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At 8:28 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

July 27, 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 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 in City Council Chambers 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.

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 and 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6 and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:04 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by city employee Carl Kaemerle.

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, July 22, 2010.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Numark 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 Brewer).

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the watercolors of Torrance Artist Guild member Magoo Valencia on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of August.

City Clerk Herbers announced that a commissioner certification training class has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 27.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-71 RE POLICE SERGEANT RALPH DEXTER NELMS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-71**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING POLICE SERGEANT **RALPH DEXTER NELMS** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-71. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

Mayor Scotto presented the resolution to Sergeant Nelm's wife Paula.

**6B. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring Tuesday, August 3 as **National Night Out Against Crime** in the City of Torrance to Police Lieutenant Athan.

Lieutenant Athan invited residents to participate in National Night Out by attending block parties hosted by Neighborhood Watch groups on Tuesday, August 3, with additional information on the Police Department's website. He thanked Target for donating funding for giveaways to be distributed at the event.

Agenda Item 6D was considered out of order at this time.

**6D. RECOGNITION OF DEL AMO ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Mayor Scotto presented certificates to Del Amo Rotary Exchange students: Noemi Bruel, Cindy Chen, Benjamin Griffet, and Jennifer Hou.

**6C. APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES OF CITY COMMISSIONS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council review applications and make appointments to fill vacancies on the Cable TV Advisory Board, Civil Service Commission, Commission on Aging, and Parks & Recreation Commission.

Commission candidates were introduced and given an opportunity to address the City Council, after which the Council made the following appointments:

Cable Television Advisory Board – James Ozenne  
Civil Service Commission – Roy Daniel  
Commission on Aging – Bea Virobik  
Parks and Recreation Commission – Robert Baxter

City Clerk Herbers administered the oath of office to the newly appointed commissioners.

The Council briefly recessed from 7:39 p.m. to 7:47 p.m.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Terry Ragins, TUSD, reminded the public about the Save Our Schools campaign with a goal of raising \$12.9 million to restore teachers and programs that have been cut due to drastic budget reductions, with additional information at [www.TUSD.org](http://www.TUSD.org) or [www.TEF-SOS.org](http://www.TEF-SOS.org).

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of June 1, 2010.

**8B. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve an amendment to the contract with Alliant Insurance Services (C2005-159) extending the contract an additional two years at an annual cost of \$50,000 per year, for a total not to exceed amount of \$350,000 to provide insurance brokerage services. The two-year extension is from August 1, 2010 to August 1, 2012.

**8C. APPROVAL OF FREE CPR TRAINING FOR TORRANCE RESIDENTS**

Considered separately, see page 4.

**8D. REQUEST TO UTILIZE MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AND SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR PORTABLE STAGE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a request to utilize the Madrona Marsh Preserve on October 23, 2010, for an event sponsored by the Friends of Madrona Marsh; and
- 2) Approve the subsidy of fees in the amount of \$713.95 for the use of the Community Services Department portable stage for the event.

**8E. AGREEMENT FOR PLAN REVIEW SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with California Code Check for plan review services, on an as needed basis, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

**8F. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF TORRANCE LIBRARY**

Considered separately, see below.

**8G. PURCHASE ORDER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAM SUPPLIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to Smart and Final, Iris Company of Torrance, CA for Recreation and Cultural program supplies on an as needed basis effective August 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

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

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

**8C. APPROVAL OF FREE CPR TRAINING FOR TORRANCE RESIDENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Police Chief and the Disaster Council that City Council approve a proposal for the City of Torrance to co-sponsor, with Torrance Memorial Medical Center, free Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) courses for Torrance residents.

In response to Councilmember Sutherland's inquiry, Police Chief Neu reported that the free CPR courses will be advertised both by Torrance Memorial and the City.

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

**8F. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF TORRANCE LIBRARY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a \$32,000 donation from the Friends of the Torrance Library to purchase and install Microsoft Office software for selected public access computers for the Torrance Library system.

Mayor Scotto recognized the Friends of Torrance Library for their ongoing efforts to provide funding for the library.

City Librarian Weiner expressed appreciation for this generous donation, which will allow library patrons to do word processing and other tasks on library computers.

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

**10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**10A. APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 84 FUNDS FOR ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution to apply for Proposition 84 Grant funds for the City of Torrance Zoning Ordinance Update.

Planning Associate Chun reported that the proposed resolution is necessary so the City can apply for Proposition 84 grant funding for the Zoning Ordinance Update.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-70**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-70. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Council Centennial Committee that City Council accept and file the second quarterly report from the Centennial Committee covering the period of April 2010 through June 2010.

Laurie Love, chair of the Centennial Committee, provided an overview of the committee's activities over the past three months. She noted that the committee is

exploring the possibility of holding a carnival on Thursday, October 13, through Sunday, October 16, 2011 as a means of raising funds to help defray the cost of centennial events. She briefly reviewed the schedule of events for the year-long celebration, which will begin with a light show in Wilson Park in October 2011 and culminate with a Harvest Festival and picnic in the park in October 2012. She unveiled the logo that has been selected for the Centennial and discussed marketing and promotion efforts.

Responding to questions from the Council, Dr. Love confirmed that the committee has reviewed ideas that were mentioned in applications for this committee and reported that the committee is exploring the possibility of holding a parade as the final event of the centennial celebration.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Scotto ordered that the report be accepted and filed.

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:12 p.m. to 8:13 p.m.

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

**17A.** Councilmember Numark announced that the Torrance Police Department is offering a series of seminars entitled "Seniors Don't Be Scammed" and the next seminar will be on telemarketing and internet fraud and will be held on Tuesday, August 17, at 10:00 a.m. at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library. He noted that the series will continue with seminars on street scams and pigeon drops on November 16, 2010 and elder financial abuse on February 15, 2011.

**17B.** Councilmember Rhilinger announced that John Dean will discuss his memoir on the Watergate scandal, *Blind Ambition: Updated Edition*, on Saturday July 31, at 2:00 p.m. in the community meeting room at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

**17C.** Councilmember Rhilinger reported on the topics discussed at the Ad Hoc State Legislative Committee meeting held on Thursday, July 22, with the City's state legislative advocacy firm, which included an overview of the legislative process, a recap of the June 2010 statewide primary, and updates on the state budget, pension reform proposals, pending state legislation, and November 2010 ballot initiatives.

**17D.** Mayor Scotto stated that he was disappointed by the state legislature's failure to pass a budget, noting that some legislators are trying to delay budget action until after the November 2010 election because they fear voter backlash. He further stated that he was alarmed by some of the legislation being proposed, including changing the number of votes required to approve the budget from two-thirds of the legislature to a simple majority and urged residents to be vigilant in monitoring legislators' actions.

**17E.** Mayor Scotto asked with City Council concurrence, that staff bring an item to the City Council requesting the subsidy of rental fees for use of the Armstrong Theatre for the Employee Variety Show to be held September 11, 2010.

**17F.** Mayor Scotto asked with City Council concurrence, that staff research establishing a neighborhood or homeowner association recognition program that would promote improved communications between the associations and city government and assist in early identification and resolution of potential conflicts involving neighborhoods and the private sector.

**17G.** Scott Gobble, Southern California Edison, provided an update on the program underway to replace all SCE meters with Smart Meters, which allow residents to track their electric usage via their computers. He invited residents to attend a free Solar Education Forum on September 7, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the SCE office located at 505 Maple Avenue.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:28 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, 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 August 24, 2010