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At 10:32 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for regular business in the Council Chamber. ***May 7, 2013 is Students and Government Day. Tuesday, April 30 will be 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 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Numark.

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 18, 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 Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred. Supplemental material was available for 12B and 12H.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Sutherland announced that City Council budget workshops/public hearings will be held on Tuesday, May 14, and Tuesday, May 21, during the regularly scheduled City Council meetings beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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 Traffic Commissions at the Tuesday, June 25, City Council meeting.

Councilmember Numark declared his candidacy for the position of trustee on the El Camino College Board, District 5, with the election to be held in November 2013.

Councilmember Rhilinger announced her resignation as Councilmember as of June 30, 2013 due to health reasons and relocation out of state.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-21 RE DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF KEVIN KREAGER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
HONORING **DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF KEVIN KREAGER** UPON HIS  
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER THIRTY YEARS  
OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-21. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the resolution to Deputy Chief Kreager, who accepted with appreciation.

Police Chief Neu briefly highlighted Deputy Chief Kreager's many accomplishments and thanked him for his dedicated service.

**6B. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK"**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 21 through April 27 as **National Volunteer Week** in the City of Torrance to Civil Service Manager Laura Lohnes and Torrance Sister City Association President Hazel Taniguchi.

Certificates of recognition were presented to the following volunteers: Morrie Rice; Jeanette Morrison; Richard Ulyate; Mistydawn Jones; Kathy Patterson; William Carter; Doris Herzog; Shirley Cooper; Brenda Jue; granddaughter Aileigh Sheldon accepted on behalf of Arch Forrest; Helen Bartlett; Hazel Taniguchi; Habib "George" Nassaney; Ruth Doddy; David Schubert; Robert, Daisy, and Michael Lee; and David Jeheber. Unable to attend were: Robert Patterson, Sarah Rosas, Samantha Sain, and Dan Portway.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**7A.** Joy Kobashi, Torrance Relay for Life, presented a certificate in recognition of the City Council's continued support of this event and announced that this year's Relay for Life will take place on Saturday, April 27, at South High School beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**7B.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that Charles Payne will be sharing his antique fountain pen collection on Sunday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m. at the museum, with additional information at 310.328.5329.

**7C.** Mark Stephenson, resident, expressed concerns about rising pension costs for Police and Fire personnel. He contended that the City has violated the requirement per California Government Code Section 7507(d), which requires that upon adoption of any benefit change, the person with the responsibilities of a chief executive officer, who in this case is the mayor, must acknowledge in writing that he understands the current and future cost of the benefit as determined by the actuary.

City Manager Jackson reported that employee benefits have not changed for several years and when benefits were changed, there was a public hearing at which the requirements cited were met.

**7D.** Mistydawn Jones, president of Torrance Rose Float Association, announced that a fundraiser will be held at The Counter restaurant on Thursday, April 25, with flyers and additional information at [www.TorranceRoseFloat.com](http://www.TorranceRoseFloat.com).

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. QUITCLAIM OF SEWER EASEMENT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve the quitclaim of an existing City of Torrance sewer easement to the South Bay Cities Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.

**8B. LICENSE AGREEMENT RE GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a license agreement with Madrona Car Wash, Inc. for two (2) groundwater monitoring wells.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. SECOND QUARTER 2012-2013 BUDGET REVIEW**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee that City Council:

- 1) Accept and file the 2nd Quarter 2012-2013 Budget Review Report;
- 2) Accept and file the City Treasurer's Investment Report; and
- 3) Concur with staff's recommendations for the program modifications for the City Manager's Office, Finance Department, General Services Department and Police Department.

Finance Director Tsao reported that revenues are projected to be \$3.3 - 3.8 million below budget at year end, but this shortfall will be covered because expenses will be \$3.5 - 4.0 million under budget. He briefly reviewed the recommended program modifications:

- 1) City Manager's office and Police: Approve funding and create a Facilities Equipment and Automation Project (FEAP) to complete the Alternate Emergency Operation Center (AEOC) located at the General Aviation Center (GAC). Project estimate: \$398,900 with a 5% contingency for a total of \$418,845;
- 2) Finance: Approve \$300,000 appropriation from the Reserve for Self-Insurance Fund to fund the rising cost of life-time medical care in the claims for over four years category;
- 3) General Services: Approve reallocation of personnel within the Fleet Division of the General Services Department – Funding not applicable: Delete 1.0 Senior Welder position and Add 1.0 Senior Mechanic;
- 4) Police: Approve addition of one Police Officer position to replace an officer assigned to the L.A. IMPACT task force and appropriate \$202,200 of asset forfeiture funds to pay for the new officer's salary and benefits for one year; and
- 5) Police: Increase the asset forfeiture Miscellaneous Projects account limit from \$40,000 to \$75,000 and appropriate and allocate \$55,339.41 of asset forfeiture funds to the Miscellaneous Projects account (FEAP #383) to replenish the account.

