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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – APRIL 16, 2013

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At 8:46 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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, April 16, 2013 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Numark.

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

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

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6.

The City Council reconvened at 7:01 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember Numark. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Torrance Youth Council member Teena Roshini.

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, April 11, 2013.

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 Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred. Supplemental material was available for Items 8A and 8C.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brewer announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee held a joint meeting with the Torrance Unified School District and discussed the adoption of a joint use agreement for shared facilities.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the City Council Armed Forces Day Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 17, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager assembly room to discuss the 2013 Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the next commissioner certification class will be held on Tuesday, June 4, and that appointments will be made to fill three vacancies on the Cable Television Advisory Board, Library and the Traffic Commissions at the Tuesday, June 25, City Council meeting.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 14 through April 20 as **National Library Week** in the City of Torrance to City Librarian Hillary Theyer and Library Commission Chairperson Toni Sargent.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE “MUNICIPAL CLERK’S WEEK”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of May 5 through May 11 as **Municipal Clerk’s Week** in the City of Torrance to City Clerk Sue Herbers, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Poirier, Secretary Gina Semana, and Typist Clerk Elizabeth Pose.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of April as **National Child Abuse Prevention Month** in the City of Torrance to Development Director Allison Tanaka from The Richstone Family Center.

6D. DISCOVER TORRANCE TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council accept and file the Discover Torrance Tourism Business Improvement District annual report.

Ralph Witsell, Executive Director, presented the annual report for the Discover Torrance Tourism Business Improvement District, using slides to illustrate.

Sunny Lai, Leadership Torrance, offered a demonstration of an interactive website designed to provide information about attractions/activities in the City of Torrance, which is the class project for Leadership Torrance 2013.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Giao Phuong Dao, resident, expressed concerns that her landlord was entering her apartment without permission.

7B. Bob Chiota, South Bay Bocce Courts Project, announced that a fundraiser will be held at the Comedy and Magic Club in Hermosa Beach on Thursday, May 30, with additional information at www.SouthBayBocceCourts.org.

7C. John Powers announced that *Coming of Age*, the first performance in the Works in Progress 2013 series, which highlights the works of Korean-American playwrights, will be presented free of charge on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nakano Theatre.

7D. Carol Gilles, Torrance Rose Float Association, announced upcoming fundraisers at The Counter restaurant on Thursday, April 25, and the Comedy and Magic Club on Thursday, May 30, with flyers and additional information at www.TorranceRoseFloat.com.

7E. Carol Gilles, Friends of Torrance Theatre Company, announced that the Torrance Theatre Company will be presenting the play *Ruthless* on weekends through May 18, with additional information at www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com.

7F. Mark Stephenson, resident, contended that the City Council approved the Torrance Fire Department's contract circumvented taxpayer protections in the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act and that under California Government Code Section 7507 that an actuary be present at public meeting to provide annuity cost estimates for pension or other post-employment benefits.

Mayor Scotto expressed strong concerns that some of the information presented by Mr. Stephenson was incorrect and offered to have staff meet privately with him to explain.

7G. Maureen O'Donnell, resident, announced that El Camino College Associated Students Organization is sponsoring a hair drive to provide hair for wigs for cancer patients on April 22 and 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Cosmetology Department at El Camino College.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **PARK BENCH DEDICATION PROGRAM**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve the Park Bench Dedication Program.

8B. **LIVING TREE DEDICATION PROGRAM 2012 ANNUAL REPORT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that the City Council accept and file the Living Tree Dedication Program 2012 Annual Report for the period of January through December 2012.

8C. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR AUTOMATED RECYCLING AND REFUSE CONTAINERS**

Considered separately, see page 4.

8D. **APPROVAL OF YOUTH COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN RELAY FOR LIFE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Torrance Youth Council and the Community Services Director that City Council grant permission to the Youth Council to participate in the Relay for Life American Cancer Society fundraising event at South High School on April 27 and April 28, 2013 and to use and display the City of Torrance logo and the Youth Council name in conjunction with their team.

