

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

May 27, 2014  
5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Sahli-Wells called the meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: **Meghan Sahli-Wells, Mayor**  
Micheál O'Leary, Vice Mayor  
Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember  
Jeffrey Cooper, Councilmember  
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember

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**Closed Session**

At 5:30 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

**CS-1 Conference with Labor Negotiators**

City designated representatives: City Manager John Nachbar,  
Director of Human Resources Serena Wright

Employee Organizations: Culver City Employees Association,  
Culver City Management Group, Culver City Police Officers'  
Association, Culver City Police Management Group, Culver City  
Firefighters' Association Local 1927, AFL-CIO, Culver City Fire  
Management Group

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

**CS-2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

Re: 11304 Segrell Way (Former Fire Station No. 3)

City Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager; Charles  
Herbertson, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Sol  
Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, Todd Tipton,  
Economic Development Manager, Keller-Williams Realty

Other Parties Negotiators: Thomas James Capital Inc.

Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment or Both, including  
use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary  
related considerations

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

**CS-3 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

Re: Sidrane, Susan v. City of Culver City  
LASC Case No. SC 119111  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

**CS-4 Conference with Real Property Negotiators**  
Re: 12803-23 Washington Blvd.  
Agency Negotiators: John Nachbar, City Manager/Executive Director; Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director/Assistant Executive Director; Todd Tipton, Economic Development Manager; Murray Kane, City/Successor Agency Special Counsel  
Other Parties Negotiators: Jim Suhr, Axis Mundi RE II, LLC.  
Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment or both, including use restrictions, development obligations and other monetary related considerations  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

**CS-5 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**  
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation - (1 item)  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

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**Reconvene**

Mayor Sahli-Wells reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:11 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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**Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

The Invocation was given by John Nachbar, City Manager, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Booker Pearson.

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**Report on Action Taken in Closed Session**

Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated nothing to report out of closed session.

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**Presentation**

Item P-1

**Presentation of a Commendation to Fire Chief Chris Sellers  
on the Occasion of His Retirement from City Service**

Dr. Janet Hoult read a poem expressing her thanks and admiration for fire fighters.

Vice Mayor O'Leary presented the Commendation.

Fire Chief Chris Sellers thanked the City for the Commendation and everyone for their support.

Mayor Sahli-Wells read a Recognition from Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas.

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Item P-2

**Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of May  
as Bike Month and Bike to School Month**

Mayor Sahli-Wells presented the Proclamation to Jim Shanman, Co-Founder of the Culver City Bicycle Coalition and current Safe Routes to School Coordinator.

Jim Shanman thanked the City for the Proclamation noting that he saw it as a commitment by the City Council to promote active transportation.

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Item P-3

**Presentation of a Proclamation Designating the Month of May  
as CalFresh Awareness Month**

Councilmember Cooper presented the Proclamation designating the Month of May as CalFresh Awareness Month.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that staff would make the County aware that the Proclamation had been presented.

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**Community Announcements By City Council Members/Information  
Items From Staff**

Councilmember Clarke asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those who served in the armed forces and gave their lives; reported a Nixle announcement about a robbery in Culver City; noted an increase in home invasions; and he commended the Police Department for their quick response and the neighbors for alerting the police.

Lieutenant Eccles reported that the perpetrators were caught outside of the house; discussed similar burglaries in the area; door knock burglaries; those in custody for that type of burglary; surveillance units; crime suppression; community outreach; the recent neighborhood watch meeting in Sunkist Park; and the 25% reduction in burglaries.

Vice Mayor O'Leary discussed the reduction in crime; social networking; and he gave kudos to the Police Department for their work.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT WHEN THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED, THAT IT BE ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE ARMED FORCES.

{Note from the City Clerk: A letter, signed by the Mayor, acknowledging the above Adjourn in Memory was sent to the United States Veterans' Artists Alliance on June 3, 2014.}

Vice Mayor O'Leary discussed a flier from the California Department of Food and Agriculture requesting help from the public in reporting sightings of the Asian Citrus Psyllid or observation of discolored leaves, and he requested clarification regarding which Councilmembers had agreed to the Mayor's request at the meeting of May 12 to remove the invocation from the agenda.

