

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

September 20, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Fisch called the special meeting of the City Council to order at 6:08 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 McMorrin, 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**

None.

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

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Rebecca Rona, Tuttle Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee (EHRAC), discussed planned events for the EHRAC celebration of Indigenous People's Day to be held on October 12.

Michelle Weiner was called to speak but could not be heard.

Jared Morgan discussed the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee Community Contribution Award; the ceremony planned for May 2022; award categories; the nomination process and deadline; he indicated that additional information was available on the City website; and he encouraged everyone to subscribe to updates from the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee.

Vice Mayor Lee proposed having two awards for the student category of the EHRAC Community Contribution Award.

Rebecca Rona Tuttle thanked the Vice Mayor for the suggestion and acknowledged work being done by students.

Michelle Weiner announced a livestream event being put on by Bike Culver City called: "What Can We Learn from the Parisian Bike Revolution" on September 22 with Charlotte Nenner.

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#### **Receipt and Filing of Correspondence**

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR LEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL 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

CC - (1) Presentation on the Culver City Zero-Emission Rollout Plan; (2) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Culver City Zero-Emission Rollout Plan; (3) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting Grant Funding in the Amount of \$5,200,000 from the California Energy Commission for GFO-20-601 - Blueprints for Medium-and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure and GFO-20-602 - Zero-Emission Transit Fleet Infrastructure Deployment; (FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT: Authorization to

**Increase FY2021/2022 Appropriations to Capital Project 20380000.PB002 by \$5,200,000; (5) Approval of an Agreement with Southern California Edison for Services Performed through the Charge Ready Program and Authorization to the City Manager to Negotiate the Final Terms and Conditions of such Agreement; and (6) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate**

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, introduced the item; announced the kick off for the first battery electric bus on International Zero-Emissions Day and moving forward on adopting a resolution for CityBus to become zero-emission by 2028; he presented a video featuring Mayor Fisch introducing the first zero-emission bus for Culver City; discussed evaluation of the full impact of implementing a full electrical fleet; and continuing sustainable growth.

Mike Tobin, Deputy Transportation Officer, provided background on the project; discussed development of the long term electrification plan; reasons for fleet electrification; impacts of the proposed changes; zero-emission vehicles; greenhouse gases; meeting air quality standards; state mandates; the Innovative Clean Transit Ruling by the California Air Resources Board; basic requirements; the timeline; objectives for the program; costs; phasing; timing; grant funding opportunities; and the electrification plan.

Steve Clermont, Center for Transportation and the Environment, provided background on the organization; discussed their mission; primary service areas; development of the CityBus electrification plan; charging; maintenance; facilities assessment; the renewable energy analysis; feasibility; operating costs; costs of ownership for each scenario; the service assessment; factors affecting range; ensuring consistency of planning operations; costs; incentives; the rate schedule; credits; challenges; demand charges; benefits for transitioning to battery electric buses; maintenance; and charging options.

Mike Tobin, Deputy Transportation Officer, discussed scenarios for installing charging equipment while maintaining space for the fleet; facility construction phasing; resiliency and redundancy; the renewable energy analysis; and incorporating solutions into the finalized design after approval of the plan.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, provided a presentation on the total cost of ownership; capital outlay required by 2028; funding; existing programs and grants;

lowering operating costs in the future by paying capital outlay costs now; cost monitoring; assumption; adapting the plan to the changing environment; and next steps.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding adding another level to the existing structure; the goal to fill the funding gap outside of the General Fund; battery recycling; weight differences between buses; wear and tear on the streets; providing true resiliency and redundancy; FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funding; funding to build the garage; unexpected maintenance; and special events for Zero-Emissions Day.

Mayor Fisch invited public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Chris Peeples, Alameda Contra Costa Transit District, provided background on himself and he urged the City Council to vote for the advanced and bold plan.

Stephen Jones provided background on himself; expressed support for the presentation; discussed carbon emissions per transport mode, per passenger; aspirational mobility alternatives; and he wanted to see the buses made more frequent and easier to use with expanded programs.

Michelle Weiner expressed appreciation for the ambitious plan; asked about incorporating solar panels as a redundancy feature in the new garage; discussed dedicated lanes; and she asked about impacts to the other phase of MOVE Culver City.

Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer, indicated that solar panels would be incorporated into designs and he discussed the different grants for MOVE Culver City vs. for Zero-Emission noting that the projects should not end up competing against each other.

Nancy Barba thanked staff and the City Council for the item; discussed pursuit of the funding; she felt that more funding opportunities would be forthcoming; and she expressed support for the electrification of buses.

Discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding appreciation that phases would not be completed until money was available; support for the budget amendment; the free fare initiative; the agreement with SCE (Southern California Edison);

prioritizing the future and sustainability; the living document; and the need for flexibility.

Council Member Eriksson moved to accept the staff recommendation.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Council Members regarding facilitating more bus parking in the parking structure; placing solar panels on the buses; emerging technology; support for free fares for everyone, not just students; projected demand for smaller, more frequent vehicles; parking for mini-buses; the circulator; other services proposed for the future; the flexible design; infeasibility of a second floor; and use of solar power for auxiliary features on the bus.

MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIKSSON, SECONDED BY MAYOR FISCH AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION ON THE CULVER CITY ZERO-EMISSION ROLLOUT PLAN;
2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CULVER CITY ZERO-EMISSION ROLLOUT PLAN;
3. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,200,000 FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FOR GFO-20-601 - BLUEPRINTS FOR MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND GFO-20-602 - ZERO-EMISSION TRANSIT FLEET INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT;
4. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE TO THE FY2021/2022 APPROPRIATIONS TO CAPITAL PROJECT 20380000.PB002 BY FIVE-MILLION AND TWO-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,200,000) AS OUTLINED IN THE FISCAL ANALYSIS SECTION (A BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRES A FOUR- FIFTHS VOTE);
5. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR SERVICES PERFORMED THROUGH THE CHARGE READY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE THE FINAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH AGREEMENT;
6. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS;
7. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND,

8. PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

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**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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**Items from Council Members**

None.

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**Council Member Requests to Agendize Future Items**

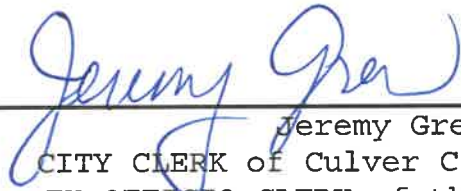
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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 7:55 p.m., the City Council adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on September 27, 2021.

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Jeremy Green  
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council  
Culver City, California



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ALEX FISCH  
MAYOR of Culver City, California

Date: 11 October 2021