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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – JUNE 1, 2010**

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June 1, 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Barnett.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, Deputy 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 Labor Negotiator, 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and 18C) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6, 54956.9(a) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:03 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Farmers' Market volunteer Jerry Herbers.

Councilmember Rhilinger gave the non-sectarian invocation.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA / MOTION TO  
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

Deputy City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, May 27, 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 Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Public Works Director Beste invited the public to attend the City Yard Open House on Saturday, June 12, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., noting that the new Torrance Transit hybrid buses will be on display.

Transit Director Turner announced that the new Transit hybrid buses were unveiled earlier in the evening and will be in service beginning June 2. She thanked the City Council Transportation Committee (Councilmembers Brewer, Numark and Rhilinger) for their assistance in selecting the buses.

Fire Chief Racowschi reminded residents that ExxonMobil would be conducting their community alert siren testing Wednesday, June 2, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the continuation of the first budget workshop/public hearing would be held on Monday, June 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the second workshop scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers during the regular City Council meeting.

Councilmember Brewer announced that a workshop on the Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategic Plan would be held on Tuesday, June 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Deputy City Clerk Poirier reminded voters that the Torrance election on the primary ballot is next Tuesday, June 8th, and polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. She noted that the City Clerk's office will be open to assist voters with finding their poll locations from 6:30 a.m. until the close of polls at 310.618.2870 and that unofficial results will be posted on the Los Angeles County Registrar's website [www.LAVote.net](http://www.LAVote.net) after 8:00 p.m. She also noted that the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder was urgently seeking poll workers, with additional information available at [www.LAvote.net](http://www.LAvote.net).

Deputy City Clerk Poirier invited staff and public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Melody Norris on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of June.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-49 RE LAVONIA PAGE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-49**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **LAVONIA PAGE** UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2010-49. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-53 RE DAN KEETON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-53**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **DAN KEETON** FOR HIS SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2010-53. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6C. PROCLAMATION RE “FARMERS’ MARKET DAY”**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring June 8 as **Farmers’ Market Day** in the City of Torrance to Torrance Certified Farmers’ Market Manager Mary Lou Weiss, Assistant Manager Renee Gordon, volunteers Jerry Herbers and Dutch Holland, and Danny Hashiba, one of the first farmers to participate in the market.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Terry Ragins, Torrance Unified School District, encouraged residents to purchase Save Our Schools T-shirts and bracelets to benefit Torrance schools by visiting [www.tef-sos.org](http://www.tef-sos.org). She reported that the organization has currently raised \$200,000.

**7B.** Ms. Ragins announced that the Torrance Council of PTA’s will be hosting an E-Waste Roundup on Saturday, June 5, in the school district parking lot located at 2335 Plaza Del Amo, with proceeds to benefit the Save Our Schools campaign.

**7C.** Ms. Ragins spoke in support of Measure A on the June 8 election ballot, noting that it would enable TUSD and the City of Torrance to reduce election costs.

**7D.** Newt Young, resident, expressed concerns regarding advertising banners placed on the fence at Hickory Elementary School.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of February 23, March 9, March 16, March 19, and March 23, 2010.

**8B. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE TESTING OF LANDFILL GAS COLLECTION AND CONTROL SYSTEM AT CITY YARD**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$75,000 from Sanitation Enterprise Fund Balance to FEAP #700 Landfill Gas and Control System at City Yard; and
- 2) Approve an amendment to the agreement with Shaw Environmental (C2009-143) in the amount of \$75,000, for a total not to exceed amount of \$187,000, to provide ongoing maintenance and compliance testing of landfill gas collection at the City Yard as required in meeting AQMD rule 1150.1 compliance for closed landfills.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Brewer commented positively on the new Torrance Transit hybrid buses, noting he intends to be present when the buses begin service the following morning.

**17B.** Councilmember Furey echoed comments on the new buses.

**17C.** Councilmember Furey expressed support for Measure A on the June 8 election ballot, explaining that it would change local elections to the last Tuesday in April of even numbered years, thereby enabling the TUSD and the City of Torrance to save \$250,000-300,000 by consolidating their elections.

**17D.** Councilmember Numark congratulated the Transit department on the new hybrid buses and encouraged people to ride the bus.

**17E.** Councilmember Rhilinger reported that she was pleased to represent the City Council at a ceremony honoring Torrance Unified School District teacher Wayne Bantau for his 50 years of service as a teacher at North High School.

**17F.** Councilmember Sutherland noted that the City of Torrance has expressed appreciation and gratitude to veterans through the recent Armed Forces Day celebration and Memorial Day event at Green Hills Memorial Park.

**17G.** Mayor Scotto voiced support for Measure A, noting the possibility of an all mail-in ballot in the future if this measure passes.

**17H.** Mayor Scotto encouraged residents to vote on Tuesday, June 8.

**17I.** Newt Young, Torrance, discussed a recent article in the newspaper regarding e-verify, a free internet-based service operated by the Department of Homeland Security, which checks the legal status of employees, and urged the City to make use of this resource. He noted that additional information can be obtained by visiting [www.dhs.gov/e-verify](http://www.dhs.gov/e-verify).

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. for an adjourned regular meeting, including the continuation of the budget workshop/public hearing originally held on May 25 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 27, 2010