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At 9:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business 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 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Numark*, Rhilinger, Sutherland and Mayor Scotto.
*arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

Mayor Scotto announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the City Attorney's office received information related to an existing lawsuit, Jennifer Anderson v. City of Torrance, et al., LASC Case No. YC066843. Mediation is scheduled for June 20, 2013, therefore the City Attorney needs immediate instruction regarding this matter and has requested that the City Council consider adding it to the closed session agenda. In order to add an item to the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote that immediate action is required and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to add the above-mentioned item to the closed session agenda as Item 18B per California Government Code §54954.2(b)(2) and 54956.9(a). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

Mayor Scotto announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, a mediation session was concluded and a lawsuit, Lizzette Perdue v. City of Torrance, et al., USDC Case No. CV13-4351 SH, was filed yesterday. Accordingly, the City Attorney needs immediate instruction regarding how to proceed in this matter and has requested that the City Council consider adding it to the closed session agenda. In order to add an item to the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote that immediate action is required and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to add the above-mentioned item to the closed session agenda as Item 18C per California Government Code §54954.2(b)(2) and 54956.9(a). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark)

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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 the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation per California Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) and urgency Items 18B and 18C (absent Councilmember Numark).

The City Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with all members present. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Torrance Sister City Association President Werner Willoughby.

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 13, 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

Item 8G was withdrawn and deferred to a later date. Supplemental material was available for items 12C and 12G.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Furey reported that birds in L.A. County have tested positive for the West Nile virus, which is spread by mosquitoes, therefore the public was urged to stay indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active, to wear insect repellent containing DEET when engaging in outdoor activities, to eliminate any standing water on their property, and to repair broken windows and screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering their homes.

Councilmember Brewer announced that the 300th Army Band will be presenting a free concert *Songs from the Homefront* on Wednesday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Armstrong Theatre, with tickets and additional information available at 310.781.7171.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the deadline for commission applications is Wednesday, June 19, with appointments to fill vacancies on the Cable Television Advisory Board, Library Commission, Traffic Commission and Water Commission to be made at the June 25 City Council meeting.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-48 RE PHILLIP RAMIREZ

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING PHILLIP RAMIREZ OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-48. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the Resolution to Phillip Ramirez, who accepted with appreciation.

General Services Director Ballew commended Mr. Ramirez for his dedicated service and wished him well in his retirement.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-49 RE LOIS GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING LOIS GRANT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-49. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. INTRODUCTION OF TORRANCE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SISTER CITY CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Torrance Sister City Association President Werner Willoughby introduced participants in the 2013 Sister City Cultural Exchange Program with Kashiwa, Japan as Mayor Scotto presented them with pins: Students Vanessa Barragan, Cindy Chan, Emiko Kranz, Ann Lobo, Jay Matsumoto, Melanie Nomiya, Ken Shrivastava, Matthew Tiansay, and adult leader Steven Ihde.

6D. RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN TECH TREK SCIENCE AND MATH CAMP

Coordinator Pam Kenoyer, American Association of University Women Torrance branch, introduced Torrance Unified School District middle school students who will be attending Tech Trek Science and Math Camp as Mayor Scotto presented them with certificates: Maia Materman, Nicole Yee, Judith Epele, Brenda Fernandez, Ti'lar Jackson, Yaxhel Lozoya, Miwa Mayemura, Riley Sigler, Alanna Tran, Sarah Wu, Amy Fernandez, Jaibrian Greer, Sara Mohammad, Catherine Phu, Elisa Bass, and Lauren Pierson.

6E. PACIFIC GATEWAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK UPDATE

Executive Director David Gonzalez and Communications Officer Erick Serrato provided a brief update on the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network.

Responding to questions from the Council, Mr. Serrato discussed programs designed to assist military veterans in finding employment and provide youths with summer jobs.

6F. SOUTH BAY ENTREPRENEURIAL CENTER UPDATE

Executive Director Randy Coleman provided a brief update on the South Bay Entrepreneurial Center, which opened in August 2012.

