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At 7:53 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

February 2, 2010

**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, February 2, 2010 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

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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 Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(b)(1).

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Fire Chief Racowschi.

Councilmember Rhilinger gave the non-sectarian invocation.

**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, January 28, 2010.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey 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 Numark and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Mayor Scotto announced that Item 12D was withdrawn and deferred to a future City Council meeting as an advertised hearing.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fire Chief Racowschi announced that the monthly Community Alert Siren testing at the ExxonMobil Torrance Refinery would be conducted on Wednesday, February 3, at approximately 11:30 a.m., with additional information available by contacting the ExxonMobil Public Affairs Advisor at 310.212.4756.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the watercolors of Torrance Artist Guild member Stephen West were on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of February.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RECOGNITION OF PACIFIC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Mayor Scotto congratulated the Pacific Lutheran High School Girls volleyball team on winning the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section Division 5 championship and recognized head coach Tom Bareford and assistant coach Joshua Sanchez along with team captain Anais Marin, and team members Betsy Hungate, Amanda Hungate, Cynthia Rocha, Tayler Pattillo, Hannah Klobuchar, Alex Tangari, Bridgette Kielhack, Karina Tangari, Chrissy Hessing.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**7A.** Lorna Rice, 2010 Complete Count Census Committee, reminded the public about the need to complete census forms.

**7B.** Mark Tilford, Redondo Beach, reported that he is circulating a petition to place a constitutional amendment on the November 2010 general election ballot entitled Citizens Legislature Act of 2010 - Californians for a Part-time Legislature, with additional information available at [www.reformcal.com](http://www.reformcal.com).

**7C.** Bonnie Mae Barnard, Torrance, announced that the Torrance Hope Chapel will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, February 27, from 8:00 - 2:00 p.m. at 3555 Lomita Boulevard. She noted that Hope Chapel is looking for someone to lease a portion of the building or parking lot, with additional information available at 310.539.2896. She encouraged those wanting to stretch their food dollar to purchase from [www.thetreasurebox.org](http://www.thetreasurebox.org) which offers \$75 to \$100 worth of groceries for \$30.

**7D.** Bonnie Mae Barnard, Save Historic Old Torrance, invited the public to attend a fundraiser "Wine and Win Preservation Extravaganza" to be held on Saturday, March 13, at the Toyota Automobile Museum from 6:00 -9:00 p.m., with additional information available at 310.320.0629 or [www.savehistoricoldtorrance.com](http://www.savehistoricoldtorrance.com) .

**7E.** David Henseler, Torrance, voiced objections to the Council's approval of the project at 25636 Amber Leaf at the January 26, 2010 City Council meeting.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE INSPECTION SERVICES FOR WATER WELL NO. 9**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a third amendment to consulting services agreement with AECOM USA, Inc. (C2008-012) extending the term of the agreement for inspection services for Water Well No. 9 for an additional twelve (12) months, through February 5, 2011.

**8B. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF SCULPTURE FOR MIRAMAR PARK**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Cultural Arts Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve a donation to the City of Torrance of a bronze sculpture called "Dreaming of the Kiss" for permanent installation in Miramar Park.

**8C. AWARD OF GRANT TO TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION/  
ACCEPTANCE OF 2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award the Torrance Sister City Association (TSCA) a 2010 grant in the amount of \$1,500 and
- 2) Accept the Torrance Sister City Association 2009 Annual Report to City Council.

**8D. 2009-2010 GRANT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve a total of \$41,530 for twenty applicants for the year 2009-2010 Grant Program for Non-Profit Social Services Agencies.

**8E. NAME CHANGE ON WORKERS COMPENSATION SOFTWARE CONTRACT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director and Human Resources Director that City Council approve an Assignment and Assumption agreement to change the name on the existing contract services agreement from GenSource to P&C Claims, Inc. (C2006-045) for workers compensation software maintenance and services.

