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February 24, 2015

**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, February 24, 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 Manager and City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, and 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:01 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 Weideman.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Pastor Milton Herring.

**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, February 19, 2015, with an addendum posted on Friday, February 20.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

City Attorney Fellows announced that the hearing on Item 14A re the Marcelina Day Spa will be continued to a later date.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Griffiths announced that the fourth of several meetings to discuss the possibility of an ordinance protecting views from obstruction from trees/vegetation in the Hillside Overlay District will be held on Monday, March 2, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Torrance Airport meeting room, with additional information available by calling the Community Development Department at 310-618-2550.

Councilmember Rizzo announced that the Hometown Heroes Military Recognition Program, which features banners honoring active and retired military personnel during the annual Armed Forces Day celebration, will be accepting applications until March 1, 2015. 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, with additional information available by calling the City Manager's office at 310-618-5880.

City Clerk Poirier invited staff and the public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Gemma Del Rio on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of March.

Public Works Director Beste offered a reminder that the City offers residents a large item pick-up once a year, which can be scheduled by calling 855-354-5623 or by visiting the Public Works Department webpage on the City's website.

Mayor Furey reported that almost two years ago, the City began investigating the possibility of realigning itself with an entity other than the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network; that he and the Mayor of Lomita recently traveled to Sacramento to testify before the Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee on this topic; and that he was pleased to announce that the boundaries of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board will be expanded to include the cities of Torrance and Lomita in the near future.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. REPORT ON FEBRUARY 18, 2015 EXXONMOBIL INCIDENT

City Manager Jackson reported that staff has prepared a summary of the incident that occurred on February 18, 2015 involving an explosion at the ExxonMobil refinery, along with a review of procedures and responses.

With the aid of slides, Deputy Fire Chief Dumais reviewed the timeline of fire operations on the day of the incident and the notifications sent to the public to apprise them of situation. He reported that it was a team effort with Torrance firefighters working alongside the ExxonMobil firefighting crew and that firefighters from nearby cities came to help staff Torrance fire stations that responded to the incident. He noted that there was a great deal of ash from the fire, with the Hawthorne Boulevard area being the hardest hit.

Assistant Fire Chief Cerna provided an overview of the refinery's operation and the Consent Decree entered into with ExxonMobil in 1990. He advised that several regulatory agencies conducted investigations following this incident, including L.A. County Health

Hazardous Materials Division, South Coast Air Quality Management District, L.A. County District Attorney, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, L.A. County Radiological Branch, and the Environmental Protection Agency. He reported that air sampling was conducted by the South Coast AQMD and results indicate that there was minimal hazard to the public, however, Dr. Rangan, director of Toxics Epidemiology Program for L.A. County Health Department, has recommended anyone experiencing any health issues consult with their personal physician.

Emergency Services Coordinator Sutherlin provided information about the City's Emergency Notification System "Torrance Alerts," a new system that the City began phasing in as of December 20, 2014. She noted that there is an opt-in process that allows anyone who works, lives or frequents Torrance to receive emergency and non-emergency messages from the City of Torrance using various forms of communication and social media.

City Manager Jackson discussed systems that worked during the incident and systems that need to be modified. He noted that there will be a hearing by the California Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee in City Council Chambers on March 5 at 6:00 p.m. He cautioned residents about a scam where callers purporting to represent the EPA offer to conduct an examination of their homes.

Mayor Furey reported that he was at a meeting of the L.A. County Office of Economic Development along with Assistant Fire Chief Cerna when they learned of the incident and they both quickly returned to Torrance. He noted that an investigation is underway to determine the cause of the incident in order to prevent similar events in the future and expressed confidence that ExxonMobil was committed to running a safe operation.

Councilmember Rizzo expressed concerns that the Torrance Alerts notification he received on his phone had a caller ID of "City of Torrance" which did not convey the urgency of the situation so many people may have disregarded it not knowing that it was an alert.

City Manager Jackson advised that staff will be looking into this issue.

