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At 9:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Commission on Aging in the West Annex Commission meeting room, regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, January 20, is a Council dark night.

**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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Goodrich, Griffiths, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey.

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Poirier 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 Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Public Employee Evaluation – City Manager pursuant to California Government Code §54957(b)(1)..

The City Council reconvened at 7:02 p.m. with all members present. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Goodrich.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Griffiths.

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

City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, January 8, 2015.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich 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 Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Furey asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired Revenue Administrator Ben Murdoch who passed away December 21, 2014 at the age of 79.

Mayor Furey asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Airport Commissioner Dennis Johnson who passed away December 29 at the age of 78.

Mayor Furey asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Guilford Glazer, the developer of Del Amo Fashion Center, who passed away December 24, 2014 at the age of 93.

Mayor Furey thanked Councilmember Ashcraft for serving as Mayor Pro Tem for the last six months and welcomed Councilmember Goodrich who will be serving in this position for the next six months.

Councilmember Goodrich reported that he will be traveling to Sacramento on Tuesday, January 20, in his capacity as Mayor Pro Tem, to testify about the City's pending transfer to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board.

Mayor Furey announced that applications are being accepted for the City's Hometown Heroes Military Recognition Program, which will continue on an annual basis to coincide with the Armed Forces Day Parade. He noted that applications are available at the back of the Council Chamber, at public counters throughout City Hall and on the City's website at [www.TorranceCa.gov/749HTM](http://www.TorranceCa.gov/749HTM).

Mayor Furey announced that City Council meetings can now be viewed live throughout the region via Torrance CitiCable's low-powered television signal on KNET Channel 25.2, which is accessible by using a roof-top or set-top antenna.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01 RE STEPHEN COOKE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
HONORING STEPHEN L. COOKE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
CITY AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Furey presented the proclamation to Stephen Cooke, who accepted with appreciation.

**6B. RESOLUTION RE MATTHEW CHARLES SCHLERF**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
HONORING POLICE OFFICER MATTHEW CHARLES SCHLERF UPON  
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Furey presented the proclamation to Matthew Schlerf, who accepted with appreciation.

Deputy Police Chief Anderson commended Officer Schlerf for his dedicated service and wished him well in his retirement.

**6C. PROCLAMATION RE “ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH”**

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring the month of January as “Rotary Awareness Month” in the City of Torrance to Dean Reuter, Del Amo Rotary President; Rosie Riera, South Bay Sunrise/Torrance Rotary President; Elaine Thompson, Lomita/Torrance Airport Rotary President; and Danny Fredricks, Torrance Rotary President.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Suzan Hubert, Torrance, invited the public to view two new exhibits on display in the Torrance Art Museum beginning January 17: “Sincerely Yours” an exploration of the resurgence of romance in contemporary art, and “Manifest American Mythic,” which is about contemporary art and the old west, with additional information at [www.TorranceArtMuseum.com](http://www.TorranceArtMuseum.com).

**7B.** Georgean Griswold, Torrance Rose Float Association, reported that the 2015 Torrance Rose Parade float honoring Louis Zamperini won the Theme Trophy and this is the first time Torrance has won this award. She shared historical photographs from Louis Zamperini’s early years, which were provided by one of the float’s riders, Jim Bardinett of Olean, New York.

**7C.** Steve Norris, Arts Council of Torrance, announced that in honor of Black History Month, there will be a presentation of *Let Freedom Ring*, a play written by Torrance resident/author Ted Lange, on February 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Nakano Theatre. He noted Mr. Lange will also be the featured speaker at the Arts Council of Torrance general meeting on February 7 at Sizzler restaurant, with additional information available at [www.ArtsCouncilofTorrance.org](http://www.ArtsCouncilofTorrance.org).

**7D.** Roseanne Villalobos, Torrance Rose Float Association, reported that 400 volunteers worked on this year’s float and they will be honored at a celebration dinner on Saturday, February 7, with additional information at [www.TorranceRoseFloat.com](http://www.TorranceRoseFloat.com).

