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At 10:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. **Tuesday, June 14, will be a Council dark night.**

June 7, 2011

**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 5:36 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

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.

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Roger Class, Class Termite Pest Control, commented on Agenda Item 18D(1) regarding the terms and conditions of the lease agreement at 1640 Cabrillo Avenue.

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 City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, 18C) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation and 18D) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(b) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:05 p.m. No action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by former Youth Council member Chelsea Brewer.

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 Thursday, June 2, 2011.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland 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 Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that Item 6A was withdrawn.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Scotto congratulated Torrance CitiCABLE staff on being honored with several awards at the 15th annual Star Awards Ceremony, including first place for "This Week in Torrance" show and "2010 State of the City Address" and third place for City Council coverage and "The SportsDesk" show. He encouraged residents to view the excellent shows on Time Warner Channel 3, Verizon Channel 36, or online at www.TorranceCA.Gov.

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the first budget workshop/public hearing will be held later this evening and the second budget workshop/public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. during the regular City Council meeting in the Council Chambers.

City Clerk Herbers announced that a free Commissioner Certification Training class will be held on Wednesday, June 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; that reservations are required to attend the training; and that information about Commission service and a reservation form can be found at www.torranceca.gov/CommissionerCert.htm or by contacting the City Manager's office at 310.618.5880 or the City Clerk's office at 310.618.2870. She noted that the last scheduled certification class prior to January 24, 2012 commission appointments will be held on November 9, 2011.

City Clerk Herbers reminded voters that June 27 is the deadline to register to vote in the July 12 special election for the 36th Congressional District seat; that July 5 is the deadline to request a vote by mail ballot; that sample ballots will be mailed out beginning June 2 through June 21; and that polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Gloria Hargrave on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of June.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gary Yoshinaga, who passed away on May 27.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Tom Ishibashi, Torrance produce farmer, who passed away on May 20.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-59 RE FIRE ENGINEER IAN BURNETT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING FIRE ENGINEER **IAN BURNETT** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

Item was withdrawn.

7. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

7A. Tammy Kahn, president of the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation, reminded the public that TCACF's annual fundraising gala will be held on Friday, June 17.

7B. Jean Adelsman, TCACF, offered a preview of auction items available at the gala, including a Steinway grand piano from Nordstrom and a dinner for 20 people with Louis Zamperini, noting that people will be able to bid by proxy if they're unable to attend the event.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26, and May 3, 2011.

8B. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE COMPANY NAME CHANGE FOR NOISE ABATEMENT SERVICES**

Considered separately, see pages 4-5.

8C. **AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE DESIGN SERVICES FOR HVAC REPLACEMENTS**

Considered separately, see page 5.

8D. **PURCHASE ORDERS FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF OFFICE SUPPLIES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council award purchase orders in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$170,000 to Office Depot Business Services Division for the purchase of the City's annual requirement of office supply items on an as requested basis for the term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

8E. AGREEMENT RE INSPECTION SERVICES FOR SEWER AND STORM DRAIN REHABILITATION PROJECTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a three year consulting services agreement with CBM Consulting, Inc. to provide inspection services for sewer and storm drain rehabilitation projects in the amount of \$85,320 for the period from June 7, 2011 through June 6, 2014.

8F. LEASE AMENDMENT RE WESTERN MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a first amendment to lease with the Southern California Historical Aviation Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, (C2010-234) for the development of the Western Museum of Flight on vacant and unimproved property located at the east end of Torrance Municipal Airport, Zamperini Field.

8G. SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR NATIONAL GUARD USE OF TORRANCE PARK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve subsidy of fees in the amount of \$412.50 for the use of Torrance Park by the California Army National Guard Armory for a Family Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8D through 8G. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar Items 8B and 8C were considered separately at this time.

8B. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE COMPANY NAME CHANGE FOR NOISE ABATEMENT SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a first amendment to the contract with Lochard Corporation (2010-135) changing the company name to Bruel & Kjaer, Environmental Management Services, to provide airport noise abatement services.

Councilmember Numark noted that there was discussion of adding web tracking to the services provided by this contractor.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna stated that staff would not recommend the addition of web tracking at this time because the contractor has failed to provide all the services specified in the original contract.

Councilmember Rhilinger expressed concerns about the lack of progress and requested that staff provide an estimate of when this contractor will be able to perform all aspects of the contract.