6G. OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Economic Development Manager Fulton and City Manager Staff Assistant Megerdichian provided a brief update on the Office of Economic Development.

Mayor Scotto and Councilmembers commented positively on efforts to make Torrance a business friendly city.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. George Buley, resident, expressed concerns about Torrance Transit buses using a residential street (Dalemead), and City Manager Jackson advised that routes will be modified to correct this problem.

7B. Mike Griffiths, resident, expressed concerns about the deterioration of the landscaping designed to shield the tank farm at the northwest corner of Crenshaw and Lomita Boulevard.

7C. Rick Marshall, resident, urged that upcoming vacancies on the City Council be filled via an election rather than appointment by the Council.

Mayor Scotto explained that it would be impractical and cost-prohibitive to hold an election to fill vacancies with a remaining term of less than one year.

7D. David DeWitt, resident, reported that Los Angeles will be holding a ground breaking ceremony for a new business incubator tomorrow evening and offered to share any information he gleans from this event.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. CONTRACT RE CHILD DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council accept and endorse a contract with the County of Los Angeles and appropriate funds for the Delinquency Prevention Program in an amount not to exceed \$28,198, for the term of September 13, 2013 through September 12, 2014.

8B. AGREEMENT RE PROMOTION OF TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation agreement to promote the Torrance Cultural Arts Center in an amount not to exceed \$109,420 for a period commencing July 1, 2013 and expiring June 30, 2014.

8C. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT SERVICES

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve a contract amendment with Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc. (C2012-086), for \$210,525, for a new not to exceed amount of \$418,965, and extend the term to June 30, 2014 to provide graffiti removal services in the City of Torrance; and,
- 2) Approve a contract amendment with Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc. (C2012-087) for \$48,480, for a new not to exceed amount of \$96,480, and extend the term to June 30, 2014 to provide bus stop maintenance for the City of Torrance.

8D. 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, signal controller hardware, software, and support on an as needed basis from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

8E. PURCHASE ORDER RE LED RETROFIT LAMPS FOR STREET NAME SIGNS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council award a purchase order to Green Edge Lighting LLC of Mechanicsville, VA in the amount of \$51,827.14 for the purchase of eight-hundred (800) Light Emitting Diode (LED) Dual-Sided T10 lamp tubes (B2013-13).

8F. SUBLEASE AGREEMENT FOR MADISON PARK CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consent to a sublease by and between The Regents of The University of California (Sub-lessor) and JAS Madison I, LLC (Master Tenant) concerning City-owned property located at 3445, 3511, and 3525 Pacific Coast Highway for the center known as Madison Park (C-2738).

8G. AGREEMENT RE MADRONA MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an open-ended master agreement with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach that would allow the City to contract with the Corps for restoration of the southwest corner of the Madrona Marsh Preserve and other similar restoration projects without having to go out to bid; and,
- 2) Appropriate \$24,360 from CALTRANS for the Madrona Marsh Restoration and Enhancement Project, CIP No. I-77.

Item was withdrawn and deferred to a later date.

8H. AGREEMENT RE UNARMED SECURITY SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager, Community Services Director, and Transit Director that City Council approve a contract services agreement with World Private Security, Incorporated to provide security services for the City of Torrance (RFP B2013-17) from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$185,833.84.

8I. AGREEMENT RE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLASSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve an agreement with Family Fun Time Parent Child Program to provide child development classes at Greenwood Park in the amount of \$75,785 for a two year term beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

8J. 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 \$115,194 to provide adult yoga classes at the Cultural Arts Center.

8K. AGREEMENT RE YOUTH GYMNASTIC CLASSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve a two year contract agreement with SuperKids in the amount of \$110,476 to provide youth and family gymnastics classes at the Cultural Arts Center.

8L. 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, 2013 through June 30, 2014 as a cooperative purchase (Ref: County of El Dorado CA Bid #11-289-043).