**8F. ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT FOR PERMIT PLAN/  
BUSINESS LICENSE/ INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE SOFTWARE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council approve the purchase of annual software maintenance and support for the Tidemark Advantage Permit Plan/Business License/IVR software from Accela, Inc., of Palatine, IL, for an amount not to exceed \$62,001.95.

**8G. DECEMBER 2009 INVESTMENT REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for December 2009.

**8H. PAYMENT FOR LITIGATION EXPENSES RE WEST COAST BASIN WATER  
JUDGMENT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize the payment of the West Basin Water Association assessment for litigation expenses associated with the amendment to the West Coast Basin water judgment in the amount of \$28,194.35.

**8I. AGREEMENT RE CONSTRUCTION OF STORM WATER RETENTION BASIN AND CHANNEL PERIMETER FENCING AND GATES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for construction of Storm Water Retention Basin and Channel Perimeter Fencing and Gates, FEAP #471 (B2009-44) on file in the Public Works Department;
- 2) Accept the error in the total bid price of the lowest bidder, Dash Construction Company, Inc. that was corrected from \$63,785 to \$63,085;
- 3) Award a public works agreement, with a 12-month term, to Dash Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$63,085; and
- 4) Authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$3,154.25 for the construction of Storm Water Retention Basin and Channel Perimeter Fencing and Gates, FEAP #471.

**8J. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL TECHNICIAN, ELECTRICIAN AND TRAFFIC PAINTER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council:

- 1) Approve the revised and re-titled class specification Traffic Signal Technician;
- 2) Approve the revised class specification for Electrician; and
- 3) Approve the revised class specification for Traffic Painter.

**8K. MOU FOR ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION A INTEREST FUNDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the allocation of Proposition A Interest funds for the period from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

**8L. MOU FOR ALLOCATION OF MEASURE R 20% BUS OPERATION FUNDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for allocation of Measure R 20% Bus Operation Funds for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2015.

**8M. MOU FOR ALLOCATION OF MEASURE R MUNICIPAL OPERATORS REGIONAL CLEAN FUEL BUS CAPITAL FACILITIES PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the allocation of Measure R Funds to Municipal Bus Operators Regional Clean Fuel Bus Capital Facilities and Rolling Stock Program for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2020.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8M. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. ORDINANCE No. 3722 GRANTING PIPELINE FRANCHISE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt an Ordinance granting Crimson California Pipeline System, LP, a California Limited Partnership a pipeline franchise to repeal and replace expired Franchise Ordinance No. 3448 to construct, lay, operate, test, maintain, use, renew, repair, replace, move, change the size and number of, and remove or abandon in place a system of pipelines and appurtenances, for the purpose of conducting, transporting, conveying and carrying gas, oil, petroleum products and water, on, along, in, under and across public streets, ways, alleys and places within the City of Torrance.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine reported that the proposed Ordinance replaces expired Ordinance No. 3448 granting a pipeline franchise to Crimson California Pipeline System, LP, for a period of 10 years, with options for two 10-year extensions, noting that the rates are set by the California Public Utilities Commission.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3722**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE SYSTEM, LP, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, LAY, OPERATE, TEST, MAINTAIN, USE, RENEW, REPAIR, REPLACE, MOVE, CHANGE THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF, AND REMOVE OR ABANDON IN PLACE A SYSTEM OF PIPELINES AND APPURTENANCES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING, TRANSPORTING, CONVEYING AND CARRYING GAS, OIL, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND WATER, ON, ALONG, IN, UNDER AND ACROSS PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS AND PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3722. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**12B. ORDINANCE NO. 3722 GRANTING PIPELINE FRANCHISE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt an Ordinance granting Crimson California Pipeline System, LP, a California Limited Partnership a pipeline franchise to repeal and replace expired Franchise Ordinance No. 3092 to construct, lay, operate, test, maintain, use, renew, repair, replace, move, change the size and number of, and remove or abandon in place a system of pipelines and appurtenances, for the purpose of conducting, transporting, conveying and carrying gas, oil, petroleum products and water, on, along, in, under and across public streets, ways, alleys and places within the City of Torrance.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine noted that the proposed Ordinance replaces another expired Ordinance as in Agenda Item 12A.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3723**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE SYSTEM, LP, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, LAY, OPERATE, TEST, MAINTAIN, USE, RENEW, REPAIR, REPLACE, MOVE, CHANGE THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF, AND REMOVE OR