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

8C. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE DESIGN SERVICES FOR HVAC REPLACEMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve an amendment to the consulting agreement with Bartef Yoosephiance & Associates (C2010-217) in the amount of \$15,000 for additional design services for various HVAC replacements for a total contract amount of \$41,000 (FEAP #751).

Noting that this project is part of a larger energy savings program, Councilmember Numark requested that staff provide a time-line for the projects involved and an ongoing budget for tracking purposes.

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

12. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION RE SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution setting forth the hours, wages, and working conditions for Safety Management Employees effective June 7, 2011 and repealing Resolution No. 2009-30.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that the Resolution provides that employees hired after January 1, 2012 will contribute the 9% employee's portion to the PERS retirement system, and it includes no pay raises or premium adjustments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
SETTING FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JUNE 7, 2011 AND
REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-30

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-65. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. RESOLUTION SUMMARILY VACATING DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND ACCEPTING ALTERNATE DRAINAGE EASEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution summarily vacating a drainage easement and accept an alternate drainage easement located north of Moreton Street and east of Crenshaw Boulevard.

Associate Civil Engineer Symons reported that the property owner would like to replace the existing drainage easement, which is under a building, with an alternate easement to facilitate the construction of an indoor swimming pool.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN ALTERNATE DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED NORTH OF MORETON STREET EAST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-66. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

12C. APPROVAL OF FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR WEB-BASED REGIONAL MULTI-MODAL JOURNEY PLANNER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the City participating with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) in an application for federal funds in the amount of \$440,000 to be received over a 5-year period to create, launch, and market a web-based regional multi-modal journey planner for commuters; and approve the letter of agreement between SBCCOG and the City.

Assistant City Manager Giordano reported that this grant application was submitted in collaboration with SBCCOG to obtain federal funding for a web-based regional multi-modal journey planner for commuters.

Jacki Bacharach, executive director of SBCCOG, provided background information about the journey planner. She noted that the proposed agreement provides that Torrance will serve as lead agency and SBCCOG will administer the grant.

Mayor Scotto thanked Ms. Bacharach for bringing this opportunity to the City's attention via Councilmember Numark.

Councilmember Numark commended Assistant City Manager Giordano and Ms. Bacharach for completing the application within a very short time-frame in order to meet the deadline and related his belief that the web-based journey planner will greatly benefit commuters.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the capabilities of the web-based journey planner.

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

12D. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATIONS RE ALL-AMERICAN CITY AWARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Centennial Committee that City Council:

- 1) Accept a \$10,000 donation from the Centennial Committee;
- 2) Accept a \$8,250 donation from Providence Health Services;
- 3) Accept a \$2,050 donation from Torrance Memorial Medical Center;
- 4) Accept a \$300 donation from Sue Herbers, City Clerk;
- 5) Accept a \$200 donation from Frank Scotto, Mayor;
- 6) Accept a \$100 donation from South Bay Sunrise Rotary; and
- 7) Appropriate the \$20,900 to the All-America City Award budget.

Laurie Love, chair of the Centennial Committee, reported that the donations will be used to help offset the expenses of the delegation that be traveling to Kansas City to represent Torrance in the National Civic League's All-American City Award competition.

Mayor Scotto thanked Providence Health Services and Torrance Memorial Medical Center for their generous donations.

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

13. HEARINGS

The City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency and Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item 5A was considered concurrently with Agenda Item 13A.

13A. 1ST PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET WORKSHOP 2011-13 OPERATING BUDGET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council open the first public hearing and budget workshop on the City of Torrance proposed two-year 2011-2013 operating budget and hold the second public hearing on June 21, 2011. (Companion to Redevelopment Agency item 5A)

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Mayor Scotto noted that Torrance is in a better position financially than many other cities due to the Council's willingness to make significant budget cuts over the past three years rather than relying on reserves to balance the budget.

With the aid of slides, Finance Director Tsao reviewed the proposed two-year 2011-2013 Operating Budget, which includes the elimination of 21.4 full-time equivalent positions for a budget reduction of \$2.7 million. He noted that the revisions focus on positions that are vacant so there will be no lay-offs or furloughs and that staff has included a list of Alternate Reductions if the Council chooses to retain any of the positions.