Councilmember Rizzo questioned why the air quality monitoring done by the EPA seemed to focus on the area northeast of the refinery when the plume and most of the fallout from the explosion was to the southwest.

Assistant Fire Chief Cerna related his understanding that the EPA typically establishes a baseline on the outer edge of the affected area and then works its way closer to where the explosion occurred when doing air quality sampling.

Councilmember Ashcraft reported that the main concern she heard from residents is that they received the "all clear" notification, but did not receive the initial notification recommending that they shelter in place, and they questioned why the Community Alert Siren was not used. She noted that she disregarded a recorded phone message about the incident because she did not believe it was legitimate.

Councilmember Griffiths commended both the City's and ExxonMobil's first responders for their handling of this incident. Noting that communication seemed to be the main problem, he voiced his opinion that the Community Alert Siren should have been utilized because it alerts everyone who happens to be in the area rather than just those who are part of the emergency notification system.

Councilmember Weideman stated that he was pleased the protocol for activating the Community Alert Siren is going to be reviewed, noting that he received no phone notification at his home in north Torrance where he has lived for 35 years, which is in earshot of the siren. He questioned why the barrier was closed at Del Amo, but not at Crenshaw as he felt it was best to err on the side of caution. He related his belief that it was very fortunate that no one was seriously injured in the incident and the City now has the opportunity to learn from this experience.

Mayor Furey reported that he was involved with the North Torrance Homeowners Association when the Community Alert Siren was implemented as part of the Consent Decree with ExxonMobil and the siren was not meant to be used for every incident. He noted that the use of the siren in this case could have been counterproductive since many in the community do not know what it means to “shelter in place” and they might have thought the siren was a call to evacuate. He stressed the need to educate the public about safety procedures and suggested the possibility of using different siren tones to signify different levels of emergencies.

Mayor Furey invited public comment.

Brad Commiso, owner of a mobile home park on Earl Street that was inundated with fallout from the refinery blast, expressed concerns that it may contain hazardous chemicals. He reported that ExxonMobil promised to take samples but has yet to do so and hazmat teams from both Torrance Fire Department and L.A. County Fire Department took samples at his request, but he has not been given the results.

Bob Vesiz, Torrance, recommended that a High Power Speaker Array (HPSA) be installed to allow for audio warnings in addition to the Community Alert Siren, noting that this is common equipment at every military base.

Lloyd Brown, Torrance, stated that the windows of his home rattled when the incident occurred, but he did not learn it was an explosion at the refinery until hours later after seeing it on Facebook. He reported that he like Councilmember Ashcraft, ignored recorded telephone messages and suggested that any emergency alerts sent out to residents need to be clearly identified as such. He indicated that he was unsure of what to do when the Community Alert Siren sounds.

City Manager Jackson advised that the siren means that people should shelter in place, and Mayor Furey again emphasized the importance of educating the public about this issue.

Clint Paulson, Torrance, requested clarification of the timeline for notifications sent to residents and the Torrance Unified School District, which was provided by staff.

A resident (name inaudible/no speaker card) expressed concerns about fallout from the explosion and voiced his opinion that ExxonMobil should be required to do a thorough cleanup to ensure the safety of residents.

Councilmember Goodrich expressed concerns that this was the third major incident at the ExxonMobil refinery in 25 years. He stated that he was not surprised that it occurred given the refinery’s track record and the fact that there has been labor strife for a long time and one of employees’ main concerns is safety issues. He questioned whether this incident would have happened if ExxonMobil’s claim that safety is its first priority was true and also questioned the company’s commitment to the community given the condition of landscaping along Crenshaw Boulevard.

Mayor Furey advised that the City will continue to work with ExxonMobil and look into improving procedures to ensure the safety of the public.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Brandon Matson, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, announced that the 18th Annual Black History Month Celebration will be held on Thursday, February 26, at 12:00 p.m. at the Torrance Marriott in partnership with the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce, with additional information available at www.TorranceChamber.com. He also announced a free workshop for businesses held in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development on how to apply for California Competes tax credits on Monday, March 2, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Toyota Meeting Hall.