Mayor Sahli-Wells clarified that she had asked to change the term invocation to remove any religious connotation and had received consensus to discuss that at the meeting of June 9, 2014.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that four Councilmembers had consented to a discussion of the term "invocation;" he discussed notification procedures; and

previous City Council discussion of the item.

Mayor Sahli-Wells announced the Los Angeles County Pledge to Prepare Interfaith Emergency Preparedness Event on June 1 at the King Fahad Mosque, partnering with the Tellefson Park Neighborhood Association; Taste of the Nation in Media Park on June 1; and a meeting of the Sustainability Subcommittee on June 2.

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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:

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, announced an upcoming concert on June 14 at the Kirk Douglas Theatre made possible by a Culver City Performing Arts Grant and a grant from Sony.

Jamie Wallace, Backpacks for Kids Program, asked that everyone support Measure CC on the June 3 ballot and she discussed property values in the City.

Booker Pearson, Upward Bound, discussed reprogramming money allocated to the Rental Assistance Program; discussions between the Homelessness Committee and Housing Division staff; when former Culver City Redevelopment Agency money runs out; housing subsidies; the County Commission on Public Social Services; and Federal money spent.

Mayor Sahli-Wells asked that staff follow up on the item.

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**Receipt and Filing of Correspondence**

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that correspondence for Item A-1 and a budget from the Exchange Club for the Fourth of July event would become part of the public record.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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**Joint Consent Calendar**

Item JC-1

**Joint Culver City Council/Culver City Housing Authority/  
Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Agenda  
Item: Cash Disbursements**

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR MAY 3, 2013 - MAY 16, 2104.

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**Consent Calendar**

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-5, AND C-7 THROUGH C-9.

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Item C-1

**Meeting Minutes**

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported the correction of misspelled names in the minutes.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12, 2014 AS AMENDED.

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Item C-2

**Adoption of a Resolution (1) Approving the Engineer's Report, (2) Declaring the City Council's Intention to Order the Levy of Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2014/2015, and (3) Setting the Date, Time, and Place for a Public Hearing to be Monday,**

June 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers for the West Washington Boulevard Benefit Assessment District No. 1

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, AND (3) SETTING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 23, 2014 AT 7:00 PM IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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Item C-3

Adoption of a Resolution (1) Approving the Engineer's Report, (2) Declaring the City Council's Intention to Order the Levy of Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2014/2015, and (3) Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Hearing to be June 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers for the West Washington Boulevard Benefit Assessment District No. 2

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015, AND (3) SETTING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 23, 2014 AT 7:00 PM IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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Item C-4

Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report, Declaring the Intention to Order the Levy of Annual Assessments, and Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Hearing to be Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers for the Albright Avenue Street Lighting Assessment District

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ALBRIGHT AVENUE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT - FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015, AND (3) SETTING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 23, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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Item C-5

Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report, Declaring the Intention to Order the Levy of Annual Assessments therein, and Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Hearing to be Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers for the Higuera Street Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated that an updated engineer's report had been provided to Councilmembers.

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE UPDATED ENGINEER'S REPORT, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HIGUERA STREET LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT - FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015, AND (3) SETTING THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 23, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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Item C-7  
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Zayo Group for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on Bristol Parkway and Green Valley Circle

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH ZAYO GROUP FOR A PROPOSED FIBER OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATION CABLE ALONG BRISTOL PARKWAY AND GREEN VALLEY CIRCLE; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-8

Authorization to Release a Request for Proposals for Truck Scale System Replacement and Pit Signal Indicator System Enhancement at Culver City Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station Located at 9255 Jefferson Boulevard

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR TRUCK SCALE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND PIT SIGNAL INDICATOR SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT AT THE CULVER CITY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION LOCATED AT 9255 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD.