At Mayor Scotto's request, Acting City Librarian Theyer discussed the proposal to consolidate two branch libraries, El Retiro and Walteria (*Alternate Reductions list*). She explained that the entire staff of one branch library (7 positions) would be eliminated through current vacancies and attrition and the remaining staff would alternate between the two facilities so the libraries would be open every other day.

Mayor Scotto asked if consideration had been given to closing each branch library one day a week on a rotating schedule, and Acting City Librarian expressed her willingness to explore this idea, but noted that fewer positions would be eliminated and staffing could be problematic.

Mayor Scotto invited public comment.

Brendon Villalobos, vice chair of the Torrance Youth Council, urged the Council not to discontinue the ATTIC after school program (*Alternate Reductions list*). He noted that this is the only program that exclusively addresses the needs of teenage youths, whereas, all other age demographics have multiple programs. He contended that the \$136,000 annual funding was money well spent as the ATTIC offers a wide range of programs for hundreds of teens.

Sheila Panez, member of ATTIC advisory committee, discussed the vital role the ATTIC plays for many of the City's teens in helping them develop their full potential and urged the Council not to eliminate this program.

Yuta Nakamura, Torrance, reported that the ATTIC has helped him tremendously in his struggle with autism by providing a supportive and caring environment.

Jesse Pasillas, Torrance, echoed concerns about the closing of the ATTIC.

Marmar Tahery, Torrance, related her experience that the ATTIC provides a safe environment for teens to do their homework, engage in recreational activities, and make friends with teens from other high schools in Torrance.

Lauren Kim, Gardena, shared a poem from another ATTIC member about her experience at the ATTIC as a home away from home.

Cheryl McPherson, Torrance, reported that her son attends the ATTIC and she has found it to be a great place for teens. She encouraged members of the Council to visit the facility before considering any cuts to its budget.

Shantice Wells voiced her opinion that the ATTIC is a great asset to the community.

Chelsea Brewer, former member of Torrance Youth Council, stressed the long-term benefits of providing a positive environment for teens since they are the City's future. She noted that there have already been massive cuts to education and eliminating the ATTIC would give youths another reason to feel that they are a low priority.

Caroline Elam, Torrance, voiced objections to proposed cuts to the Fire Department's budget, pointing out that the main function of government is the security and safety of its citizens.

Peggy Maddox, Torrance, expressed concerns about the ramifications of budget cuts to the Fire Department, including the possibility that fire insurance rates would increase should the Fire Department lose its ISO Class 1 rating.

John Perea, Parks Services employee, urged the Council not to eliminate any more positions in Parks Services. He explained that Parks Services employees are already doing more with fewer people and they will soon have the added responsibility of maintaining sumps/catch basins, including the very large sump behind Bishop Montgomery High School. He voiced objections to the proposal to have employees work on weekends, relating his belief that having maintenance crews present would disturb park visitors, as well as create a safety hazard.

City Manager Jackson clarified that under the proposed revisions, two Maintenance Worker positions would be shifted from Parks Services to Public Works and maintenance work already being done on weekends would be made part of the regular work schedule to reduce overtime costs.

Walter Baaden, Torrance, stated that he and his wife have been very pleased with the quality of service provided by the City's Police and Fire Departments and encouraged the Council to continue to be judicious and fiscally-responsible in formulating the budget.

Jeanne Moorman, president of AFSCME Local 1117, expressed concerns that this union has had a disproportionate number of positions cut as compared other unions. She voiced objections to the proposal to replace Crossing Guards with volunteers or to cut their pay (*Alternate Reductions list*) noting the vital role they play in keeping school children safe. She contended that the proposed elimination of 3 library worker positions would directly impact service to the public and proposed instead to eliminate 2 soon-to-be vacant Sr. Librarian positions, relating her belief that there are too many layers of supervisory staff at branch libraries. She also objected to the proposed elimination of 2 Maintenance Worker positions from Parks Services, pointing out that in the past 20 years, the number of Parks Services maintenance positions has been greatly reduced while at the same time their workload has increased due to the creation of new parks and other areas they must maintain. As an alternative, she proposed eliminating 1 Parks Services Supervisor position, explaining that according to industry standards, one supervisor should be able to supervise 10-15 employees, however, currently there are 3 Supervisors for 14 Lead Maintenance Workers.

Councilmember Numark requested that staff provide an analysis of Ms. Moorman's suggestions regarding Library and Parks Services personnel.