7B. Lloyd Brown, Torrance, reported that his complaints about the elimination of green-arrow protected left-turn signal phasing at the intersection of 182nd Street/Prairie Avenue have gone unheeded and encouraged those who share his concerns about new traffic signal phasing to write a letter to Engineering Manager Ted Semaan and send a copy to the City Council.

7C. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that Torrance High will host the 8th Annual Zamperini Invitational Track Meet on Saturday, February 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Zamperini Stadium.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of January 27, 2015.

8B. SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR USE OF WILSON PARK FOR TORRANCE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council subsidize fees in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for use of the softball fields at Charles H. Wilson Park for the Torrance National Tournament (TNT) hosted by Torrance High School to be held March 19 through March 21, 2015.

8C. FEE AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney and the Community Development Director that City Council approve a fee agreement with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker, LLP to review and update the City's telecommunications ordinance for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000.

8D. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE JANIORIAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and the General Services Director that City Council approve a contract services agreement with Ultimate Maintenance Services Inc. of Lawndale, CA to provide janitorial services at various City locations (B2015-02) for the period of March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$231,447 with two one-year options to extend the agreement.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION RE LOW CARBON OPERATIONS PROGRAM FUNDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Transit Director to receive Low Carbon Operations Program funds under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction fund in the amount of \$39,556.

Transit Operations Manager Mills reported that the funds will be used to upgrade portable bike racks on all Torrance Transit buses, increasing the number of bikes that can be transported from two to three, thereby promoting the use of public transportation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE TRANSIT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-09. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

13. HEARINGS

13A. CUP14-00021: AMC DEL AMO 18 THEATER – 3525 WEST CARSON STREET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission that City Council deny the appeal and adopt a resolution denying a conditional use permit to allow the on-site service and consumption of alcohol in conjunction with an existing theater on property located at 3525 West Carson Street.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve the appeal and adopt a resolution approving a conditional use permit to allow the on-site service and consumption of alcohol in conjunction with an existing theater on property located at 3525 West Carson Street.

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

Planning Manager Lodan provided background information about the applicant's request to allow alcohol service at AMC Del Amo 18 Theater. He reported that the Planning Commission considered the request on November 19, 2014 and voted unanimously to deny the application because some commissioners felt the service of alcohol should be confined to separate auditoriums designated for those 21 years of age and older while other commissioners believed the service of alcohol was contrary to the family-oriented nature of this theater.

Milton Herring, member of the Planning Commission, reported that Planning Commissioners were concerned about the theater's ability to control and monitor the service of alcohol in a family-oriented environment. He noted that movie theaters have not been successful in preventing under-aged youths from gaining admission to R-rated movies, therefore it was doubtful that they would be able to prevent them from obtaining alcohol. He stated that Planning Commissioners denied this application because they felt it was in the best interests of Torrance and urged the City Council to uphold this denial.

Frank Lewis, representing AMC Theaters, applicant/appellant, explained that movie theaters are in decline due to the many options that allow people to view movies in their own homes; that teenagers now make up a large portion of the audience and this has led to an even greater decline in adult moviegoers since teenagers can be rowdy and disruptive; and that the industry is trying to reverse this trend by offering more amenities such as a larger selection of food items, plush recliner seating, and the service of alcohol. He reported that these efforts have been successful and for the first time in many years AMC is starting to build new theaters rather than shutting them down.

Mr. Lewis stated that experience has shown that guests act responsibly when alcohol is served in AMC theaters and there has been no increase in criminal activity or disturbances of any type. He explained that guests are only allowed to buy one drink at a time and they do not tend to leave a movie to get another drink. He reported that alcohol service was approved 6 months ago for an AMC theater in a Chula Vista mall that is similar to Del Amo and the city was so pleased with the outcome, they recently approved the service of alcohol at a second AMC location with fewer restrictions. With regard to concerns about alcohol being served in theaters where children are present, he noted that AMC operates theaters with bars at child-oriented venues, such as Disneyworld and Universal Studios in Florida, and this has led to an increase in customer satisfaction. He pointed out that the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has created a license specifically for this purpose (Type 47).