8E. **REMEDICATION LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR 1640 CABRILLO AVENUE**

Considered separately, see page 4.

8F. **FEBRUARY 2013 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for February 2013.

8G. CONTRACT RE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MCMASTER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Considered separately, see below.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8B, 8D, and 8F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

Consent Calendar Items 8C, 8E and 8G were considered separately at this time.

8C. PURCHASE ORDER FOR AUTOMATED RECYCLING AND REFUSE CONTAINERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$33,624.14 from the Sanitation Enterprise Fund balance for the purchase of automated refuse and recycling containers; and
- 2) Authorize a purchase order with Toter Incorporated of Statesville, NC in the amount of \$33,624.14 for the sole source purchase of 636 Toter automated curbside recycling and refuse containers.

Councilmember Sutherland commended the vendor for absorbing the cost of an error made in calculating the sales tax for this purchase.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

8E. REMEDICATION LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR 1640 CABRILLO AVENUE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a License Agreement by and between the City of Torrance, a California municipal corporation ("City") and Cabrillo Family Apartments, L.P., a California limited partnership ("Developer") to remove certain underground storage tanks and hydraulic lifts and to perform further testing and remediation work as required on city-owned property located at 1640 Cabrillo Avenue.

Mark Stephenson, resident, requested additional information regarding the underground storage tanks, which was provided by Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

8G. CONTRACT RE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MCMASTER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and General Services Director that City Council concur in the evaluation of the Request for Proposal process and award a contract to Land Concern Ltd. for \$234,940 for design and engineering services for the McMaster Park Improvements (FEAP #337).

Mark Stephenson, resident, requested clarification regarding the RFP (Request for Proposal) process, which was provided by City Manager Jackson.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

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

Councilmember Rhilinger announced that due to her appointment to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency she would recuse herself from consideration of item 15.1A and exited the Council Chamber at 8:33 p.m.

15.1A. FINDING OF COMPLETION

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, accept and file the Finding of Completion determination letter issued to the City of Torrance on March 21, 2013 by the California Department of Finance.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine advised that this action was part of the dissolution process for Redevelopment Agencies as directed by the State of California.

Charles Deemer, resident, requested clarification regarding the disposition of assets formerly owned by the Torrance Redevelopment Agency, which was provided by Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine.

Councilmember Furey commended staff for their diligence in this matter, noting that only 10 cities out of the 400 that had Redevelopment Agencies have received a Finding of Completion from the State.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmembers Numark and Rhilinger).

Councilmember Rhilinger returned to the dais at 8:37 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Councilmember Furey reported that according to Torrance's representative on the Board of Equalization, the State has \$16 million in unclaimed tax refunds and encouraged people to visit the website www.boe.ca.gov if they think they might have claim to these funds.

17B. Councilmember Furey announced that the 41st Annual Bunka Sai festival will be held on April 20 and 21, at the Ken Miller Recreation Center, benefiting the Sister City Cultural Exchange Program.

17C. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that a "Seniors Don't Be Scammed" presentation on the top five scams targeting seniors plus a bonus feature on disaster preparedness will be offered free of charge on Tuesday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room.

17D. Councilmember Sutherland reported that Torrance Police Officer Sean O'Rourke will be honored by the Los Angeles Kings as "Hero of the Game" at the Staples Center on Thursday, April 18.

17E. Councilmember Sutherland commended the Torrance Police Department and the Torrance Fire Department for recent fundraising events.

17F. Councilmember Sutherland commented on his enjoyment of the Torrance Civic Chorale's concert on April 13.

17G. Councilmember Brewer announced that there will be an Earth Day recycling event on Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the civic center parking lot at Maple Avenue and Civic Center Drive, which will include free paper shredding, electronics recycling, used oil collection and mulch giveaway.

17H. Councilmember Brewer wished his wife Carolyn a happy birthday.

17I. Public Works Director Beste announced that a meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Toyota Meeting Hall to discuss the Street Tree Master Plan.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:46 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on June 11, 2013