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At 8:43 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The City Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to discuss the 2013-2014 2nd Quarter Budget Review.

April 8, 2014

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Sutherland, Weideman and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

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

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the above-mentioned item and agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, and 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6 and 54925.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:01 p.m. with all members present.

Councilmember Weideman announced that he abstained from discussion of Item 18B(2) regarding Lisi Aerospace due to a conflict of interest.

No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Torrance Sister City Association President Lori Chong Eurich.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Furey.

**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 Thursday, April 3, 2014.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer 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 Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn; supplemental material was available for Items 8B and 8C.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Emergency Services Coordinator Sutherlin announced that Congresswoman Maxine Waters will host a free Emergency Preparedness Workshop on Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the George Nakano Theatre.

Sr. Business Manager Minter announced that people may still contribute to the Maple Avenue Multi-Use Sports Fields and be listed on the donor wall, with additional information available at [www.TorranceCA.gov](http://www.TorranceCA.gov) or 310.618.2930.

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to review the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the 2013-2014 budget.

City Clerk Herbers announced that a candidate forum for City Clerk and mayoral candidates sponsored by the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association will be held on Thursday, April 10, at the Bartlett Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. She noted that the website [www.TorranceVotes.org](http://www.TorranceVotes.org) has been updated to make it easier to research candidates.

City Clerk Herbers announced that reservations for a free Commissioner Certification Training class to be held on Thursday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. are available online at [www.CommissionerCert.htm](http://www.CommissionerCert.htm). She noted that this class is required to apply for appointment to any of the City's ten commission or boards.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and the public to view the works of Artist Guild member Winnie Shepardson on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of April.

Mayor Scotto reminded the public that a presentation on street sweeping will be made at the April 22 City Council meeting.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. PRESENTATION BY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

John Gulledge, department head for the Financial Management Department of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles, gave a brief presentation entitled, "Wastewater Into Resources – It's Worth the Investment."

Mayor Scotto disclosed that he serves as a director on the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles Board.

**6B. PROCLAMATION RE "DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH"**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of April as **DMV/Donate Life California Month** in the City of Torrance to Tammy Rusznak, kidney recipient, and Raquel Gonzalez, mother of kidney donor. Ms. Rusznak encouraged everyone to sign up as an organ donor when renewing their driver's licenses or online at [www.DonateLifeCalifornia.org](http://www.DonateLifeCalifornia.org).

**6C. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK”**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 13 through April 19 as **National Library Week** in the City of Torrance to Library Commission Chairperson Toni Sargent.

**6D. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK”**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 6 through April 12 as **National Volunteer Week** in the City of Torrance to Letty Molina, who accepted on behalf of City of Torrance volunteers.

Volunteer Coordinator Brianne King highlighted the accomplishments of the following volunteers: Letty Molina, Keith Montoya, Julia Hassler, Bettie Di Meo, Jim Lyle, Carolyn Woosley, Alice Kojima, Jerry Herbers, Kathy Knickelbein, Phillip Cohen, Linda Barker, Roseanne Villabos, Robert Sawai, Michael Smith, Lori Chong Eurich, Sharon Padilla, Ernie Rogers, Eda Rogers, and Dave Jamieson.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino, Torrance, commended the Police Department for the successful “Operation Lookout” event held on Saturday, April 5, in the Hollywood Riviera area.

**7B.** Georgean Griswold, Torrance Rose Float Association, thanked the Council for considering TRFA’s request to allow a replica of the first Torrance Rose Float in this year’s Armed Forces Day Parade.

**7C.** Roseanne Villalobos, president of Torrance Rose Float Association, announced that a “Restaurant for Roses” fundraiser will be held at Marie Callender’s on Thursday, April 10, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with 20% of the check to be donated with presentation of a flyer available at [www.TorranceRoseFloat.com](http://www.TorranceRoseFloat.com). She noted that the next fundraiser will be Thursday, April 24, at the Elephant Bar.