Mr. Lewis discussed AMC's efforts to support the community, noting that AMC offered free screenings of the movie *Unbroken* and has had discussions with local craft breweries about featuring their beers. Urging approval of the application, he stated that alcohol service will generate approximately \$700,000 in taxable revenue, create 12 new employee positions and draw additional adult traffic to the mall.

Councilmember Rizzo asked if the applicant would be amenable to limiting alcohol service to age-restricted auditoriums within the theater complex.

Mr. Lewis reported that only 2 of the 101 AMC theaters that serve alcohol have restrictions like this, one in La Jolla that was approved before the ABC Type 47 license was created and one in Washington, D.C., and their guest satisfaction is not nearly as high as at the other theaters therefore AMC is seeking to have these restrictions removed. He explained that problems arise when families come to a theater and find that the movie they want to watch is in an age-restricted

auditorium so children are sent to another movie and end up running around the theater unattended because screening times rarely match up.

Councilmember Rizzo reported that he spoke with many community members about this issue and those who were inclined to support it want alcohol service restricted to adults-only auditoriums and tightly controlled. He recommended continuing the hearing so the applicant could explore this option with Community Development staff.

Mr. Lewis indicated that he was open to a continuance.

Councilmember Barnett stated that he has heard from a lot of people who don't like the idea of allowing alcohol service at movie theaters; that he has attended movies for over 50 years and did not feel the absence of alcohol was a deterrent; and that he was inclined to uphold the Planning Commission's denial.

Councilmember Ashcraft stated that not one of the many people she heard from on this topic thought it was a good idea, therefore she will vote to uphold the Planning Commission's denial. She noted that people have suggested that lowering ticket prices would be a way to generate more revenue because it would bring more people into the theater.

Councilmember Griffiths reported that he also has had a lot of input from the public and they were 100% opposed to the service of alcohol as currently proposed and the only way they would even consider it would be if the theater was completely restructured to provide full-meal service with waiter service at one's seat as some other Southern California theaters are doing.

Councilmember Goodrich acknowledged that businesses need to be able adapt to changing times to remain competitive and suggested that there may be a way to "split the baby" and find an acceptable compromise. He questioned whether AMC has considered restricting alcohol service to R-rated movies only.

Mr. Lewis pointed out that parents can take children into R-rated movies, so it would not necessarily be an adults-only audience. He expressed his willingness to explore different options, but explained that a "dine-in" theater was not an option because it would require the elimination of too many seats to make room for tables and a kitchen and it was not financially feasible.

Councilmember Rizzo noted that if a parent chooses to take his or her child into an R-rated movie where alcohol is being consumed, it's the parent's choice, and explained that he was more interested in providing an alcohol-free environment for moviegoers who do not want to be exposed to it.

Mr. Lewis reiterated his willingness to explore different options to see if a compromise can be found.

Councilmember Goodrich stated that he appreciated Mr. Lewis's efforts to work with local microbreweries to provide exposure for their products.

Mayor Furey invited public comment.

Maureen O'Donnell, Torrance, urged the Council to uphold the Planning Commission's denial of this application. She stated that it is not the City's responsibility to rescue a dying industry by allowing them to sell alcohol at the expense of families who don't want their children

exposed to alcohol. She suggested that AMC find more creative ways boost to ticket sales, such as offering reduced rates on certain days, relating her belief that tickets are greatly over-priced.

Gracie Ramirez, Torrance, reported that she and her husband frequent the AMC theaters at Del Amo mall and expressed concerns that the service of alcohol will change the atmosphere. She explained that she has had only negative experiences associated with alcohol and she and her husband and adult children do not drink it. She stated that she feels fortunate to have been able to raise her family in a safe community like Torrance and does not want to see this change.