Councilmember Sutherland, chair of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee, reported that contrary to remarks repeatedly made by a resident under Orals, the City is not on the verge of catastrophe and remains on solid financial ground due to prudent management.

Mark Stephenson, resident, asked about funding for post-employment benefits.

City Attorney Fellows advised that this issue was not before the Council and therefore could not be addressed at this time. He recommended that Mr. Stephenson attend upcoming budget hearings if he wishes to discuss this topic.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation to accept and file the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Review Report and the City Treasurer Investment Report and to approve the departmental program modifications as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

## **12B. TORRANCE TRANSIT PARK AND RIDE REGIONAL TERMINAL DESIGN MODIFICATIONS**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director and Transit Director that City Council review and provide direction regarding Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal (FEAP #764) updated architectural design concept modifications from the August 7, 2012 City Council meeting and bring construction cost projections in line with construction cost estimates.

With the aid of slides, Greg Coles and Ken Stein, of Frank R. Webb Architects, Inc., reviewed proposed modifications to the previously approved design for the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal to reduce constructions costs, noting that the layout of the project remains essentially the same.

Referring to a Cost Analysis for the project (supplemental material), Engineering Manager Semaan reported that the proposed changes would save \$4-5 million in construction costs as compared to the original design.

Councilmember Numark questioned whether operating expenses were considered as part of the proposal to reduce the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from Platinum to Gold/Silver since replacing energy efficient materials with less costly materials could end up costing more in the long run due to higher operating expenses.

Engineering Manager Semaan advised that the information presented this evening was a preliminary cost analysis; that a more in-depth analysis will be completed before the project moves forward, which will include the lifespan of materials and associated costs; and that the goal is to use the most energy efficient materials possible while remaining within budget.

Councilmember Brewer expressed the hope that the project would not become too utilitarian-looking in an effort to economize.

Councilmember Rhilinger voiced her opinion that the proposed architectural modifications were practical and an improvement over the original design. She suggested that project be designed to facilitate upgrades in the future when additional funding becomes available.

Councilmember Furey commented positively on the proposed modifications.

Mayor Scotto also commented positively on the proposed modifications.

Engineering Manager Semaan reviewed the timeline for the project, noting that construction is scheduled to begin in late spring or early summer of 2014.

Charles Deemer, resident, requested clarification regarding funding for the project, which was provided by Public Works Director Beste.

Dave DeWitt, resident, expressed the hope that funding could be found so solar panels do not have to be eliminated from the project and suggested the possibility of having at least one of the buildings designed to qualify for the LEED Platinum rating.

Mayor Scotto suggested that there are solar panel manufacturers located in Torrance that might wish to partner with the City on this project.

Engineering Manager Semaan reported that staff was pursuing this idea.

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

City Council took a brief recess from 8:51 p.m. to 9:12 p.m.

**12C. JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE MEMBERSHIP IN L.A. IMPACT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution approving a joint powers agreement amendment and authorizing membership in Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (L.A. IMPACT); and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the joint powers agreement amendment.

Police Captain Anderson discussed the benefits of belonging to the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-24**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES INTERAGENCY METROPOLITAN POLICE APPREHENSION CRIME TASK FORCE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE JPA AGREEMENT

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-24. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**12D. PURCHASE OF BUS WASH AND VACUUM SYSTEM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a contract services agreement with NS Corporation to purchase and install a replacement Bus Wash and Vacuum system for \$538,000; and
- 2) Appropriate \$182,823 from the Excess Proposition A Discretionary fund and \$55,177 from the Proposition C 40% Discretionary Municipal Operators Service Improvement Program fund (MOSIP) to FEAP#645, Bus Washer Project and FEAP#646, Bus Vacuum System.

Transit Service Manager Estrada reported that the existing bus wash and vacuum system has exceeded its useful life and it cannot accommodate the City's new alternative-fuel buses, therefore staff was recommending that it be replaced.