Mayor Scotto noted that the 3 Parks Services Supervisors actually supervise 38 employees because they are responsible for the Lead Maintenance Workers and the Maintenance Workers under them.

Rosalina Molina, Torrance, questioned the need for two Principal Librarian positions and related her understanding that eliminating the Library Assistant II position as proposed would create safety problems on the lower level of the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library because the area is too large to be staffed by one person. She objected to the proposal to spend money revamping the service desk at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

Acting City Librarian Theyer responded that she anticipates being able to staff the lower level service desk with two people using staff from the back offices and security guards will be assigned to spend more time on the lower level if office staff is unavailable.

City Manager Jackson advised that revamping the service desk is part on an on-going program throughout the City whereby one-time capital funds are used to enhance the efficiency of existing personnel by improving their workspace.

Acting City Librarian Theyer explained that creating sit-down work stations at the main service desk will enable employees to do other work during slow times and still be available to the public.

Ms. Molina contended that the new Plan of Service for the library would not result in any cost savings until several years down the road and related her preference that Sunday library hours be eliminated rather than taking \$40,000 from the book budget.

Charlene Lambert, Anza Elementary crossing guard, expressed concerns about the proposal (*Alternative Reductions list*) to cut funding for the Crossing Guard program, noting that crossing guards are the eyes and ears of school children.

Tim Goodrich, Torrance resident and CERT and TARA volunteer, urged the Council not to make any further cuts to public safety, including the crossing guards.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, asked about the possibility of reducing funding for the Rose Parade Float, the Armed Forces Day Parade, and the 4th of July Celebration at Wilson Park.

Mayor Scotto advised that the Rose Parade Float will no longer be funded by the City after January 2012; that the budget for the Armed Forces Day Parade was reduced this year by \$30,000-40,000; and that the 4th of July Celebration at Wilson Park has been eliminated as of this year.

Mr. Deemer noted that there has been discussion about discontinuing the printing and mailing of the *Torrance Seasons* magazine.

Community Services Director Jones reported that the community was surveyed regarding their interest in maintaining the *Torrance Seasons* magazine and staff will be sharing the findings of the survey with the City Council in the near future.

Todd Hayes, member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, expressed concerns that reductions in the Parks and Recreation budget are affecting the quality of life for Torrance residents. He shared information from an article in the *L.A. Times* indicating that the availability of cultural, entertainment and sports activities plays a big role in creating a sense of community. He noted that price increases have led to fewer participants in Parks and Recreation classes/programs and the 4th of July Celebration, which was a free activity that everyone could enjoy, has been eliminated. He urged the Council to explore alternative budget cuts.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto requested that staff research the viability of closing each library one day a week, noting that while it may not be part of this budget process, it might be an option in the future if more budget cuts become necessary. He also requested that staff look into the option of deleting one position off the hook and ladder truck in place of other proposed reductions in the Fire Department's budget.

Councilmember Numark indicated that he was inclined to support the proposal to rent out the ATTIC's multi-purpose room to SAT testing groups and to redirect the proceeds from the Youth Council's Fall Bazaar and Spring Boutique to the ATTIC (*Alternate Reductions list*). He requested that staff investigate potential savings from limiting the use of City-provided cell phones and eliminating or reducing car allowances for employees.

City Manager Jackson advised that staff is collecting information about cell phones and should have a report available before the next budget session, but noted that many of the cell phones are for employees in safety services. He explained that the car allowance is a benefit and eliminating or reducing it would constitute a reduction in pay, therefore it is subject to the meet-and-confer process.

Councilmember Numark recalled that there was discussion last year about a pilot program in the City of Long Beach which resulted in cost savings in Worker's Compensation.

City Manager Jackson reported that the attorney who brought up the pilot program failed to provide the additional information requested by the City. He offered to provide an update on the Long Beach pilot program, but cautioned that the City of Torrance's Workers Compensation program is not structured the same way so the pilot program would not have the same advantage.

Mayor Scotto related his understanding that the attorney chose not to come back with the additional information after he realized that cost savings probably could not be attained.

Councilmember Numark requested that staff explore the degree to which there are unpaid parking tickets, business license fees and other outstanding debts and potential avenues for collecting them. He also requested that staff look into whether franchise fees collected for cable television could be reallocated to the General Fund.

