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June 12, 2012

**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 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 in the City Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Brewer.

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

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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(c) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:31 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember Brewer. For action taken in closed session, see Item 17P Under Oral Communications.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Dave Sargent.

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, June 7, 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett 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 Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

City Attorney Fellows announced that Agenda Item 8N was being withdrawn and would be brought back at a later date.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Karen Yee on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of June.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-53 RE JEFFREY BUSHONG**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **JEFFREY BUSHONG** UPON HIS RETIRMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-53. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

To be presented at a later date.

6B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-54 RE LE ROY PASEWALK**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **LE ROY PASEWALK** UPON HIS RETIRMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-54. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

To be presented at a later date.

6C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-55 RE TARA O'BRIEN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **TARA O'BRIEN** FOR HER SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-55. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

To be presented at a later date.

6D. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY DONATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$77, 420 from the Friends of the Torrance Library as follows: \$36,000 to fund the Torrance Public Library online homework assistance program, \$21,420 to fund adult library programming at the six Torrance libraries, and \$20,000 to launch an e-books service.

Helen Ball, Friends of the Torrance Library, highlighted the new e-books service to be funded by the donation.

Mayor Scotto expressed appreciation for the organization's ongoing support of the Torrance Library.

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

6E. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council review applications and appoint members to fill vacancies on: Cable TV Advisory Board, Commission on Aging, Cultural Arts Commission, Environmental Quality & Energy Conservation Commission, and Traffic Commission. The City Clerk will administer the oath of office to commissioners present.

City Clerk Herbers introduced the candidates and they were given an opportunity to briefly address the City Council.

The City Council made the following appointments:

Cable Television Advisory Board

John De Rago (term expires 1/31/2013); Lee Kellogg (term expires 1/31/2013); Gary Seferian (term expires 1/31/2014); Dan Thomas (term expires 1/31/2016)

Commission on Aging

Ghislaine Davis (term expires 1/31/2013)

Cultural Arts Commission

Lynn Frangos (term expires 1/31/2013)

Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission*

David DeWitt (term expires 1/31/2014)

Traffic Commission*

Patrick Furey (term expires 1/31/2015); Milton Herring (term expires 1/31/2016)

**Councilmember Furey did not participate in the selection process for these commissions because his son Patrick Furey was a candidate for appointment.*

City Clerk Herbers administered the oath of office to the newly appointed commissioners who were present at the meeting.

The City Council briefly recessed from 7:34 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Mike Jezulin, Leadership Torrance 2012, encouraged the public to participate in the on-line Centennial Photo Contest by submitting their historical photos of people, places, and activities in Torrance. He noted that prizes will be awarded at an exhibition on July 22 at the Toyota Auto Museum and that the deadline for submissions is June 30, 2012, with additional information available at www.OurTorrancePhotos.com.

7B. Roseanne Villalobos, Torrance Rose Float Association, announced that both locations of the Loft Restaurant (Artesia/Van Ness and Lomita/Hawthorne Blvd) will be hosting "Restaurants for Roses" fundraisers on Thursday, June 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with additional information at www.TorranceRoseFloat.com.

7C. Toni Sargent, chair of Torrance Library Commission, announced that Torrance Library will be offering summer reading programs for all ages, including teens and seniors, with additional information on the library's website.

17D. Mike Talleda, 9-11 Help America Foundation, announced that the foundation will be holding their 6th Annual Wounded Heroes of America Golf Tournament on Friday, July 20, at the Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena, with additional information at www.911helpamerica.com.

17E. Rick Marshall, Torrance, pursuant to Article 2, Section 2.1, paragraph (a) of the City Council Rules of Order (Resolution 2006-65 amended June 2008), submitted a request that the City Council construct a charter amendment, Pension Reform Ballot Measure for the City of Torrance, using measures approved last week in San Diego and San Jose as a model, and place it before the voters at the November 6, 2012 election.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a first amendment to fee agreement with Jerold A. Goddard, Esq. (C2010-220) to represent the City of Torrance in defending Pitchess motions, in the total amount not to exceed \$45,000.