**7E.** Darlene Espinet, Torrance, read a letter previously submitted to City staff and the Council detailing concerns about the land use entitlement process for an auto repair shop at 2540 Sepulveda Boulevard.

**7F.** Maduka Wijoyaratna, owner of preschool next to 2540 Sepulveda Boulevard, stated that she never received notification of the public hearing in March 2014 at which the Conditional Use Permit for the auto repair shop was approved and only learned of it from a neighbor shortly before the hearing, noting that she and her husband purchased the preschool in February 2014. She reported that the applicant told the Planning Commission that he had spoken with the preschool’s previous owner and she did not object to having an auto repair shop next door, but that is not the case as evidenced by a letter submitted for the record. She urged the Council to review this approval because it will greatly impact her preschool, as well as the quality of life of nearby residents.

**7G.** David Jeheber, Torrance, reported that only one neighbor within the notification area recalls receiving a letter about the project at 2540 Sepulveda Boulevard and the notices were sent out less than two weeks before the March 19 hearing and only a small sign was posted on the property. He urged that the matter be held in abeyance until a full investigation of discrepancies can be completed and the results fully disclosed to the public.

**7H.** Brandon Matson announced that the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters’ and U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu’s State of the Region address on Friday, January 23, at the Doubletree Hotel from noon to 1:30 p.m., with reservations available by calling 310-540-5858.

**7I.** Gary Gawlas, Torrance, contended that the approval process for the auto repair shop at 2540 Sepulveda Boulevard was flawed and urged the Council to review the matter.

**7J.** Sharnette Clemons, representing State Senator Isadore Hall, invited the community to attend his swearing in ceremony on January 31 and submitted certificates to be presented to retirees recognized earlier in the meeting.

**7K.** Gary Lam, Torrance, urged the Council to reconsider the approval of the auto repair shop at 2540 Sepulveda Boulevard in the interest of justice and transparency.

**7L.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, invited the public to attend a celebration in honor of what would have been Louis Zamperini's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday, which will include a book signing of his last book *Don't Give Up, Don't Give In* by co-author David Rensin and a display of memorabilia, to be held on Sunday, January 24, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the historical museum.

**7M.** Janet Payne, Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, invited the public to attend the OTNA's general meeting on January 21, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Center, which will include a presentation by the non-profit organization South Bay Village on resources available to allow seniors to age comfortably in their own homes.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. NOVEMBER 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

Considered separately, see page 6.

**8B. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a first amendment to the fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (C2012-150) to provide general legal advice for an additional \$25,000, for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$45,000.

**8C. TRAFFIC COMMISSION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director and Traffic Commission that City Council accept and file the Traffic Commission 2014 annual report.

**8D. 2014-2015 GRANT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES**

Considered separately, see page 6.

**8E. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council authorize the award of purchase orders to Unifirst Corporation of Norwalk, CA to provide uniform rental services for a four (4) year period beginning February 6, 2015 through February 5, 2019 in a combined total not to exceed \$193,681.48.

**8F. AGREEMENT FOR TEEN CENTER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Determine that the approval of the construction of the Teen Center Drainage Improvements, I-160 (B2014-56) is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 Class 1 of the Guidelines implementing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- 2) Approve the plans and specifications for the construction of Teen Center Drainage Improvements, I-160 (B2014-56);
- 3) Waive a minor irregularity in the bidder's submittal from El Camino Construction & Engineering Corporation; and
- 4) Award a public works agreement to El Camino Construction & Engineering Corporation of Los Angeles, CA in the amount of \$76,892.50, and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$3,844.50 for the construction of Teen Center Drainage Improvements, I-160 (B2014-56).

**8G. APPROPRIATION FOR UNDERGROUNDING OF STREET LIGHTS ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$84,326 from the Development Impact Fee for Undergrounding Overhead Utilities to construct the improvements for the undergrounding of overhead utilities along Crenshaw Boulevard from Carson Street to Sepulveda Boulevard.

**8H. MODIFICATIONS TO AGREEMENTS RE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Communications & Information Technology Director that City Council extend the existing CalNet2 service agreement until January 29, 2016 and modify the CalNet 3 service agreement to include 5 new Authorization to Order documents to expand the services offered.