**7D.** Lloyd Brown, Torrance, expressed concerns that refurbished soccer fields at Columbia Park may only be used by AYSO.

**7E.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that in honor of “Cowboy Poetry Month”, cowboy and poet Steve Demming will be sharing his poems on Sunday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the museum located at 1345 Post Avenue.

**7F.** Lori Chong Eurich, president of Torrance Sister City Association, announced that the annual Bunka-Sai cultural festival will be held on Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with proceeds to benefit the Sister City’s student exchange program.

**7G.** Mark Stephenson, Torrance, expressed concerns about rising pension costs, which have resulted in the downgrading of City debt, and contended that recent changes to pensions would not address the problem, submitting written material in support of his claims.

**7H.** Timothy Harvey, Torrance Youth Council, thanked everyone who attended the Youth Council’s 15<sup>th</sup> annual pancake breakfast last Saturday, noting that funds raised will be used to renovate the Attic’s basketball court and offset the cost of excursions.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE GEOHYDROLOGICAL INSPECTION SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a first amendment to consulting services agreement with URS Corporation (C2013-080) to extend the term an additional 24 months for geohydrological inspection services for Van Ness Avenue Well Field Pilot Wells, FEAP #819.

**8B. AGREEMENT RE DESIGN FOR VAN NESS AVENUE WELLS AND TRANSMISSION MAINS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council award a consulting services agreement to Quantum Quality Consulting, Inc., for the design of the Van Ness Avenue Water Wells and Transmission Mains, Phase 1, and La Carretera Park modifications, CIP No. I-145 (RFP B2014-10), for an amount not to exceed \$122,600.

**8C. AGREEMENT RE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR 186<sup>TH</sup> STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBIA PARK**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council award a consulting services agreement to CivilSource, Inc. for the design of the 186th Street Improvements at Columbia Park Project, CIP No. I-140 (RFP B2014-05), in the amount not to exceed \$59,638.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**9. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**9A. APPROPRIATION OF RESIDUAL FUNDS COLLECTED FOR MARY LOU WEISS MEMORIAL**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve and appropriate the residual memorial funds collected for Mary Lou Weiss in the amount of \$1,761.50 to the house of Yahweh Social Services Agency.

Community Services Director Jones reported that the family of Mary Lou Weiss, former manager of the Torrance Farmers Market, has requested that excess funds collected for her memorial be donated to House of Yahweh Social Services Agency.

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

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. SELECTION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT MEETING**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a voting delegate to represent the City of Torrance at the City Selection Committee Western Region of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2014.

Management Associate Jones reported that staff was recommending that Councilmember Tom Brewer serve as voting delegate at the SCAQMD meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to designate Councilmember Brewer as voting delegate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**12B. CITY COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS – JULY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council declare the following Tuesdays as City Council dark nights from July 1 through December 31, 2014: July 8, July 29, September 2, September 30, November 11, and December 30.

Councilmember Barnett recommended that July 1 be added as a City Council dark night so Councilmembers can attend the presentation for the AYSO National Games.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation, adding July 1, 2014 as a City Council dark night. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

**12C. PURCHASE/INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS NETWORK AT BARTLETT SENIOR CENTER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Authorize expenditure of \$6,800 (including 5% contingency) for purchase, installation, and operation of a Wireless Network (WLAN) at the Bartlett Senior Center and Russ Nolte Annex; and
- 2) Appropriate \$6,800 from the Cable and Community Relations Fund Balance.

Cable and Community Relations Manager Smith reported that the wireless network will provide for free access to the Internet at the Bartlett Senior Center and Russ Nolte Annex.

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

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Ashcraft announced that a “Tip-a-Cop” fundraiser benefiting the Special Olympics will be held on Wednesday, April 9, from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Lazy Dog Café.

**17B.** Cable and Community Relations Manager Smith reported that various candidate forums have been recorded and are available for viewing on Time Warner Channel 28 and Verizon Channel 36 and the schedule is available at [www.TorranceVotes.org](http://www.TorranceVotes.org).

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

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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 13, 2014