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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – APRIL 3, 2012

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April 3, 2012

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened for a Workshop on Design of Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 in the Nakano Theatre at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Numark, Rhilinger, Sutherland, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Herbers, City Treasurer Cortez, City Attorney Fellows, City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, Transit Director Turner, department heads and staff.

B. REVIEW OF DESIGN OF TORRANCE TRANSIT PARK AND RIDE REGIONAL TERMINAL

A PowerPoint presentation of background and design concepts was made by Richard Von Lührte, President, and Aaron Kelly, Associate Principal, of RNL Design per written materials of record.

C. PUBLIC INPUT

Comments were made by City Attorney Fellows and Charles M. Deemer.

D. RECESS

The City Council recessed at 6:34 p.m.

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The City Council reconvened for regular business at 7:04 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

1. RECONVENE / ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Numark, Rhilinger, Sutherland, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Youth Council member Serena Tsay.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger.

3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA / MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING

City Clerk Herbers reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Friday, March 30, 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Racowski announced that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly Community Alert Siren testing on Wednesday, April 4, at approximately 11:30 a.m., with additional information available by calling ExxonMobil at 310. 212.1852.

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee had met earlier in the afternoon to discuss the mid-year budget review.

Councilmember Rhilinger announced that a City Council workshop on the design of the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal was held earlier this evening and a meeting will be scheduled after revisions have been completed.

Councilmember Furey announced that a televised workshop “Current and Future Impact of the Criminal Justice Realignment Plan on Torrance” is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Councilmember Brewer announced that City Council budget workshops/hearings will be held on Tuesday, May 8, and Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

City Clerk Herbers announced that a Commissioner Certification Training class has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, and the reservation link for the class is now active and will remain until midnight May 2.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the watercolors and oils of Torrance Artist Guild member Marlyse Linder on display in the City Clerk’s office for the month of April.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired fire captain Arnold Eigenhuis who passed away March 20 at the age of 80.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Debbie Hays, Centennial Committee, announced that there will be a presentation by Judy Gerber, author of *Farming in Torrance and the South Bay*, at the Torrance Farmers Market on Saturday, April 7, between 9:00 a.m. and noon. She also announced that the Committee will be kicking off its citywide clean-up/beautification program on Saturday, April 7, at three locations – El Prado Park, La Romeria Park, and North High School – and encouraged the public to participate, with additional information available on the City’s Centennial website.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. REVISION OF SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT RE 22730 EVALYN AVENUE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council revise a subordination agreement on property owned by Jeff and April Cherness for a City of Torrance lien in the amount of \$11,200 on property located at 22730 Evalyn Avenue in Torrance for the purpose of refinancing their existing first trust deed loan.

8B. APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR TORRANCE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE/BEAUTIFICATION

Considered separately, see page 4.

8C. PURCHASE ORDER RE ALTERNATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director and Police Chief that City Council award a purchase order to Dell Marketing, L.P. for \$79,007.85 to purchase equipment for the Alternate Emergency Operations Center.

8D. FEBRUARY 2012 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for February 2012.

8E. AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR TORRANCE BATTING CAGES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve an amendment to the concessionaire agreement with Tyler Sports, Inc., (C2008-227) for the lease and full operation of the Torrance Batting Cages to expand the existing concession area to include an additional 10,000 square feet of unimproved space for use as a baseball and softball fielding instruction and warm-up area.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8C through 8E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar Item 8B was considered separately at this time.

8B. APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR TORRANCE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE/BEAUTIFICATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council appropriate \$5,000 of grant funds from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to the Pacific Electric Railroad Bridge (a.k.a. Torrance Bridge) Maintenance and Beautification, I-125.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Engineering Manager Overstreet reported on the timeline for this project, noting that it is scheduled to be completed by fall 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION RE UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING FACILITIES PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council adopt a Resolution amending and updating Resolution No. 2005-71 regarding the Utility Undergrounding Facilities Plan and Utility Undergrounding Impact Fees.

Engineering Manager Semaan reported that the proposed Resolution updates the list of undergrounding projects to be funded by Development Impact Fees.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING AND UPDATING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-71 REGARDING THE UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING FACILITIES PLAN AND UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING IMPACT FEE, AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 9 OF PART 1 OF DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-35. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. APPROPRIATION OF PROP 1B FUNDS TO RESIDENTIAL STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT, I-94

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council appropriate \$1,597,968 of Prop 1B funds to the Residential Street Rehabilitation, I-94, upon receipt of said State funds.

Engineering Manager Overstreet reported that the project will include the repair/installation of sidewalks, gutters and curbs in the Walteria area west of Hawthorne Boulevard, the Downtown area, north of Torrance Boulevard, and various locations throughout the City.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

12C. TORRANCE HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the implementation of the Torrance Hometown Heroes Banner Program.