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8F and 8H through 8L. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR 2013 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the designation of Councilmember Bill Sutherland as the voting delegate to represent the City of Torrance at the 2013 League of California Cities Annual Conference from September 18 through September 20, 2013 in Sacramento, CA.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to approve Councilmember Sutherland as voting delegate. The motion was seconded by councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. LETTER OF INTENT TO PREPARE ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN AND COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PLAN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Intent for the City of Torrance to work with the South Bay Cities to prepare an Enhanced Watershed Management Plan and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Plan in compliance with the new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for cities and County of Los Angeles.

Engineering Manager Dettle reported that staff was recommending that Torrance work with other South Bay cities to prepare an Enhanced Watershed Management Plan and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Plan because they share the responsibility for monitoring some of the same watersheds.

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

12C. APPROVAL OF BANNER TOW BUSINESS AT TORRANCE AIRPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve Aviad LLC to conduct banner tow operations at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field for a one year period, subject to a six-month review from the Airport Commission.

Recommendation of the Airport Commission that City Council approve Aviad LLC to conduct banner tow operations for a six month trial period only at Torrance Municipal Airport.

Facilities Operations Manager Megerdichian advised that Aviad LLC has requested approval to operate a banner tow business at Torrance Airport; that staff is recommending that the business be approved for a one-year period, with a six-month review by the Airport Commission; and that the Airport Commission has recommended approving a six-month trial period only. He noted that this would be the second banner tow business at Torrance Airport and the existing one has operated since the mid-1980s without incident.

Responding to questions from the Council, Facilities Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that Aviad will average two flights per day, with up to four flights on holiday weekends. He confirmed that the banner towing operation will comply with noise limits and conform to approved flight patterns and altitudes. He stated that the applicant will be charged \$600 per year to operate at the airport plus business license fees.

Wayne Mansfield, president/CEO of Aviad LLC, provided background information about the company and the type of aircraft to be used in the banner towing operation.

Mayor Scotto asked about claims that this type of operation is dangerous.

Mr. Mansfield responded that his business has been in operation for 60 years and has an impeccable safety record. He noted that the company was the recipient of the FAA's "Good Friend of the Year Award" for their work in promoting operational safety.

Mayor Scotto reported that councilmembers from nearby beach cities have expressed concerns about banner tow companies that fly directly above beaches instead of over the water where it would be much safer, as well as quieter for beach-goers.

Mr. Mansfield explained that his company worked with South Bay communities several years ago to develop a Code of Conduct, to which his company strictly adheres.

Councilmember Numark indicated that he favored obtaining input from nearby beach cities before approving this request.

Mayor Scotto asked if Mr. Mansfield would be amenable to a two-week continuance, and Mr. Mansfield stated such a delay would be problematic due to the upcoming 4th of July weekend.

In response to Councilmember Sutherland's inquiry, Mr. Mansfield confirmed that the company was already flying over South Bay beaches and the only change in the operation is that it will be based out of Torrance instead of Long Beach.

Mayor Scotto suggested approving the operation subject to a three-month review and directing staff to solicit input from beach cities in the interim, and Mr. Mansfield indicated that he was agreeable to this solution.

Responding to questions from the Council, City Manager Jackson advised that the applicant will be required to pay the \$600 annual permit fee, however, it will be prorated and rebated if the approval is not extended after the initial three months.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to approve Aviad LLC's request to conduct banner tow operations at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field for a one-year period, subject to a three-month review by the Airport Commission, with staff to solicit input from beach cities. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Numark dissenting.

12D. RESOLUTION RE EMPLOYEES DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer, as the Plan Administrator, that City Council:

- 1) Approve a service agreement amendment No. 3, Agreement for Recordkeeping and Communication to Great-West Life and Annuity Insurance Company;
- 2) Approve a letter agreement with Great West for Plan A, Plan B and 401a Defined Contribution Plans group policy number 98215-01, 98215-02, 98215-03, 98215-04, 98215-05, and 98215-06; and
- 3) Adopt a Resolution approving and adopting the amended Employees Deferred Compensation Plan A, Plan B and 401a Defined Contribution Plans group policy number 98215-01, 98215-02, 98215-03, 98215-04, 98215-05, and 98215-06.