8B. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF OFFICE SUPPLIES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council award purchase orders in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$170,000 to Office Depot Business Services Division for the purchase of the City of Torrance annual requirement of office supply items on an as requested basis for the term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

8C. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 69601

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 69601 which allows for 10 condominiums, consisting of four (4) commercial and six (6) residential condominium uses on one lot. The property is located at 24255 Hawthorne Boulevard within the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan – Walteria Sub District and is owned by Al-Chase Properties, LLC. The Final Tract Map substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of the Tentative Tract Map.

8D. TORRANCE CULTURAL ART FOUNDATION AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation agreement to promote the Torrance Cultural Arts Center for a period commencing July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$109,420.

8E. PURCHASE OF WATER MIXING SYSTEMS FOR WALTERIA AND BEN HAGGOTT RESERVOIRS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a sole source contract service agreement in the amount of \$190,964.25, for the purchase and installation of SolarBee water mixing systems for the Walteria and Ben Haggott Reservoirs Rehabilitation and Nitrification Reduction Project, CIP No. S-31; and
- 2) Authorize a budget transfer of \$215,964.25, including \$25,000 for project management, from Walteria Reservoir Slope Repair, CIP No. I-95 to Walteria and Ben Haggott Reservoirs Rehabilitation and Nitrification Reduction Project, CIP No. S-31.

8F. TRANSIT DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES GOAL FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2013-2015

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve the Overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Goal of 4% for Federal Fiscal Year 2013-2015 for submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

8G. SUBSIDY FOR TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION GALA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the subsidy of deposit and partial rental fees for the use of the Torrance Cultural Arts Center in the amount of \$5,000 for the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation annual gala event to be held on Saturday, June 23, 2012.

8H. CONTRACT FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL/BUS STOP MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

Recommendation

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

- 1) Award a contract with Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc., for graffiti removal services in the City of Torrance (RFP B2011-45) at a cost not to exceed \$208,440 from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 with annual options to extend the contract up to 5 years; and
- 2) Award a contract with Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc., for bus stop maintenance and repair services in the City of Torrance (RFP B2011-45) at a cost not to exceed \$48,000 from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 with annual options to extend the contract up to 5 years.

8I. CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a contract with Providence Medical Institute (Little Company of Mary) to provide medical services for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.

8J. PURCHASE ORDER FOR PERVO FORMULA TRAFFIC PAINT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize a purchase order with Ennis Traffic Safety Solutions of Dallas, TX for an amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the purchase of Pervo formula traffic paint on an as requested basis from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 as a cooperative purchase with the County of El Dorado, CA (Ref. El Dorado County Bid #11-289-043).

8K. PURCHASE ORDER FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT

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 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

8L. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE CLEANING SERVICES FOR TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a revised amendment to the agreement with K & P Janitorial Services, Inc. (C2009-113); to provide bus interior cleaning services, extending the agreement term for three months (July through September 2012) at a cost not to exceed \$4,469 per month for a total of \$13,407.

8M. CHANGE ORDER RE SECURITY CAMERAS AT CITY YARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Communications and Information Technology Director and the Public Works Director that City Council approve a change order with JMG Security Systems of Fountain Valley, CA (PO 2011-742), in the amount of \$12,770 for a new not to exceed total of \$116,682.20, for two additional security cameras at the City Yard.

8N. CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAIVER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a conflict of interest waiver to allow the law firm of Nossaman LLP to represent the County of Los Angeles in connection with County Counsel's review of Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules (ROPs).

Item was withdrawn.

80. AGREEMENT RE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with Norman A. Traub Associates to conduct administrative investigations in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

8P. AGREEMENTS FOR IRRIGATION CONTROLLER DESIGN AND PROGRAMMING AND WATER USAGE AUDITS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a consulting agreement with Sweeney & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$72,920 for irrigation controller design and programming at 32 City parks and water usage audits at Wilson Park and McMaster Park (FEAP #751); and
- 2) Award a consulting agreement with Sweeney & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$24,390 for irrigation design for Sea Aire Golf Course (FEAP #771).

8Q. AGREEMENT RE ADULT YOGA CLASSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve a contract agreement with Dorene Coles in the amount of \$62,359 to provide adult yoga classes.