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Item C-9

Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Encroachment Agreement with Time Warner Cable for Use of the Public Rights-of-Way on Centinela Avenue and Arizona Avenue

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER CABLE FOR A PROPOSED FIBER OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATION CABLE ALONG CENTINELA AVENUE AND ARIZONA AVENUE; AND,
2. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

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Item C-6  
(Out of Sequence)

Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Engineer's Report, Declaring the Intention to Order the Levy of Annual Assessments therein, and Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Hearing to be Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers for the Landscape Maintenance District Number 1

Councilmember Cooper indicated the need to recuse himself from the item and exited the dais.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT, (2) DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NUMBER 1 - FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015, AND (3) SETTING THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 23, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
RECUSED: COOPER

Councilmember Cooper returned to the dais.

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#### Public Hearings

Item PH-1

(1) Introduction of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 9.02 of Title 9 of the Culver City Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference the 2013 California Fire Code with Local Amendments; and (2) Adoption of a Resolution Making Express Findings for the Modification of the Fire Code Based on Local Climatic, Geological, and Topographical Conditions

Mike Bowden, Fire Marshal, provided a summary of the material of record.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the inclusion of aviation in the requirement of Fire Department approval; enforcement of the noise ordinance; the permit process; liability requirements; flexibility and consideration of increasing insurance amounts on a case by case basis; annual inspections of facilities with hazardous materials; state requirements; the ice rink experience;

transportation of hazardous materials through the City; Highway Patrol; designated hazardous materials routes; Department of Transportation requirements; placards on trucks; advance notice of transport; fireworks displays in the City; the process; standard industry practices; agreement to add the transportation route to bullet point 4; making changes to insurance amounts; and adding clarifying language.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding inclusion of the oil field as a hazardous condition; other portions of the California Fire Code; the new oil drilling ordinance; draft regulations; the Homecoming Fireworks display; origination of language; the Centennial Celebration; adding flexibility to allow more than two fireworks displays per year; impacts to the neighborhood; the need to bring the item back for additional consideration; and the Knox Box.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 9.02 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2013 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS, AND CLARIFYING LANGUAGE; AND,
2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION MAKING EXPRESS FINDINGS FOR MODIFICATION TO THE FIRE CODE BASED ON LOCAL CLIMATIC, GEOLOGICAL, AND TOPOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS.

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Item PH-2

**Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Culver City Zoning Code Chapter 17.320 - Off-Street Parking and Loading - Zoning Code Amendment ZCA-P2013170**

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES.

Sol Blumenfeld, Community Development Director, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding reductions in aisle widths.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson asserted that nothing in any of the zoning codes precluded employees from parking in residential neighborhoods; discussed EnjoEat on Van Buren; loading zones; business hours; near miss accidents due to double parked trucks on Irving; and he suggested tying yellow curb loading zones to business hours.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding regulating the hours that loading zones can operate; the Zoning Ordinance; the Municipal Code; employee parking requirements; enforcement; the Walker Parking Study; additional discussion and notification of businesses.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT ZCA-P2013170 AMENDING THE CULVER CITY ZONING CODE CHAPTER 17.320 - OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING.

The City Council also provided consensus to include a discussion of loading zones when the Walker Parking Study is presented to the City Council for further consideration.

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#### Action Items

##### Item A-1

Adoption of a Resolution (1) Establishing Specific Locations for the Installation of Parking Meters Within the City's Parking Meter Zones (Including New Meters on Washington Boulevard Between Elenda Street and Sepulveda Boulevard); (2) Directing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to Install Parking Meters in Such Locations, and (3) Rescinding Resolution Number 2013-R062

Vice Mayor O'Leary indicated that his business had the potential for having parking meters installed, and he stated that he would recuse himself from consideration of the area around his business.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the staff report; clarification that the prohibition of interested parties is in sitting on the dais; influencing a decision in which one has a financial interest; and the ability to comment on the item as a member of the audience.