City Treasurer Cortez reported that the amendments include updated language and a letter agreement, which was inadvertently omitted when the agreement was originally approved.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE approving A SERVICE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 3 ANNUITY CONTRACTS AND LETTER AGREEMENT WITH GREAT WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY RELATED TO THE 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (a) GROUP NO. 98215-01 AND 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (B) GROUP NO. 98215-02 AND 401(A) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS FOR CITY OF TORRANCE EMPLOYEES GROUP NO. 98215-03, 98215-04, 98215-05, AND 98215-06

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-54. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

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The City Council took a brief recess from 9:01 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

12E. FORMALIZATION OF POLICY NOT REQUIRING PAYMENT OF PREVAILING WAGES FOR ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES AT LIBRARIES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council adopt a Resolution formalizing City policy not requiring payment of prevailing wages on the public works project for El Retiro Library and Southeast Library Accessibility Upgrades/FEAP #711.

Facility Operations Manager Landis advised that the City would save approximately 20%, which amounts to \$50,000-60,000, by not requiring the payment of prevailing wages for these two accessibility projects. He confirmed that only City funds will be used for the project.

Councilmember Furey stated that as a charter city, the City of Torrance is not required to pay prevailing wages for projects that use only local funds and he would abstain from the vote because he was uncomfortable adopting a resolution since this is the current state of the law.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by a 5-1 vote, with Councilmember Numark dissenting and Councilmember Furey abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING CITY POLICY NOT REQUIRING PAYMENT OF PREVAILING WAGES ON THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT FOR EL RETIRO LIBRARY AND SOUTHEAST LIBRARY ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES/FEAP #711

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-55. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by a 5-1 vote, with Councilmember Numark dissenting and Councilmember Furey abstaining.

12F. AGREEMENT RE CONSTRUCTION OF NORTH TORRANCE WELL FIELD PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the Construction of the North Torrance Well Field Project, CIP I-108, Phase I, (B2013-25);
- 2) Award a public works agreement to PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Co., Inc for the Construction of the North Torrance Well Field Project, CIP I-108, Phase I, (B2013-25) for an amount of \$1,139,427; and
- 3) Authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$56,971.35.

Engineering Manager Dettle provided an overview of the project, noting that it will be completed during school break so as not to cause disruption since it is adjacent to Yukon Elementary School.

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

12G. ORDINANCE RE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT SEWER DISCHARGE COLLECTION FEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt an Ordinance adding a new Section 72.4.6 to Chapter 2, Article 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code Section creating a process for the collection of delinquent sewer discharge collection fees.

Finance Director Tsao advised that the proposed ordinance would provide another tool for collecting delinquent sewer fees by allowing them to be added to property tax bills.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the staff recommendation and approve an ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3764

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 72.4.6 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, CREATING A PROCESS FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT SEWER DISCHARGE COLLECTION FEES

MOTION: Councilmember Rhlinger moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3764. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

12H. RESOLUTION OPPOSING FUNDING PLAN FOR CRENSHAW/ LAX TRANSIT PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council adopt a Resolution to:

- 1) Oppose Metro staff recommendation for items #10 and # 52 on the June 27, 2013 Metro Board agenda items;
- 2) Oppose the use of South Bay Highway Program funds and LAX-Crenshaw Connector funds as part of the contract award recommendation for the Crenshaw - LAX project
- 3) Support other approaches such as the proposed Metro Board Directors Knabe and O'Connor motion that would fund the South Bay portion of \$160 million shortfall;
- 4) Support the O'Connor and Knabe motion (item #11) on the Metro Acceleration Policy to protect highway funding from reallocation to transit prior to 2019; and
- 5) Support a collaborative process to re-visit the flawed Metro Measure R Unified Cost Management Process and Policy with sufficient time for stakeholder input.

