERINE A NIXON, JOSHUA O. HARDY, CHRISTOPHER RAPP, HERBERT "BERT" SNELLING, AND ROBERT "BOBBY" WILLIAMS.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, LEE, SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: FISCH

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Joint Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Kay Heineman, Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commissioner, encouraged the City Council to reappoint Scott Zeidman to the PRCS Commission.

Andrew Dove invited everyone to attend a Health and Wellness Fair on June 23 at Helms Bakery.

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Receipt and Filing of Correspondence

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that two emails had been received for item A-1.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR ERIKSSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMALL THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: ERIKSSON, LEE, SAHLI-WELLS, SMALL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: FISCH

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that the City Clerk should be copied on information submitted before 3:00 p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. meeting in order for correspondence to be included as part of the public record.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CC - Interview of Applicants in Consideration of Appointments to Various Commissions, Boards and Committees

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding procedures for public speaking and for the interview process.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment:

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Andrew Lachman, Cultural Affairs, PRCS and Planning Commission applicant, provided background on himself; discussed his previous applications to serve on a Commission; his involvement with the Cultural Affairs Foundation; the role of non-profits and education; companies coming into the City; the technology and creative arts industries; arts education in the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD); his application to the PRCS and Planning Commissions; and he indicated that his first choice would be to serve on the Cultural Affairs Commission.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding clarification on incumbent members and how many seats are vacant.

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, indicated that one seat is available on the Cultural Affairs Commission and the incumbent did reapply.

Tania Fleischer requested reappointment to the Cultural Affairs Commission and discussed things she has done that have provided a positive impact on the Commission and on the City.

In response to inquiry, Ms. Fleischer agreed to provide a presentation on the Arts2Work program and she discussed her plans for the coming year.

Nina Bays indicated that she had applied for a seat on the Cultural Affairs Commission and she provided background on herself.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Bays and Council Members regarding the Arts District; the Business Improvement District (BID); the Art Walk & Roll Festival; Culver City Arts; Arts District Residents for Responsible Development and other community groups in the neighborhood; and she clarified her experience serving in North Carolina.

Council Member Fisch arrived.

Erik Paesel, Cultural Affairs and Planning Commission applicant, indicated that his primary interest was in the Cultural Affairs Commission; he provided background on himself and his experience; and, responding to inquiry, he discussed his interest in the Planning Commission.

Hope Parrish, Cultural Affairs Commission applicant, provided background on herself and experience, and, responding to inquiry, she clarified her experience working on the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Council Members Lee and Small thanked Ms. Parrish for her work to support the plight of the Mayme Clayton Museum and for her knowledge of, and involvement in the community.

Gabby Monzon, City Clerk Specialist, reported that two seats were available on the Civil Service Commission and one incumbent would be reapplying.

Peter Stern, Civil Service Commission applicant, provided background on himself, and, responding to inquiry, he described his experience as a teacher's representative.

Daniel Behrendt, Civil Service and Planning Commission applicant, indicated that his priority was to serve on the Civil Service Commission, and, responding to inquiry he provided background on his job duties at Honeywell.

Council Member Small suggested that given his skills, Mr. Behrendt consider participating in the Sister City Committee.

Gabby Monzon, City Clerk Specialist, reported that one seat was available on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission and one incumbent was reapplying.

Haifaa Moammar, PRCS Commission applicant, provided background on herself.

Scott Zeidman, incumbent PRCS Commissioner, provided background on himself; discussed his accomplishments as a Commissioner; and, responding to inquiry, he clarified the length of his term and indicated what he would like to accomplish in the coming year.

Star Urmston, PRCS Commission applicant, provided background on herself and discussed what she hoped to accomplish as a Commissioner.

Brian Frange, PRCS Commission applicant, provided background on himself; discussed changes taking place in the City; and, responding to inquiry, he discussed outreach to millennials and tapping into their willingness to volunteer.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Frange and Council Members regarding involvement in the Ballona Creek Revitalization Task Force; Fiesta La Ballona; bringing more events to park spaces; and the Culver Volunteers Twitter account.

Gabby Monzon, City Clerk Specialist, reported that one seat was available on the Planning Commission and one incumbent was reapplying.

David Voncannon expressed support for the reappointment for Ed Ogosta.

Ed Ogosta, incumbent Planning Commissioner, discussed his experiences and contributions as a Planning Commissioner; the importance of institutional knowledge; his plans if reappointed; and, responding to inquiry, he discussed ground floor retail use.

Marc Bauer, Planning Commission applicant, provided background on himself, and, responding to inquiry, discussed his education.

Council Members encouraged Mr. Bauer to consider participating in either the Finance Advisory Committee or the General Plan Update.

David Steinitz, Planning Commission applicant, provided background on himself and expressed desire to work with the City in some way.

Council Members encouraged Mr. Steinitz to attend meetings and participate even if he is not appointed.

David Frey, Planning Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and PRCS Commission applicant, provided background on himself and expressed willingness to participate.

Council Members encouraged Mr. Frey to contact Ashley Hefner to get on the outreach list for Ballona Creek Revitalization.

David Metzler, Planning Commission and BPAC applicant, acknowledged the incumbents applying for reinstatement; provided background on himself; and, responding to inquiry, he discussed interaction between the Planning Commission and the BPAC, and protected bike lanes.

Council Members encouraged Mr. Metzler to continue to participate even if he is not appointed.

Gabby Monzon, City Clerk Specialist, reported that two seats were available on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and two incumbents would be reapplying, and, responding to inquiry, she explained membership structure and eligibility requirements.

Art Nomura, incumbent BPAC Member, discussed his experience on the Committee and requested reappointment.