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding street sweeping hours; drop-offs and pick-ups around La Ballona Elementary School; the notification process; handicapped placards; coordinating parking restrictions with the Culver City Unified School District; coin operated meters in the arts district; credit card accepting meters; timing of meter replacement; and focus areas.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed the installation of meters and impacts to parking; enforcement; the 18-month pilot program for parking enforcement; technology recommendations; the Parking Enforcement Expo.; and enforcement in parking structures.

Andrea Schainen expressed opposition to the meter resolution; discussed drop-off, volunteering, and morning PTA meetings; current parking issues; she asked that the meters be kept out of the area down to Tilden Park and across the street; she discussed small businesses in the area; the number of unmetered spots vs. the number of students in the school; parking in the surrounding area; off-street parking for nearby apartments; occupied residential parking; the drop off zone; and parents that want to walk their young children into school.

Robert Cox noted that 70% of La Ballona students qualified for the free lunch program; he discussed the inability of some people to pay for the meters and tickets; he suggested an exemption sticker for parents; and discussed concern with "nickel and diming" people.

Joy Kecken acknowledged commercial needs of businesses on Washington Boulevard; suggested setting aside a few blocks without meters for the mosque as well as the school; she submitted petitions from La Ballona Elementary and from the Mosque; discussed the mixed use nature of Washington Boulevard; she requested recognition of the community in the area; discussed fairness; economic hardship; and the current struggle to park around La Ballona.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that Heather Moses had emailed the City Council and posted a petition on change.org that reflected similar concerns raised by the speakers.

Vice Mayor O'Leary expressed support for parking meters in Zone 97, 122, 123 and 124 and the meters planned for the area between Sepulveda and Harter Street, and asked that the motion be bifurcated.

Vice Mayor O'Leary recused himself and exited the dais.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding the policy for meters in commercial areas; turnover; the

parking deficit in commercial areas adjacent to residential areas; the proposed meter locations; equitable distribution of parking; La Ballona Elementary; clarification that none of the other schools have meters in their vicinities; crafting a sticker exemption; meter abatement during drop-off and pick-up hours; parking availability at drop off time; and current available parking.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER COOPER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION: 1) ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS WITHIN THE CITY'S PARKING METER ZONES (INCLUDING NEW METERS IN ZONE 97, 122, 123 AND 124 AND THE METERS PLANNED FOR THE AREA BETWEEN SEPULVEDA AND HARTER STREET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WASHINGTON), (2) DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO INSTALL PARKING METERS IN SUCH LOCATIONS, AND (3) RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R062.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, COOPER, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
RECUSED: O'LEARY

Vice Mayor O'Leary returned to the dais.

Additional discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers and audience members regarding early morning drop-off; parents who want to walk their children into school; parents that volunteer; a request for an exemption during drop-off and pick-up hours; current parking restrictions; NFL Network employee parking in the area; a request for dialogue with the NFL Network; inadequate parking; impacts to safety; the responsibility of the school to implement a drop-off plan; making changes to street sweeping hours; preparation of a parking needs assessment for each school by the School District; a proposal for parent parking immediately around Linwood E. Howe; a suggestion to wait to make changes around the school until a plan is in place for La Ballona School; the domino effect; balancing business interests and school interests; the grant submitted for Safe Routes to School; intrusion parking from businesses; the boundaries; the convalescent home in the area; benefits to the businesses provided by metered parking; the lack of feedback from businesses in the area; the intent of meters to turn-over

parking; the commercial zone; dedicating parking to the school; white zones; working with the Culver City Unified School District and the principal of La Ballona to create a full program rather than a preservation of parking spaces; concern that some businesses are blighted as a result of inadequate parking; a suggestion to have meters beginning at Huron and going west; a request that a plan is put in place before the school year begins; a suggestion to reconfigure the parking lot to create a natural drop-off on school premises; whether the NFL building is adequately parked; and increasing enforcement in the area.