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

**12E. DIRECTION RE PROPOSED 2013-2015 OPERATING BUDGET**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager and Finance Director that City Council provide additional direction for the two year 2013-2015 operating budget.

City Manager Jackson stated that staff was seeking direction from the City Council regarding additional issues they would like discussed during workshops/public hearings on the 2013-2015 operating budget.

Councilmember Furey requested that staff explore the possibility of developing a second sister-city type relationship with a city in another country to promote economic development.

Councilmember Rhilinger noted that she previously asked that staff look into a vendor licensing issue involving crafters.

Councilmember Numark requested that staff include funding for the web-tracking system at the airport in conjunction with the proposal to add 0.5 Environmental Quality Officer in Community Development for noise abatement at the airport. Referring to the proposal to add 0.5 Account Clerk in the City Treasurer's office to handle utility billing, he suggested that additional staff might not be necessary if utility bills (water, sewer and refuse) could be paid on-line.

Mayor Scotto asked for an analysis on the impact fee increases have had on participation levels for Community Services classes/programs. He also requested that staff investigate whether the City could save money by hiring additional City Attorney's office staff instead of using outside legal counsel.

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

## **12F. UPDATE ON PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILROAD BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Receive a completion update from staff regarding the Pacific Electric Railroad Bridge Rehabilitation and Beautification project;
- 2) Authorize an appropriation (funding) and expenditure of \$45,804 from the unappropriated capital improvement funds to the I-125 Pacific Electric Railroad Bridge Rehabilitation and Beautification Project with a new not to exceed project cost of \$390,804; and
- 3) Approve a change order to the public works agreement with Truesdell Corporation of California (C2012-232) in the amount of \$55,804 for a new total contract amount inclusive of the change orders of \$290,270.10 for the labor, material and equipment to install the in-ground lighting assembly for the bridge.

Engineering Manager Overstreet reported that repairs of the bridge have been completed and an anti-graffiti coating and a concrete sealant have been applied to help prevent further damage and staff was recommending that the Council approve funding for the architectural lighting to highlight the newly restored bridge and discourage graffiti. She noted that consideration was given to having this element of the project re-bid, but determined that it would be more expensive due to the costs associated with re-bidding.

Councilmember Sutherland expressed dismay over the many extras that have increased the cost of the project far beyond the original estimate, relating his belief that some of them should have been absorbed by the contractor.

Engineering Manager Overstreet explained that the necessary repair work was more extensive than outlined in the original contract.

Councilmember Furey related his experience that it was not uncommon to run into unforeseen problems when renovating older structures.

Mayor Scotto voiced his opinion that the project would be incomplete without the lighting.

Janet Payne, resident, expressed support for installing the lighting for the bridge.

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

## **12G. AGREEMENTS RE PILOT WATER WELLS**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$799,115 for the drilling of two pilot water wells from the Water Enterprise Fund balance;
- 2) Award a contract service agreement to South West Pump and Drilling, Inc., for the drilling of two pilot water wells in the amount of \$662,700 (RFP B2012-45);
- 3) Authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$33,135;
- 4) Award a consulting services agreement to URS Corporation, to provide Geohydrological Inspection Services in the amount of \$53,280 (RFP 2012-49); and
- 5) Authorize an amount of \$50,000 for project management.

Engineering Manager Dettle reported that the pilot wells are part of the City's efforts to develop local water sources in order to lessen the need for imported water and better control costs for customers. He noted that the wells would be located on City-owned property near Hamilton Adult School and at the west end of La Carretera Park.

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

## **12H. COLUMBIA PARK SOCCER FIELD RENOVATION PROJECT**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and General Services Director that City Council award a contract to Barkshire Laser Leveling, Inc. of San Clemente, CA in the amount of \$125,550 with a 5% contingency of \$6,278 for the Renovation of the Columbia Park Soccer Fields (B2013-08 and FEAP #654/148) and approve \$19,500 for irrigation materials and \$6,278 for project management fees and adopt a Resolution exempting this project from prevailing wage requirements.

City Manager Jackson explained that this bid was based on the City's exemption of the prevailing wage requirements; that the City has this discretion when a public works project is funded solely by the City; and that the City Council must adopt the proposed Resolution to allow prevailing wage requirements to be waived before taking action on the contract.

Mayor Scotto related his understanding that requiring the payment of prevailing wages would increase the cost of the contract between 20-30%.

Councilmember Sutherland voiced support for exempting this project from prevailing wage requirements because it would result in savings of \$30,000 – \$50,000.