Travis Morgan, BPAC applicant, provided background on himself, and, responding to inquiry, he stated that the issue of connectivity is vital to active transportation.

Council Member Small encouraged Mr. Morgan to participate in upcoming meetings for Fox Hills.

Janet Gegan, BPAC applicant, provided background on herself and discussed things she would like to see happen on the Committee.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Gegan and Council Members regarding pedestrian issues in the City and cycle flow.

Marsha Rivera, BPAC applicant, provided background on herself and expressed desire to serve.

Council Members encouraged Ms. Rivera to participate in other ways if she is not appointed.

Kate O'Neal, BPAC applicant, provided background on herself and expressed a desire to serve.

Discussion ensued between Ms. O'Neal and Council Members regarding appreciation for the perspective of someone who uses their bicycle as a primary mode of transportation rather than for the first and last mile; the difficulty of travelling with bicycles on the trains at rush hour; appreciation for the skill set of being in Advancement; Women in Bikes, Culver City; and finding a way to work together.

Gabby Monzon, City Clerk Specialist, reported that three seats were available on the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) and one incumbent would be reapplying.

Dorene Slavitz, DAC applicant, discussed her understanding of what the Committee does and what she would hope to accomplish by serving.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Slavitz and Council Members regarding employment for developmentally disabled individuals; approaching a range of disabilities; and support for bringing a different perspective to the Committee.

Janice Ginther, DAC and Landlord Tenant Mediation Board (LTMB) applicant, indicated her preference to serve on the DAC; provided background on herself; and, responding to inquiry, she discussed her experience as a mediator and what she would be able to bring to the LTMB.

Joe Taravella, DAC applicant, provided background on himself and his experience.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Taravella and Council Members regarding improving services to the disabled community, and he explained how he found out about the DAC.

Michelle Christie, DAC applicant, provided background on herself.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Christie and Council Members regarding connecting the disabled with jobs; increasing self-sufficiency; and the location of No Limits, the non-profit foundation that she founded.

Janice Goldhaber, DAC applicant, provided background on herself; discussed lighting in Council Chambers; those who are partially sighted; and, responding to inquiry; she discussed her work.

Gabby Monzon, City Clerk Specialist, reported that three seats were available on the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board (LTMB) and one incumbent would be reapplying.

Gary Duboff, incumbent LTMB Member, indicated that he had finished a term for someone who left early and he was seeking reappointment; provided background on himself; and, responding to inquiry, he discussed the restorative justice program that he is involved in, revisions to the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board bylaws, and challenging mediations.

Debbie Drezner, LTMB applicant, provided background on herself.

Discussion ensued between Ms. Drezner, staff and Council Members regarding clarification on which position Ms. Drezner would qualify for.

Gabby Monzon, City Clerk Specialist, reported that three seats were available on the LAX Area Advisory Committee and all incumbents would be reapplying, with two terms extended six months to avoid stagnant terms.

Kevin Klowden, incumbent LAX Area Advisory Committee Member, discussed focus items during his term on the Committee; expressed concern with how the airport impacts the quality of life in Culver City; indicated that he welcomed any input from the City Council; and, responding to inquiry, he discussed his job.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Klowden and Council Members regarding the LAX Subcommittee of the City Council and LAX Roundtable representatives; coordination between the bodies; issues facing Culver City with the influx of jobs into the City; the importance of developing housing with families in mind; a suggestion for a General Plan event; creating a better connection to the airport; rideshare options; hotel to airport shuttles; interim solutions; and acknowledgement of the work done.

Luciano Nocera, incumbent LAX Area Advisory Committee Member, reiterated points previously made by Mr. Klowden; discussed ridesharing; discussions with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA); communication; issues the Committee has focused on; noise patterns; continuing discussions; air quality; flight concentration; increased numbers of flights; and health concerns.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Nocera, staff and Council Members regarding regular presentations from the LAX Advisory Committee to the City Council; outreach; encouragement for Committee Members to attend the Subcommittee of the City Council on LAX and FAA issues; scheduling; and consensus was achieved to request regular presentations from the LAX Area Advisory Committee to the City Council.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items from Council Members

Vice Mayor Eriksson received City Council consensus to agendize a discussion regarding establishing an organized process for outside representatives to present to the City Council.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding formalizing the process; providing direction to staff; scheduling; starting the discussion at the June 10 meeting so that appointees know the wish of the City Council; previous direction; those bodies that have previously provided reports; staff direction regarding format; appropriate bodies to make reports; and the need to clarify responsibility and formalize the process.

Council Member Fisch suggested that the rainbow flag be flown for Pride; discussed the sixth cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA); concern with the methodology used by Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); housing production target numbers for each city; taking existing housing deficits into account; immigrants; overcrowded housing; and he received City Council consensus to discuss issues at the June 24 meeting.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding Brown Act buddies; the Westside Cities Council of Governments (COG); and Council Member Fisch and Mayor Sahli-Wells agreed to work on the issue.

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Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items

Jeremy Green, City Clerk, received clarification from Council Member Lee on his request to agendize a discussion of options regarding parking allocation for the LA Works Day event if staff cannot address the issue administratively.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding timing; options; and non-residential parking restrictions.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 10:16 p.m., the City Council adjourned in memory of the 12 victims in Virginia Beach: Laquita C. Brown, Ryan Keith Cox, Tara Walsh Gallagher, Mary Louis Gayle, Alexander Mikhail Gusev, Michelle "Missy" Langer, Richard H. Nettleton, Katherine A Nixon, Joshua O. Hardy, Christopher Rapp, Herbert "Bert" Snelling, and Robert "Bobby" Williams to June 10, 2019.

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Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
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MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS
MAYOR of Culver City, California