Gabe Garcia, Traffic Engineering Manager, received clarification that the City Council agreed to the metering of 97, 98, 120, 121, 122, 123, and 124 to cover Huron west to Sepulveda Boulevard and 97 and 98 on the north side.

MOVED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL: ADOPT A RESOLUTION (1) ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS WITHIN THE CITY'S PARKING METER ZONES (INCLUDING NEW METERS ON WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, BETWEEN ELENDA STREET AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND THE METERING OF 97, 98, 120, 121, 122, 123, AND 124 TO COVER HURON WEST TO SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND 97 AND 98 ON THE NORTH SIDE), (2) DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER TO INSTALL PARKING METERS IN SUCH LOCATIONS, AND (3) RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R062.

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Item A-2

**FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - (1) Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Integrated Media Systems in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$40,000 for Phase I Work to Upgrade and Renovate the Audio/Visual Equipment for the Mike Balkman Council Chambers, and (2) Approval of a Budget Amendment Related Thereto**

Councilmember Clarke received clarification regarding the voting system; determining whether the television audio and visual signals are functioning properly; evaluation of all equipment; having an operator on site; checks and balances; and adequate transmission of audio and video.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.



The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed institutional memory; the previous proposal; the current proposal; eventual costs; Phase 1 and Phase 2; replacement of aging equipment; updating hardware and software; High Definition television; and a suggestion to add a number at the bottom of the feed indicating who to contact if there is a problem.

Dr. Jay Shery, Disability Advisory Committee, asked that a hearing loop system be added as part of the Phase 2 upgrades as well as a closed captioning system.

Responding to Mayor Sahli-Wells, Dr. Shery explained what a hearing loop system is.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that Darren Uhl had transmitted the request for the two features, and they would be evaluated.

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding reported difficulty watching the web feed; bandwidth issues; upgrading the website; sticker shock; salvage value; donating the old equipment; soliciting an RFP after Phase 1; monthly costs; maintenance; the voting system; the City of Pasadena website; tagging within the video; lighting issues within Council Chambers; and the design of the Chambers in terms of acoustics as well as audio and visual.

Responding to inquiry, John Grubin, Integrated Media Systems, discussed the overall shape and acoustics of the room; indicated that current difficulties with the system included antiquated and isolated, siloed technology that doesn't communicate with each other; he discussed disparate systems; the holistic approach necessary for the design and functionality of the system; he indicated that they would assess the infrastructure; discussed the change from analog to digital; the smaller infrastructure footprint for digital vs. analog; and he noted that possible structural changes were unlikely but would be identified during the process.

Discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers and Mr. Grubin regarding planning for flexibility; efficiency; longevity; providing for expansion; High Definition

capability; lighting; and installation and the meeting schedule.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR O'LEARY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. AUTHORIZE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IMS FOR PHASE I WORK IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$40,000; AND,
2. APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE (REQUIRES A 4/5THS VOTE); AND,
3. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW/PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND,
4. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, thanked Assistant to the City Manager Shelly Wolfberg for her work on the item.

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Item A-3

Consideration of a Request from the Exchange Club of Culver City for Additional City Support of the 48th Annual 4th of July Fireworks Show

Councilmember Cooper indicated the need to recuse himself from the item and exited the dais.

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson noted that the Exchange Club had received \$24,000 for the event in April; questioned why information requested by Councilmember Weissman had not been included in the staff report; he expressed concern that charging for parking would result in parking intrusion in the surrounding neighborhoods; he discussed past fireworks shows; questioned how parking intrusion would be mitigated; discussed past Car Shows; inadequate signage; Councilmembers Cooper's presence at an unpublished meeting of the Committee on Permits and

Licenses where approval of the Car Show permit was considered; he questioned why Councilmember Cooper did not recuse himself from Car Show items; and discussed the lack of information regarding admission charges.

Carol Schwab, City Attorney, discussed instances where a conflict of interest arises; the appearance of bias; and she clarified that it is up to the individual Councilmember to make the decision.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, reported that copies of the Exchange Club budget were available to the public.

Discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers and Exchange Club representatives John Cohn and Jay Shery regarding the suggested donation; the consistent charge for parking; the estimate from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; the request from the Exchange Club to Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to get involved; authorized money from the Supervisor's Office to defray costs; possible bill reduction; using non-sworn personnel to offset costs; the request from the Exchange Club to the City to consider an offsetting amount of \$10,000; additional costs associated with law enforcement; requiring admission at the new location; building a revenue source; monetizing the event; substantial additional costs of putting on the event at the new location; increasing the bonds between the City and the College; food and beverage; the original involvement of the City in the fireworks show; the original requirement by the City that the event be public and open to anyone without charge; a feeling that if admission requires anything other than a donation, the City should consider whether it is an appropriate City expenditure; disappointed people last year because of the lack of an event; clarification regarding charges by West LA College; holding the event on County property; the reduced cost for Culver City Police and Fire at West LA College; a suggestion to split the deficit with the City up to a maximum of \$10,000; best estimates by the Exchange Club; new logistics with the new venue; a request from the Exchange Club for a fixed amount of support; time constraints; the projected loss; costs advanced out of pocket by the Exchange Club; making sure that a publicly funded event remains publicly accessible; costs associated with the banners; using attendance at the high school to try to determine potential attendance at West LA College; the importance of the event to the community; City Council

support of the event; and concern that if the Exchange Club does not need all of the money that the City might not be able to get it back.

Councilmember Weissman proposed a motion that the City split any net loss with The Exchange Club 50/50 up to a maximum of \$10,000 on the City's part upon full accounting of income and expenses.

Additional discussion ensued between staff, Councilmembers and Exchange Club representatives regarding a suggestion by the Exchange Club to fix support from the City to the bill submitted by the County Sheriff's Department; the Fire Protection expense from the County; the bottom line; insurance and liability; actual expense numbers; above the line costs fronted by The Exchange Club; commitment from the City; protecting public money; and a suggestion to consider a beer garden.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SPLIT ANY NET LOSS WITH THE CULVER CITY EXCHANGE CLUB 50/50 UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$10,000 ON THE CITY'S PART UPON FULL ACCOUNTING OF INCOME AND EXPENSES. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CLARKE, O'LEARY, SAHLI-WELLS, WEISSMAN  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
RECUSED: COOPER

Councilmember Cooper returned to the dais.

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**Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda**

Mayor Sahli-Wells invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the City Council:

Cary Anderson discussed perspective; he indicated that he was not trying to imply that anyone got special privileges around Councilmember O'Leary's bar; discussed the presence of Councilmember Cooper at the Committee on Permits and

Licenses meeting; he noted that he had been documenting cars that do not get tickets in the City; discussed the fact that the NFL network charges their employees for parking; enforcement; and he suggested that if the City wanted to solve the problem, the employer should be held accountable for their employees' parking.

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### Items from the City Council

#### Items from Mayor Sahli-Wells

- Asked about addressing a complaint regarding a sewer smell along Jefferson by the Baldwin Hills Overlook

Discussion ensued between staff and Councilmembers regarding a major sewer outfall at that location; intermittent odors; Los Angeles County; and staff agreement to investigate the situation.

- Asked about expressing condolences to the victims of Isla Vista

**Discussion ensued** between staff and Councilmembers regarding previous expressions of condolence to Sandy Hook victims and others; agreement to draft a letter from the Mayor; and clarification that letters are sent to the families of those whom the meeting is adjourned in memory of.

{Note from the City Clerk: Letters expressing condolence, signed by the Mayor, to both the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and the University of California at Santa Barbara were prepared to be sent on June 5, 2014.}

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 11:09 p.m., the City Council adjourned its meeting in memory of those service members who gave their lives in the service of their country, to Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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Martin R. Cole  
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council  
Culver City, California



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MEGHAN SAHLI-WELLS  
MAYOR of Culver City, California