**8I. IMPLEMENTATION OF LIVINGWISE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Considered separately, see page 7.

**8J. AMENDMENTS RE MACHADO LAKE STORMWATER MONITORING AND BMP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$194,694 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Balance to the Machado Lake Watershed Best Management Practices for Nutrient and Toxics TMDLs, I-110 for a new not to exceed project budget of \$703,683;
- 2) Approve a second amendment to the contract services agreement with Northgate Environmental Management, Inc. of Laguna Hills, CA (C2011-186) to increase the amount by \$165,064 for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$479,401 (includes previously approved \$6,504 contingency) and extend the term until October 31, 2015 to continue stormwater quality monitoring;
- 3) Approve a second amendment to the consulting services agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. (C2012-231) to increase the amount by \$29,630 for a new not to exceed amount of \$149,282 and extend the term until December 18, 2016 to complete the Machado Lake Nutrient & Toxics TMDL BMP Implementation Plan; and

4) Authorize staff to submit the Machado Lake Nutrient & Toxics TMDL BMP Implementation Plan to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8B, 8C, 8E through 8H, and 8J. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8D and 8I were considered separately at this time.

**8A. NOVEMBER 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for November 2014.

Mark Stephenson questioned whether there are any revenue streams or accounts not included in the City's Comprehensive Financial Report to service the \$8.3 million annual debt for the Successor to the Redevelopment Agency. He related his understanding that the California Department of Finance had disapproved a payment of \$70 million on the 2014-15 Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) and questioned how the debt service for this obligation will be met.

City Manager Jackson offered to provide this information via written correspondence.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote.

**8D. 2014-2015 GRANT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve a total of \$20,000 for nine (9) applicants for the year 2014-2015 Grant Program for Non-Profit Social Services agencies.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, voiced objections to the Non-Profit Social Services Agency Grant Program, contending that it was not an efficient use of taxpayer resources and the funds would be better spent to address Torrance's homeless and transient population. He expressed concerns that some of the non-profit social services agencies selected for grants have extremely high personnel compensation expense ratios and millions of dollars in liquid assets and cash, citing information from IRS Form 990 for Beacon House, Behavioral Health Services and Casa de los Angelitos.

Councilmember Goodrich asked about safeguards to ensure that a grant is not given to an organization that might be involved in improprieties.

Sr. Business Manager Minter reported that each applicant undergoes a brief interview with the Parks and Recreation Commission, however, there is not an intense screening process at this time.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to approve the grant funding. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Goodrich voting no.

Commenting on his vote, Councilmember Goodrich stated that he was not opposed to the grant program in concept but would have liked to have had more information before voting on it in light of the allegations.

**8I. IMPLEMENTATION OF LIVINGWISE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a consulting services agreement for an amount not to exceed \$40,000 with Resource Actions Programs, LLC, of Sparks, NV for the implementation of the LivingWise educational program in the Torrance middle schools.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the purpose and the funding for this program.

Public Works Director Beste reported that the program, which has been in place for several years, educates middle-school students and their parents about conservation and waste reduction and helps the City meet Best Management Practices (BMP) requirements for water and waste management programs thereby making it eligible for grants. He noted that the cost for the program is shared with Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Company, with the City's portion coming from funds earmarked for this purpose in the Water Enterprise operating budget.

Arthur Schaper, Torrance, questioned why the Torrance Unified School District does not fund the program.

Mayor Furey advised that the City has found this to be a very effective way to increase community awareness about the need for conservation.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote.

**12. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**12A. AGREEMENT RE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING SOFTWARE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a service agreement with HealthCare Impact Associates, LLC (HIA) to provide software, Health E(fx), and services related to Affordable Care Act management information and Internal Revenue Service reporting capability for a three year period beginning January 13, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$46,960.

Human Resources Manager Fuentes reported that the software will allow the City to track employee eligibility and facilitate reporting to the IRS as required by the Affordable Care Act.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, asked about the discrepancy in the number of employees covered by this agreement (2000 employees) and the number of employees listed in the City's 2013-14 Comprehensive Financial Report (1684 employees) and questioned what capability this software provides that is not already available.