Public Works Director Beste advised that staff was recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution opposing Metro's proposals to accelerate the expenditure of Measure R funds and to divert funds allocated for South Bay highway improvements to the Crenshaw/ LAX light rail project. He reported that staff is working closely with Metro board members Knabe and O'Connor to develop an alternative proposal and other South Bay cities have adopted similar resolutions for presentation at the June 27 Metro Board meeting.

Mayor Scotto noted that South Bay cities are "donor" cities to Measure R programs because they receive less money than they contribute and taking away funding for local highway improvements would only increase this inequity.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING THE METRO RECOMMENDED FUNDING PLAN FOR THE CRENSHAW/LAX TRANSIT PROJECT, OPPOSING THE MEASURE R ACCELERATION EXPENDITURE PLAN AND SUPPORTING THE METRO BOARD DIRECTORS KNABE AND O'CONNOR MOTION

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-56. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

13. HEARINGS

13A. VACATION OF PUBLIC ALLEY/ ACCEPTANCE OF STREET EASEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that the City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of the public alley north of Spencer Street and east of Hawthorne Boulevard; and
- 3) Accept a street easement.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Mayor Scotto invited public comment.

Mike Jackson, resident, requested clarification of the location of the proposed vacation, which was provided by Associate Civil Engineer Symons.

Jeff Robinson, Scott Robinson Honda, reported that if the vacation is approved, the alley will be reconstructed at his company's expense and a turn-around area will be provided for City vehicles to allow for the maintenance of the nearby catch basin.

Councilmember Brewer reported that a resident in the area has expressed concerns that trees shielding the alley might be removed.

Mr. Robinson offered his assurance that the trees will remain and landscaping in the area will be enhanced. He stated that he has shared the plans with adjacent neighbors and they are pleased with the project.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC ALLEY NORTH OF SPENCER STREET AND EAST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-57. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

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.

15.1A. REFINANCING OF SUCCESSOR AGENCY OBLIGATIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council, acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution regarding the Torrance Industrial Project Area requesting direction to undertake proceedings for the refunding of outstanding bonds of the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, requesting certain determinations by the Oversight Board and providing other matters relating thereto; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution regarding the Torrance Downtown Project Area requesting direction to undertake proceedings for the refunding of outstanding bonds of the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, requesting certain determinations by the Oversight Board and providing other matters relating thereto.

Finance Director Tsao reported that this is the first step in refunding outstanding bonds of the former City of Torrance Redevelopment Agency to reduce interest rates, which will result in a savings of approximately \$250,000 – \$270,000 per year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. SA2013-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING DIRECTION TO UNDERTAKE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REFUNDING OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, REQUESTING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS BY THE OVERSIGHT BOARD AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. SA2013-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

RESOLUTION NO. SA2013-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING DIRECTION TO UNDERTAKE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REFUNDING OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, REQUESTING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS BY THE OVERSIGHT BOARD AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. SA2013-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

Councilmember Rhilinger returned to the dais at this time.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Furey announced that Torrance-based Verengo Solar will be holding a job fair for various full and part-time positions on Wednesday, June 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 20282 Western Avenue, with additional information available at 714.453.2013.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland encouraged the public to attend the 300th Army Band free concert, *Songs from the Homefront*, on Wednesday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Armstrong Theatre, with tickets and additional information available at 310.781.7171.

17C. Councilmember Sutherland requested that the Police Department increase enforcement efforts on Del Amo Boulevard to curb speeding motorists.

17D. Councilmember Brewer reported that he recently attended the graduation ceremony at Shery High School and shared a quote from a speech given by one of the graduates.

17E. Councilmember Brewer announced that he will be running for mayor in the June 2014 municipal election and thanked his wife and daughter for their support.

17F. Mayor Scotto encouraged residents to report non-functioning street lights by contacting Southern California Edison at 800.655.4555 or www.SCE.com or using the free smart phone app.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see pages 1-2.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 25, 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 July 16, 2013