City Manager Jackson cautioned that one of the challenges of reallocating cable franchise fees is protecting the concept because the argument has been made that it should not be collected if it is not being used for the designated purpose.

Councilmember Barnett requested that staff provide additional information on the rebalancing of the Parks and Recreation Enterprise Fund and the new Subsidy Policy. He echoed Mr. Hayes' concern that increased fees, reduced participation and loss of programs could affect the quality of life for residents. He noted that only two departments submitted items for the Alternative Reductions list and expressed an interest in looking at alternatives that may not have been presented. He expressed support for continuing some level of programming at the ATTIC and commended the young people who spoke on its behalf.

Mayor Scotto noted that the Council had expressed concerns when fee increases for Parks and Recreation classes/programs were considered that the City could actually lose money because there would be fewer participants. He requested that staff provide information about the number of participants now as compared to three years ago before major fee increases were implemented.

Councilmember Furey commended staff for their efforts in putting together the 2011-2013 Budget, noting that every cutback affects the quality of life for residents in some way and he believed staff had tried to soften the impact as much as possible. He expressed an interest in looking at the alternatives suggested by Ms. Moorman, as well as any other alternatives that might be feasible. He related his belief that the impact on the Fire Department's Class 1 ISO rating should be addressed when considering any options for the Fire Department.

Councilmember Numark commended Community Services Director Jones and his team for coming up with a well defined subsidy policy for Parks and Recreation classes/programs. He stressed the need to maximize revenue by ensuring that all seats are filled for classes that are offered thereby making them more cost effective, and suggested that more emphasis be placed on marketing.

Mayor Scotto requested that staff explain the proposed staffing changes to Parks Services employees so they would be better informed.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to continue the budget hearing to June 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

13B. REVISED ALLOCATION OF 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council take public input and adopt a Resolution authorizing the revised allocation of 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for proposed projects with the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program. Funding: Estimated \$908,999 in CDBG funding to be made available for 2011 projects.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna reported that two projects have been withdrawn because using CDBG funds for them was not feasible and a new project has been added allowing the City to use grant funds for administration of the program.

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
APPROVING THE CITY'S REVISED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-67. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

13C. MOD11-00002: 3720 & 3744 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY – CHARLES BELAK-BERGER/ RAJU CHHABRIA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Community Development Director that City Council deny the appeal and adopt a Resolution approving a Modification of previously approved entitlements (CUP08-00015, DIV08-00006, DVP08-00002, and WAV08-00005) to allow for reductions to the original project on property located in the H-PCH Zone at 3720 and 3744 Pacific Coast Highway, and APN 7534-001-901.

MOD11-00002: Charles P. Belak-Berger (Raju Chhabria)

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Planning Manager Lodan briefly reviewed the revisions to the proposed commercial center at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard, noting that the project has been downsized and the underground parking structure has been eliminated. He noted that due to the reduction in the scope of the project, staff was recommending that the applicant no longer be responsible for the street widening on Hawthorne Boulevard and the construction of a new right-turn lane.

Responding to questions from the Council, Planning Manager Lodan confirmed that the applicant will still be required to dedicate property along Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway to allow the City to complete intersection improvements using Measure R funds and that the project also includes the applicant's purchase of City property along the north side of 242nd Street for parking. He clarified that the appeal was filed by staff so the revisions could be reviewed by the City Council.

Arthur Ashai, project architect, submitted renderings of the revised project, noting that the exterior has been modified to create more of a presence at this intersection.

In response to Councilmember Rhilinger's inquiry, Planning Manager Lodan reported that the applicant will be responsible for relocating power poles on 242nd Street, if necessary, and Southern California Edison will be responsible for the relocation of the power pole on the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation to deny the appeal and approve the project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A MODIFICATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ENTITLEMENTS (CUP08-00015, DIV08-00006, DVP08-00002, AND WAV08-00005) AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW REDUCTIONS TO THE ORIGINAL PROJECT ON PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE HBCSP-PCH ZONE AT 3720 AND 3744 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, AND APN 7534-001-90.

MOD11-00002: CHARLES P. Belak-Berger (Raju Chhabria)

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-68. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 10:39 to 10:40 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Councilmember Furey noted that there will be no City Council meeting next Tuesday because the Mayor and several Councilmembers are traveling to Kansas City for the All American City competition. He noted that there is also a video competition on