City Manager Jackson clarified that the financial report refers to the number of positions, while this agreement refers to the number of employees, explaining that two or more part-time employees may be used to fill one full-time position. He advised that the software will provide the necessary documentation to ensure compliance with Affordable Care Act and avoid penalties.

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

## **12B. RENEWAL OF TORRANCE TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council allow public testimony regarding the proposed renewal of the Torrance Tourism Business Improvement District (TTBID) and proposed continued levy of assessments as set forth in the Resolution of Intention adopted by City Council on November 4, 2014.

Economic Development Manager Fulton provided background information about the Torrance Tourism Business Improvement District (TTBID) formed in 2009. She reported that all lodging businesses in Torrance with more than 50 rooms is included in the district; that an annual assessment of 1% of gross revenues is levied on participating hotels, which is paid into a fund governed by the Discover Torrance Board of Directors; and that the City of Torrance contributes \$33,000 annually to participate as a voting member. She noted that on November 4, 2014, the City Council approved the updated Management District Plan, which included no substantial changes from the original plan; adopted the Resolution of Intention; and gave notice of tonight's public meeting and the public hearing to be held on January 27, 2015.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Economic Development Manager Fulton confirmed that hotel occupancy rates have increased every year since TTBID was formed.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, voiced objections to the City's contributing to this venture and called for more transparency with regard to Discover Torrance's use of taxpayers' resources. He recommended that the Management District Plan include a list of revenues received over the last 3-5 years; that the Management District Plan identify specific marketing/advertising costs by vendor and/or the types of marketing/advertising events in each yearly report; that Discover Torrance publicly release the salaries and benefits of directors, key employees and officers; and that Discover Torrance disclose any loans made to directors, key employees or officers. He expressed concerns that IRS Form 990 for Discover Torrance indicates that board members were paid for working "zero hours per week."

Economic Development Manager Fulton advised that some of the information requested by Mr. Stephenson was provided in the Discover Torrance annual report presented to the City Council in October 2014. She clarified that board members do not receive any compensation and participate on a volunteer basis only. She reported that Discover Torrance is managed by an Executive Director, who is salaried, and two support staff. She noted that the Executive Director position is currently vacant and they are in the process of recruiting a new one.

Lynn Robinson, Torrance, questioned the effectiveness of Discover Torrance. She reported that Torrance Rose Float Association has requested funding to help with the cost of the Rose Parade float, since it publicizes the City of Torrance, but so far no help has been forthcoming from Discover Torrance.

Economic Development Manager Fulton noted that Discover Torrance's board meetings are open to the public per the Brown Act and minutes are available. She related her understanding that Torrance Rose Float Association has not submitted a formal request for funding and invited them to do so.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to proceed with the public hearing scheduled for January 27, 2015 and consider adopting a resolution to renew the Torrance Tourism Business Improvement District at that time. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote.

**12C. APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that the Mayor appoint the chair and members to the City Council Ad Hoc Naming of Public Facilities Committee to consider renaming a park, community center, or any appropriate facility in honor of Ruben Ordaz.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to concur with Mayor Furey's appointment of Councilmember Barnett as Chair and Councilmembers Ashcraft and Weideman as members of the Ad Hoc Naming of Public Facilities Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Griffiths stated that he enjoyed attending the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day and was pleased to see Torrance's float prominently displayed at the beginning of the parade.

**17B.** Councilmember Griffiths noted that new parking restrictions on street sweeping days are being implemented throughout Torrance in order to comply with storm water run-off improvement mandates, and as a result, many normally law-abiding residents will receive parking citations with a fine of \$43 per violation, most of which does not go to the City. He requested that staff look into the possibility of allowing one parking ticket to be waived per vehicle each calendar year for violations resulting from parking in restricted areas on street sweeping days or alternatively, considering reducing the bail amount for this violation.

City Manager Jackson offered to have staff bring forward an agenda item on this topic.