8R. AGREEMENT RE ADULT EXERCISE, YOUTH DANCE CLASSES AND KID'S SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve a contract agreement with Regina Klenjoski Dance Company in the amount of \$113,924 to provide adult exercise, youth dance classes, and Kid's Showcase performances.

8S. AGREEMENT RE YOUTH GYMNASTICS CLASSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve a contract agreement with SuperKids in the amount of \$42,578 to provide youth and family gymnastics classes.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8M and 8O through 8S. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. TORRANCE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the development of a request for proposal to provide a Torrance Community Engagement System - digital signage and community information displays at Civic Center and other City facilities; and
- 2) Appropriate up to \$950,000 from the Cable TV Fund balance.

Cable and Community Relations Manager Smith provided an overview of the proposed Community Engagement System, a computer-based system that will control approximately 12 LCD/LED flat screens to be installed in City building lobbies to provide visitors with information about services, events and activities within a specific functional area/zone; 4 monument signs to be installed at strategic locations in Torrance to promote community events; and a Permit Center system that will assist with managing customer queuing and workflow. He reported that the system is estimated to cost between \$330,000 and \$950,000 and this wide range is due to the quality, type and number of screens/signs selected.

Councilmember Sutherland voiced support for the system, noting that he recently had contact with residents who had never heard of the new Hometown Heroes Banner Program despite concerted efforts to publicize it.

Councilmember Rhilinger questioned whether this project would exhaust the Cable TV Fund and suggested that it be reviewed by the Cable Television Advisory Board. She expressed concerns about the limited amount of information that can be conveyed to passing motorists by a monument sign and the possibility that the sign could distract drivers and interfere with the flow of traffic.

City Manager Jackson advised that there is approximately \$3 million in the Cable TV Fund for capital improvements and that the Council could direct the Cable Television Advisory Board to review the project, but it was not currently within the scope of the board's responsibility.

Councilmember Furey noted that concerns were raised about installing signage at the corner of Madrona and Sepulveda when this issue was discussed at a Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee meeting, and Cable and Community Relations Manager Smith confirmed that he was aware of this discussion.

Mayor Scotto recommended that project be broken down in three parts for future consideration -1) LCD/LED flat screens for public lobbies in City buildings; 2) Monument signs for the display of information about community events; and 3) the Permit Center system – because they do not all involve the same issues. He indicated that he favored having the project go through a design phase rather than going directly to the RFP (request for proposal) process.

Cable and Community Relations Manager Smith clarified that the Permit Center system is already scheduled to go forward and it was integrated into this project so it could be funded through the Cable TV Fund instead of the General Fund.

Mayor Scotto invited public comment.

Bill Arrowsmith, president of Friends of Madrona Marsh, voiced objections to installing a monument sign at the corner of Madrona and Sepulveda, contending that flashing lights do not belong at the Madrona Marsh Nature Preserve. He indicated that he was also opposed to the monument signs in general for safety reasons.

Lynn Brennan, Cable Television Advisory Board, expressed concerns about the use of Cable funds earmarked for Public, Educational and Government Access (PEG) for this project and related her belief that there are other expenditures involving the upgrading of equipment for the City's cable operation that merit consideration.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, requested clarification regarding how the system would be integrated with the City's communication system in order to send out advisories/alerts.

Councilmember Numark emphasized the need to develop an overall strategy for communicating with the public and suggested that consideration be given to expanding the responsibilities of the Cable TV Advisory Board to encompass this. He stated that he believes there is a place for a system like the one proposed, however, due to the limited amount of information that can be conveyed by a sign, the City's website will still be the main source of information, therefore he believes the redesign of the website should be given high priority. He noted that this is also on the list of capital projects for the Cable TV Fund.

City Manager Jackson recommended that the Council approve funding for the Permit Center system and staff will return with information on the prioritization of capital projects and the allocation of PEG funds and franchise fees.

Mayor Scotto related his understanding that there is a need to upgrade to HD cameras for the City's Cable TV operation.