In response to Councilmember Rhilinger's inquiry, City Manager Jackson confirmed that there is legislation under consideration in Sacramento to penalize charter cities that do not pay prevailing wages, however, the legislation is not retroactive so the City can approve this project without fear of reprisal.

Councilmember Furey voiced his opinion that it was unnecessary to pass the Resolution because it's within Torrance's bailiwick as a charter city to award such contracts. He noted that nothing has been presented to support the claim that exempting the project from prevailing wage requirements would result in cost savings so the figures that have been discussed are speculative.

Councilmember Numark related his understanding that the contract would have to be re-bid if the exemption from prevailing wage requirements is not approved causing the project to be delayed.

Community Services Director Jones advised that the project is scheduled to begin in May in order to be ready for the fall soccer season and provide optimal conditions for the National AYSO tournament next spring.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-25**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
CONFIRMING CITY OF TORRANCE POLICY NOT REQUIRING PAYMENT  
OF PREVAILING WAGES ON THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT FOR THE  
RENOVATION OF COLUMBIA PARK SOCCER FIELD RENOVATION B2013-  
08/FEAP #654/148

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-25. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

Responding to questions from the Council, Park Services Manager Carson provided clarification regarding sprinkler replacement to be done in conjunction with the project and confirmed that the new sprinkler system will be water efficient, which will minimize water usage and improve coverage.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the staff recommendation to award the contract to Barkshire Laser Leveling, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

#### **17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Numark expressed appreciation for Councilmember Rhilinger's service on the City Council.

**17B.** Councilmember Sutherland congratulated Councilmember Numark on his candidacy for the El Camino College Board and offered well wishes to Councilmember Rhilinger.

**17C.** Councilmember Barnett commended both Councilmember Numark and Councilmember Rhilinger for their service.

**17D.** Councilmember Barnett announced that the Torrance Theatre Company will be presenting the play *Ruthless* on weekends through May 18, with additional information at [www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com](http://www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com).

**17E.** Councilmember Brewer wished Councilmember Numark well in his run for office and commented that whoever replaces Councilmember Rhilinger will have big shoes to fill.

**17F.** Councilmember Brewer 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.

**17G.** Councilmember Brewer announced that the Pediatric Therapy Network is raffling off a 2012 Mini Cooper S Coupe generously donated by South Bay Mini Cooper, with additional information available at 310.328.0276.

**17H.** Councilmember Furey announced that the Torrance Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society begins on Saturday, April 27, at 9:00 a.m. at South High and continues for 24 hours and encouraged everyone to support this event.

**17I.** Councilmember Furey announced that the JROTC Golden Bear drill competition sponsored by North High will take place on Saturday, April 27, at Del Amo Mall featuring approximately 90 schools from throughout the western United States, as well as international drill teams.

**17J.** Councilmember Furey invited the public to attend a general meeting of the North Torrance Homeowners Association on Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Toyota Museum, located at 19600 Van Ness Avenue. He noted that the guest speaker will be Police Chief Neu who will be speaking on the impact of AB109.

**17K.** Councilmember Furey stated that he had no doubt that Councilmember Numark would be successful in his run for office and El Camino College Board's gain would be the City's loss.

**17L.** Councilmember Furey offered well wishes to Councilmember Rhilinger.

**17M.** Mayor Scotto stated that he will greatly miss Councilmember Rhilinger and Councilmember Numark who have done a tremendous job on the City Council.

**17N.** Councilmember Rhilinger echoed comments on Councilmember Numark's candidacy and thanked her colleagues for their well wishes.

**17O.** Mayor Scotto reported that Torrance Police Department won 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay held on April 13-14 and finished 12<sup>th</sup> place overall.

**17P.** Mayor Scotto announced that he will give his State of the City Address on Thursday, May 9, at the Torrance Marriott, with additional information available by contacting the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

**17Q.** Mayor Scotto announced that May 7, 2013 will be Students and Government Day and students will be conducting the first portion of the City Council meeting.

**17R.** City Manager Jackson commended Councilmember Numark and Councilmember Rhilinger for their service.

**17S.** Judy Brunetti, resident, related her understanding that funding for an ordinance regulating vegetation to protect views was to be considered under Agenda Item 12E.

Mayor Scotto advised that funding will be considered as part of the budget process.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:32 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for regular business in the Council Chamber. **May 7, 2013 is Students and Government Day. Tuesday, April 30 will be a Council dark night.**

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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