Councilmember Weideman voiced support for a continuance, stating that he was pleased the applicant was now willing to consider restricting alcohol service to certain auditoriums, an idea that was rejected when mentioned by the Planning Commission. He commented that he and his wife would go to more movies if they offered something other than sequels and super heroes.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to continue the hearing indefinitely to allow the applicant to explore other options with Community Development staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by a 4-3 vote as reflected in the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Goodrich, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey

NOES: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett and Griffiths

14. APPEALS

14A. APPEAL OF LICENSE REVIEW BOARD DECISION RE MARCELINA DAY SPA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council deny the appeal and concur with the License Review Board decision to approve issuing a business license for a massage establishment to Marcelina Day Spa located at 1439 Marcelina Avenue.

Item was continued indefinitely.

15.1. OTHER – SUCCESSOR AGENCY to former Redevelopment Agency of City of Torrance

Councilmember Barnett announced that he was abstaining from Items 15.1A and 15.1B because he is a member of the Successor Agency Oversight Board.

15.1A. APPROVAL OF RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council, acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adopt a resolution approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the period of July 1 through December 31, 2015, in accordance with ABX1-26 and AB 1484.

Planning Manager Lodan advised that upon approval, the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule will be forwarded to the Oversight Committee for review, after which it will be submitted to the State.

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

RESOLUTION NO. SA2015-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. SA2015-01. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote, with Councilmember Barnett abstaining.

15.1B. APPROVAL OF REPAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR LOANS MADE BY LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING FUND

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director and the Community Development Director that City Council, acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adopt a resolution approving a repayment schedule for loans made by the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance in the amount of \$1,873,725.

Finance Director Flewellyn reported that for the first time since Redevelopment Agencies were dissolved four years ago, the City can receive repayment of loans made between the City of Torrance and the former Redevelopment Agency and in order to do so, a resolution must be adopted which includes a repayment schedule in compliance with AB1484.

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

RESOLUTION NO. SA2015-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A REPAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR LOANS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,873,725 MADE BY THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING FUND TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. SA2015-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote, with Councilmember Barnett abstaining.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Griffiths announced that the Torrance Police Department will be hosting the 35th Partners in Policing class beginning March 26, 2015, which provides an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the police department. He noted that the class consists of 12 sessions meeting every Thursday night from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. beginning on March 26 and concluding on June 11, 2015 and that registration is available by contacting Officer Kelly McCarthy at 310-618-6391.

17B. Commenting on his vote on Item 13A, Councilmember Griffiths stated that he voted no because he would have preferred to deny the appeal rather than continuing the matter.

17C. Councilmember Weideman commented positively on the presentation on the ExxonMobil incident.

17D. Mayor Furey reported that he received a letter from the Torrance Rose Float Association requesting direction regarding the 2016 float and proposed that the matter be referred to the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee for review and recommendation since no funding has been allocated for the float.

17E. With the concurrence of Council, Mayor Furey requested that staff bring forward an item to pool the City Council's travel budget for the remainder of FY2014-2015 and to consider increasing the travel budget as part of next year's operating budget.

17F. City Manager Jackson thanked staff for putting together the report on the ExxonMobil incident in a short period of time.

17G. Councilmember Goodrich reminded the public that there is an unclaimed property list on the State Controller Betty Yee's website, which lists many people who are owed money that they have not claimed.

17H. Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino, Torrance, announced that the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute will be presenting a program on Sunday, February 22, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., in remembrance of the 73rd anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066, which led to the eviction of 120,000 Japanese-Americans from their homes during WWII, noting that the program will focus on the experience of the children who lived in internment camps.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:41 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:

/s/ Patrick J. Furey

Mayor Patrick J. Furey

/s/ R. Poirier

City Clerk Rebecca Poirier, MMC

Approved on April 7, 2015