ABANDON IN PLACE A SYSTEM OF PIPELINES AND APPURTENANCES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING, TRANSPORTING, CONVEYING AND CARRYING GAS, OIL, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND WATER, ON, ALONG, IN, UNDER AND ACROSS PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS AND PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3723. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**12C. RESOLUTION AMENDING TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES MOU RE TRAFFIC SIGNAL TECHNICIAN**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Memorandum of Understanding for the Torrance Municipal Employees - AFSCME, Local 1117 (Resolution No. 2007-78) to implement the proposed salary range and premium for Traffic Signal Technician. The cost to implement the premium is \$9700 and funds are available in the Wage Reserve.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that the Resolution implements the proposed salary range for Traffic Signal Technician and the premium for Level Two International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) certification.

Councilmember Sutherland noted that this is a companion item to Consent Calendar Item 8J, which revises and re-titles the class specification for Traffic Signal Technician, and requested that such items be considered together in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-78 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEEES REPRESENTED BY TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEEES – AFSCME LOCAL 1117

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2010-12. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**12D. RESOLUTION RE INCREASE IN REFUSE RATES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director and the Public Works Director that City Council adopt a Resolution approving an increase to monthly refuse rates by \$5, which would be increased by the May to May Consumer Price Index (five years), with an implementation loan from the General Fund to reduce the rate by \$2 the first year and \$1 the second year.

Item was withdrawn by the City Manager on January 29, 2010.

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:44 p.m. to 7:46 p.m.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Rhilinger announced “Wild About Jane Austen” an evening with author Laurie Viera Rigler on Wednesday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

**17B.** Councilmember Rhilinger requested an excused absence from the February 9 City Council meeting due to her attendance representing the South Bay Council of Governments at a FEMA class in Maryland on recovery from disaster.

**17C.** Councilmember Sutherland congratulated Councilmember Gene Barnett and Treasurer Linda Barnett on their 42nd wedding anniversary.

**17D.** Councilmember Barnett noted it was also Groundhog's Day with 6 more weeks of winter and wished his wife Linda a happy anniversary.

**17E.** Councilmember Brewer announced that AARP tax counseling for seniors would be available from February 1 through April 15 Monday through Thursday and alternate Fridays in the lower level of the West Annex building of City Hall, with additional information available at 310.618.2724.

**17F.** Councilmember Brewer announced that El Paso Cantina restaurant will be holding a fundraiser through February 5 with 25% of food sales to benefit Haiti relief efforts using a coupon available on their website.

**17G.** Councilmember Numark announced that the Police Department will be hosting several seminars with the next available on Internet Safety on April 7 and that registration can be done online at [www.police.TorranceCA.Gov](http://www.police.TorranceCA.Gov) or by calling 310.618.6391.

**17H.** Councilmember Numark commended the Torrance Police Department for apprehending the suspect in recent incident involving a purse theft of a co-worker at Red Cross headquarters in Pomona.

**17I.** Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, directed staff to hold the item regarding the Bishop Montgomery basin scheduled for the February 9 City Council meeting for further study of the neighborhood impact and community benefit.

**17J.** Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, called for Tuesday, March 2, to be a City Council dark night so that councilmembers on the recently appointed federal legislative advocacy committee may travel to Washington D.C. to meet with legislators.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:53 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on April 6, 2010

Sue Sweet  
Recording Secretary