Management Aide Megerdichian reported that the program will recognize service men and women from Torrance who are on active duty in the Armed Forces by displaying a banner with their name and likeness in a prominent area of the City for a minimum of three months. She noted that the program was created in conjunction with Vietnam Veterans of America and will be entirely self-funded, with the cost of the banner to be paid for by the applicant.

Mayor Scotto voiced support for the program and suggested that it be modified to allow those who are killed while serving in the Armed Forces to be memorialized on a banner.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan agreed to implement Mayor Scotto's suggestion. He displayed a copy of the brochure for the banner program, noting that Jonathan Concetti, who is pictured on a sample banner in the brochure, is an actual Torrance Hometown Hero.

Victor Rosenthal, Torrance, expressed support for the program, noting that his son Eric is a Lance Corporal in the Marines who is currently serving in Afghanistan.

Janet Payne, Torrance, suggested that the program be modified to allow people who served in the military in the past and are still living to be memorialized on a banner.

A brief discussion ensued regarding expanding the program to include veterans.

Councilmember Rhilinger suggested that the banner could easily be modified to recognize all three categories by incorporating the phrases "proudly honors" for those on active duty; "in memory of" for those who have died; and "thanks (*honoree's name*) for his/her service" for those who have served in the past.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve the Torrance Hometown Heroes Program, with the modification that recognition shall include active members, deceased members and veterans of the Armed Forces. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

12D. RESOLUTION SETTING PAY RANGES FOR ALL JOB CLASSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution setting pay ranges for all job classes in compliance with CALPERS requirements for reporting employee pay.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that the proposed Resolution is necessary to comply with CALPERS pay range reporting requirements.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ADOPTING THE 2012 PAY RANGES REPORT FOR ALL JOB CLASSES

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-36. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

15.1. OTHER – SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF CITY OF TORRANCE

15.1A. APPROVAL OF DRAFT RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council, acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance:

- 1) Approve the draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the period of July 1 through December 31, 2012 in accordance with ABX1-26; and
- 2) Approve the estimated payment schedule for qualified enforceable obligations (city advances).

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- 2) Approve the estimated payment schedule for qualified enforceable obligations (city advances).

Councilmember Rhilinger announced that due to a possible conflict of interest, she would recuse herself from consideration of item 15.1A and exited the Council Chamber at 7:41 p.m.

Planning Associate Martos reported that as the Successor Agency, the City of Torrance, is responsible for retiring all debts and obligations of the Torrance Redevelopment Agency and the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule lists these payments for the six-month period July 1 through December 31, 2012 in accordance with ABX1-26. She noted that staff was also requesting approval of the estimated payment schedule for qualified enforceable obligations (city advances).

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Finance Director Tsao provided clarification regarding the estimated \$49,438,665 owed to the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

Councilmember Rhilinger returned to dais.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the Torrance Public Library Foundation in conjunction with the Torrance Public Library will be sponsoring "One Book One City Centennial Celebration," which will include various events during the month of April focused on the life and achievements of Louis Zamperini. She noted that there will be an opportunity to meet Mr. Zamperini at a reception at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum on Saturday, April 28, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and reservations are required, with additional information available by contacting the foundation at 310.651.5230 or TPLF2012@gmail.com.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Torrance Civic Chorale will be presenting "Thanks for the Memories" featuring choral music from 1912 to 2012 on Saturday, April 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Armstrong Theatre.

17C. Councilmember Sutherland wished everyone a happy Easter and urged them to be mindful of the reason for this celebration.

17D. Councilmember Barnett invited the public to attend the L.A. Galaxy's City of Torrance night on Sunday, August 26, at 8:00 p.m. at the Home Depot Center, noting that tickets can be purchased online at www.lagalaxy.com/Torrance.

17E. Councilmember Barnett invited the public to attend the Torrance Sports Festival, a sports competition for athletes with special needs, on Saturday, April 14, in the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park, noting that admission is free.

17F. Councilmember Barnett commended everyone involved in planning the recent Employee Recognition Luncheon and congratulated City Manager LeRoy Jackson, who was recognized for his 45 years of service.

17G. Councilmember Barnett reported on the National Invitational Tournament hosted by Torrance High for girls fast pitch softball that was held at Wilson Park on March 22-24, which attracted teams from as far away as Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada. He noted the financial benefit to Torrance due to the money spent by visitors on restaurants and lodging and encouraged Discover Torrance to work on making this an annual event.

17H. Councilmember Brewer announced that the Torrance Youth Council will be hosting its 13th annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 7, from 7:00-11:00 a.m. at the Attic, 2320 W. Carson Street.

17I. Mayor Scotto expressed appreciation to City Manager Jackson for his 45 years of service.

17J. Mayor Scotto wished everyone a happy Easter, noting the many activities available to residents this weekend.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:58 p.m., the Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and City Attorney on matters listed under 18A) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 8:06 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

19. ADJOURNMENT

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***Adjourned in Memory of
Arnold Eigenhuis***

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on May 8, 2012