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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – MAY 18, 2010

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At 9:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Ethics and Integrity Committee at the Cultural Arts Center – Toyota Meeting Hall, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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**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, May 18, 2010 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also 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 Brewer.

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, May 13, 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 Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Item 8C was withdrawn and deferred to the May 25 City Council meeting.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Sutherland announced that budget workshops/public hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, and Tuesday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. during the City Council meetings in the Council Chambers.

City Clerk Herbers announced that a free Commissioner Certification class is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, noting that residents must complete the training to be eligible for appointment to commissions and it must be renewed every two years. Reservations are required, for more information call 310.681.5889 or visit www.torranceca.gov/commissionercert.htm.

City Clerk Herbers reported that Vote by Mail and permanent Absent Voter ballots have been mailed out and may be requested at www.LAvote.net.

City Clerk Herbers noted that the April 19 candidate forum is being replayed nightly on Time Warner Cable Ch 28 and Verizon FiOS Ch 36 at 7:00 p.m. and DVD's of the forum are also available in City libraries. She announced that the next live candidate

forum will be held at the North High School Library on Thursday, May 27, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., sponsored by the North Torrance Homeowners Association. She reminded voters that they can also find a wealth of information about the election on the City Clerk webpage www.torranceca.gov/elections, the League of Women Voters website www.SmartVoter.org and the Los Angeles County website www.LAvote.net.

Councilmember Sutherland thanked Councilmember Barnett and Councilmember Brewer for serving on the committee for the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration and also thanked City staff for their assistance with the event, including Brenda Felt, Police Captain Dave Smith, Police Lieutenant Jon Megeff and Ian Tanza. He shared an essay written by a Torrance student expressing appreciation to the military for their service.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of May as **National Preservation Month** in the City of Torrance to Torrance Historical Society members Debbie Hays and Janet Payne.

6B. PROCLAMATIONS RE 2010 SWITZER LEARNING CENTER SOUTH BAY WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Mayor Scotto presented proclamations to Toni Bock, Joan Moe and Tracy Underwood in recognition of their selection as recipients of 2010 Switzer Learning Center South Bay Woman of the Year awards.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

7A. Richard Hamman, Torrance, expressed concerns that a cockroach infestation at North High School has spread to the surrounding neighborhood.

7B. Karen Cristy, Torrance Council of PTAs, announced that the PTA will be holding its 3rd annual e-waste recycling event on Saturday, June 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Torrance School District parking lot at 2336 Plaza del Amo, with proceeds to benefit the “Save Our Schools” campaign.

7C. Terry Ragins, TUSD, reminded the public about the “A Dollar a Day to Save Our Schools” campaign, with bracelets and t-shirts available for purchase at www.tef-sos.org. She noted that the sale held May 8 and 9 at Herman’s Party Supplies netted \$14,550 for the campaign and that all TUSD employees have agreed to a five-day furlough next year to help address the budget deficit.

7D. Newt Young, Torrance, voiced objections to commercial advertising placed on the Hickory School fence, submitting photographs to illustrate.

7E. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that a free walking tour of old Torrance is offered on the fourth Sunday of each month from May through October starting at the museum located at 1345 Post Avenue, with the first one to be held on Sunday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m.

7F. Lola Unger, co-president of the League of Women Voters Torrance Area, announced the League’s support of Measure A.

7G. Rick Marshall, Torrance, voiced objections to a letter from the Community Development Department to candidates in the upcoming election requesting that candidates provide a list of commercial sites where they have been granted permission to display political signs, relating his belief that this was unnecessary government intrusion on the political process.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. TERM MODIFICATION RE AGREEMENT FOR TELEPHONE/VOICEMAIL SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council authorize the modification of the contract services agreement for telephone and voicemail system with Nexus IS, Valencia, CA (C2009-093) to amend the contract term to terminate on June 1, 2013.

8B. CONTRACT FOR LIABILITY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve a one year contract with Nova-Pro Risk Solutions, LP, for liability claims administration services, from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at a cost of \$108,216.

8C. AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF HVAC MODIFICATION AT SERVICE FACILITY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager and General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a consulting agreement to Bartef Yoosephiance & Associates, Inc. \$27,000 with a 5% contingency of \$1,350 for design of the City of Torrance Service Facility HVAC modification; and
- 2) Appropriate \$1,462,300 from the Energy Efficient and Conservation Block Grant to the Energy Efficient Retrofits and Street Lighting Replacement Project.

Item was withdrawn and deferred to the May 25, 2010 City Council meeting.

8D. PURCHASE ORDER FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT/SIGNAL HARDWARE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize a purchase order with Econolite Control Products of Anaheim, CA for an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the sole source purchase of traffic control equipment and signal hardware on an as needed basis from July 01, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

8E. PURCHASE ORDER FOR PERVO BRAND TRAFFIC PAINT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize a purchase order with Pervo Paint of Los Angeles, CA for an amount not to exceed \$55,000, for the sole source purchase of Pervo brand traffic paint on an as needed basis from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

8F. PURCHASE ORDER FOR RIDESHARE PROGRAM INCENTIVES

Considered separately, see page 4.

8G. CONTRACT FOR COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING SERVICES

Considered separately, see page 4.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8B, 8D and 8E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Calendar Items 8F and 8G were considered at this time.

8F. PURCHASE ORDER FOR RIDESHARE PROGRAM INCENTIVES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council authorize a purchase order with Just Rewards for Rideshare Program incentives in an amount not to exceed \$83,000 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Risk Manager Sellers reported that Rideshare Program incentives, which encourage employees to use alternative forms of transportation rather than driving solo to work, are fully funded by state and local grants, with no money coming from the City's general fund.

Councilmember Brewer noted that UCLA also has a grant funded Rideshare Program so these funds are available to other agencies.