Councilmembers requested that staff include information about the administrative cost of waiving a parking citation and the legality of doing so; the pros and cons of implementing such a policy; and the impact on compliance with storm water run-off mandates.

Councilmember Ashcraft reported that residents have requested clarification as to whether or not street sweeping parking restrictions are in effect on City holidays such as New Year's Eve, and City Manager Jackson agreed to include this in the agenda item.

**17C.** Councilmember Rizzo commented positively on Torrance's Rose Parade float.

**17D.** Councilmember Weideman wished everyone a happy New Year, relating his belief that 2015 is going to be an excellent year for the City of Torrance.

**17E.** Councilmember Ashcraft also wished everyone a happy New Year. She noted that this year's Rose Parade float highlighting the life of Louis Zamperini had special significance and brought national attention to the City of Torrance.

**17F.** Councilmember Barnett extended New Year's greetings. He echoed comments on Torrance's Rose Parade float and congratulated those who worked on it.

**17G.** Referring to the Grant Program for Non-Profit Social Services Agencies (Agenda Item 8D), Councilmember Goodrich, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff incorporate a more thorough review and develop additional criteria to ensure that any agency awarded grant funds is using the money efficiently and there are no improprieties.

City Manager Jackson recommended that any proposed changes be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission before being forwarded to the City Council and the Council concurred with this recommendation.

**17H.** Mayor Furey echoed comments on the Rose Parade float and wished all a happy New Year.

**17I.** Mayor Furey reported on his outreach efforts to high school government classes, noting that he visited six classes at Torrance High and six classes at West High in the last couple weeks.

**17J.** Mayor Furey announced that the Torrance Theatre Company will be presenting *Mrs. Parliament's Night Out* on weekends beginning January 17 through February 15, at their downtown venue located at 1316 Cabrillo Ave, with additional information available at 424-243-6882.

**17K.** John Tabakian, Torrance, reported that he and other neighbors have recently experienced pinprick water leaks in copper tubing and questioned whether different chemicals are being used in the water supply that could cause such leaks.

Mayor Furey related his understanding that certain copper tubing is particularly susceptible to pinprick leaks, and Councilmember Ashcraft reported that she also experienced these leaks and was told by the plumber that the problem is the copper tubing.

**17L.** Georgan Griswold, Torrance Rose Float Association, requested that next year's Rose Parade float be included in the City's budget process and reported that she has had discussions with Discover Torrance and hopes to partner with them.

**17M.** Barry Heads introduced himself as field representative for newly elected State Assemblyman Mike Gipson and submitted certificates for retirees recognized earlier in the meeting. He requested information about the LivingWise program, and Public Works Director Beste invited him to contact his staff.

**17N.** Milton Herring, Torrance, noted that next Monday is Martin Luther King Day and encouraged people to commemorate the day by looking for opportunities to serve the community and foster better relationships. He recommended viewing the movie *Selma* to gain a better understanding of the struggles and personal sacrifice involved in the civil rights movement.

**17O.** Bob Chiota, South Bay Bocce Courts Project, reported on efforts to build three state-of-the-art bocce courts with access for the physically disabled at Columbia Park, noting that the courts will allow Torrance to enter the U.S. Federation of Bocce Western Division.

**17P.** Submitting documentation for the record, Mark Stephenson, Torrance, cited information that contradicts projections in the USC Capstone Report on Community Choice Aggregation concerning the reduction in greenhouse gases and job creation. He voiced his opinion that there should be extensive public outreach if the Council wishes to pursue a CCA program and that a balloting process should be required to approve it.

**17Q.** Omar Navarro, Torrance, expressed support for Councilmember's Griffiths suggestion about waiving parking citations for street sweeping violations and suggested that administrative costs could be reduced by using available technology that would allow someone issuing the ticket to determine if a vehicle had been ticketed in the past.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Commission on Aging in the West Annex Commission meeting room, regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, January 20, is a Council dark night.

Attest:

/s/ Patrick J. Furey

Mayor Patrick J. Furey

/s/ R. Poirier

City Clerk Rebecca Poirier, MMC

Approved on January 27, 2015