Councilmember Rhilinger requested information from the Community Development and Enrichment Committee meeting at which the signage at the corner of Madrona and Sepulveda was discussed.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to approve funding in the amount of \$60,000 for the design and implementation of Permit Center system. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to direct staff to return with more detailed information about the proposed Community Engagement System, separating the two components (LCD/LED flat screens for public lobbies and monument signs) and funding sources (PEG funds and Franchise fees); and to provide information about the City website redesign capital project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Furey reminded the public of the Torrance Rose Float Association fundraiser on Thursday, June 14, at both Loft restaurants – 2210 Artesia Boulevard and 23305 Hawthorne Boulevard.

17B. Councilmember Furey announced that the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation will be hosting its annual gala fundraiser on Saturday, June 23, which has a Roaring 20's theme, with additional information at www.TorranceArts.org or 310.378.8100.

17C. Councilmember Furey reported that a resident had called attention to an item on the Santa Monica City Council agenda that would offer a \$150 incentive to flight schools for having trainees land at other airports because the resident was concerned that Santa Monica was targeting Torrance Airport with this incentive. He stated that he subsequently learned from a Santa Monica councilmember that Camarillo Airport was involved in promoting this incentive, but this fact was omitted from the agenda item; that the item was

ultimately taken off the Council agenda and forwarded to the Santa Monica Airport Commission for consideration; and that it will be returned to the Santa Monica City Council on June 26. He encouraged staff to be alert to issues involving the Santa Monica Airport due to its potential closure in 2015.

17D. Councilmember Numark announced that applications are still being accepted for the first phase of the Hometown Heroes Banner Program with applications available at public counters at City Hall and online at www.TorranceCA.Gov/7491.htm.

17E. Councilmember Numark announced that tickets are available for City of Torrance night at the August 26 L. A. Galaxy game and the first 200 people to buy tickets will gain exclusive access to a post-game autograph session, with additional information at 310.630.2154 or www.LAGalaxy.com/Torrance.

17F. Councilmember Numark requested an excused absence from the June 19, 2012 City Council meeting due to a business trip.

17G. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the Friends of Torrance Library will be hosting best-selling author Susan Vreeland on Saturday, June 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room.

17H. Councilmember Rhilinger encouraged community groups to participate in the Torrance Centennial Community Parade to be held on Sunday, September 16, in Downtown Torrance. She noted that applications are available in the City Hall lobby or online at www.torrancecentennial.org and are due by August 16, 2012, with additional information available by calling the City Manager's office at 310.618.5880.

17I. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that a Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup would be held at American Honda on Saturday, June 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. located at 1919 Torrance Boulevard.

17J. Councilmember Sutherland commended staff for the City Yard Open House held the previous weekend.

17K. Councilmember Sutherland reported that the Torrance Rotary Club co-sponsored a TUSD elementary school track meet last Friday at which the West High sophomore track team assisted and the students were very enthusiastic and well-mannered.

17L. Councilmember Barnett echoed comments on the City Yard Open House.

17M. Councilmember Barnett, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff make arrangements to recognize the winners of the Centennial AYSO soccer tournament held at Columbia Park.

17N. Mayor Scotto echoed comments on the City Yard Open House, noting that this was the first time the Open House was combined with an Environmental Fair and Disaster Preparedness Expo, which proved to be very popular with the public.

17O. Mayor Scotto commented on the L.A. Kings hockey team's win of the Stanley Cup.

17P. City Attorney Fellows announced that in closed session earlier this evening, the City Council considered a request from the City of Anaheim to join with Anaheim as a friend of the court (amicus curiae) in a pending appellate matter concerning Pack v. City of Long Beach, Case B228721, 2nd Appellate District, which involves the licensing of marijuana dispensaries in the City of Long Beach. He reported that the City of Long Beach had a permit system, but a trial court judge determined that there was a federal preemption issue because the Federal Controlled Substance Act prohibits the sale of marijuana. He advised that the City of Torrance has had a long standing policy that businesses that are illegal under local, state or federal law cannot receive a Torrance business license so the City has effectively taken the same position, therefore, the City Council voted unanimously 6-0 (absent Councilmember Brewer) to authorize the City of Torrance to join with the City of Anaheim as a friend of the court.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:52 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 6:00 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 July 10, 2012