Newt Young, Torrance, related his belief that employees should not have to be bribed to rideshare and that this money could be better spent.

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

8G. CONTRACT FOR COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve a contract with Kim Fuentes, in an amount not to exceed \$65,520, for commuter transportation (Rideshare) consulting services for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Risk Manager Sellers reported that Ms. Fuentes has worked as a consultant for the City for the past 16 years; that she provides the necessary expertise to ensure compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District mandates; and that she has also been instrumental in obtaining grant funding for the Rideshare Program. He noted that her services are fully funded by state and local grants and that the City could incur penalties if it fails to comply with AQMD mandates.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. VACATION OF EASEMENTS ALONG WEST SIDE OF MADISON STREET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution summarily vacating six landscaping and landscape irrigation easements along the west side of Madison Street between Senefeld Drive and Candlewood Road.

Civil Engineer Symons advised that the landscaping easements are no longer needed as the City has already removed irrigation facilities and the property owners have been maintaining this area for several years. He explained that there are no property tax consequences since the property owners in question already own the land and the easements were simply an encumbrance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF SIX LANDSCAPING AND LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION EASEMENTS ON THE WEST SIDE OF MADISON STREET BETWEEN SENEFELD DRIVE AND CANDLEWOOD ROAD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2010-46. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCESS TO STATE AND FEDERAL INFORMATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council adopt a Resolution repealing Resolution No. 2010-33 and authorizing the City of Torrance to access State and Federal criminal history information in order to comply with AB 2917, which requires criminal background checks of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan advised that the proposed Resolution modifies Resolution No. 2010-33 omitting job titles as requested by the California Department of Justice.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCESS STATE AND LOCAL SUMMARY CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYMENT, LICENSING, OR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO PENAL CODE SECTION 11105(B)(11) AND 12200(B)(11) AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2010-33

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2010-47. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The City Council briefly recessed from 7:59 p.m. to 8:13 p.m.

12C. APPROVAL OF ACTION PLAN FOR 2008 STRATEGIC PLAN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Approve the proposed Action Plan for implementing the Strategic Plan adopted August 12, 2008, and
- 2) Provide direction with respect to prioritization of proposed policy actions.

With the aid of slides, Assistant City Manager Giordano provided an overview of the Action Plan for implementing the Strategic Plan adopted in 2008. She noted that staff was recommending that a progress report on the Action Plan be submitted on an annual basis as part of the First Quarter Budget Review, beginning with the first quarter in 2011-12, and that the community will also be able to track the progress of the Action Plan online. She advised that staff was recommending that a workshop be scheduled for the June 15, 2010 City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. so that the Council could provide direction regarding the prioritization of certain goals/sub-goals that involve policy action.

Mayor Scotto and Councilmembers commended Assistant Giordano and staff for preparing a very thorough and comprehensive Action Plan.

Councilmember Numark suggested including a quantitative measurement to gauge the results of energy efficiency projects. He also suggested that a City Council committee be charged with overseeing the Action Plan.

Mayor Scotto invited public comment.

Sharon Imel, Torrance, expressed concerns that the Action Plan was so detailed it was difficult to see how it would affect the City as a whole.

City Manager Jackson advised that the Action Plan is the methodology for implementing the Strategic Plan, which provides the overall vision for the City's future.

Mayor Scotto encouraged the public to review the Action Plan, which is available online, and to attend the City Council Workshop on June 15, at 5:30 p.m.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3727

ORDINANCE NO. 3727

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ADDING A NEW SECTION 45.6.31 TO ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 5 OF
DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING
THE POSSESSION OF GRAFFITI IMPLEMENTS

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3727. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland announced that Downtown Sounds, a fundraiser for Torrance high school music departments, will be held on Sunday, June 13, at The Depot restaurant and will include silent and live auctions, with additional information at www.rotarydowntownsounds.com.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland related his belief that the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration was a very worthwhile event and thanked everyone involved.

17C. Councilmember Barnett echoed comments on the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration.

17D. Councilmember Brewer thanked residents of Torrance for supporting our troops by attending Armed Forces Day events.

17E. Councilmember Furey echoed comments on the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration, and gave special thanks to the United States Coast Guard.

17F. Councilmember Numark reminded the public that the Torrance Symphony Association's Annual Fundraiser with Russell Nakaoka and the Fabulous Esquires will be held on Saturday, May 22, 8:00 p.m., at the Armstrong Theatre, with additional information available at the box office 310.781.7171.

17G. Councilmember Numark announced that the week of May 17 through May 21 is Bike to Work Week in the City of Torrance and noted that there will be a pit stop in front of City Hall on Bike to Work Day – May 20 from 6:00 – 8:00 a.m., which will offer refreshments and a free t-shirt to the first 50 bicyclists. He also noted that Torrance Transit and Municipal Area Express (MAX) will be offering free rides to bicyclists on that date.

17H. Councilmember Numark thanked the Police Department, Sergeant Uyeda, John Jones, Paula Weiner and Cindy Snodgrass for organizing the seminar for seniors on avoiding identity theft which was held earlier in the day.

17I. Councilmember Numark thanked Councilmembers Sutherland, Brewer and Barnett for serving on the Armed Forces Day Committee and the Police Department and City staff for coordinating the parade and associated events. He also expressed appreciation to the men and women in the armed forces for their service to our country.

17J. Councilmember Rhilinger echoed comments on the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration, noting that members of the military who participated in the event were very appreciative.

17K. Mayor Scotto echoed comments on the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration and thanked Rear Admiral Michael Seward for serving as Grand Marshal and Glen Walker for serving as Celebrity Grand Marshal of the event.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Ethics and Integrity Committee at the Cultural Arts Center – Toyota Meeting Hall, 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 July 20, 2010