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At 9:06 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

August 13, 2013

**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, August 13, 2013 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by former Councilmember Paul Nowatka.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Sutherland.

**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, August 8, 2013.

**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 Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Scotto announced that the City Council Ad Hoc Legislative Advocacy Committee met on August 12 to discuss the City's position on two resolutions to be voted on at the annual League of California Cities Conference scheduled for September 18-20, 2013 and an item will be presented to City Council for consideration at the August 20, 2013 Council meeting.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Torrance resident Newton Young who passed away August 10 at the age of 85.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Torrance resident and community volunteer Yvonne Tressel who passed away June 30 just short of her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. PRESENTATION ON HONDA ACCORD HYBRID ON LOAN TO CITY OF TORRANCE**

Steve Center, Vice President of Environmental Business Development at American Honda, presented a Honda Accord plug-in hybrid car to the City of Torrance as part of the company's Electric Vehicle Demonstration Program.

**6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-62 RE JAMES WARNER WALLACE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-62**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER JAMES WARNER WALLACE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-62. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the resolution to James Wallace, who accepted with appreciation.

Police Chief Neu commended Officer Wallace for his dedicated service to the community and wished him well in his retirement.

**6C. RECOGNITION OF CITY OF TORRANCE 2013 SUMMER INTERNS**

Volunteer Program Coordinator Lohnes gave a brief slide presentation highlighting the 2013 Summer Intern Program and Mayor Scotto presented certificates to the following interns: Gabrielle Alamillo, Orhan Batuhan Akdeniz, Qianshan He, Jennifer Hung, Jessica Jimenez, Hasmic Marouti, and Brandon Villapando.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Carol Gilles, Torrance Rose Float Association, announced that TRFA will be holding a "Bingo and Meatballs" fundraiser on Thursday, August 22, at the Sons of Italy, Carson branch, located at 1744 W. Carson Street, with additional information at 310.618.2425.

**7B.** David Crawford, Torrance, related his belief that there should be a reduction in Time Warner Cable bills since Channels 2 and 9 are no longer available; voiced his objection to the smoking ban at City parks; and expressed concerns about the lack of response to his complaints regarding nails in his backyard.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of July 16, 2013.

**8B. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF 2012 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Police Chief and Fire Chief that City Council

- 1) Accept the 2012 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant contract;
- 2) Appropriate and allocate the award in the amount of \$73,120 for counter-terrorism training and equipment; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager as the city's signatory for the contract.

**8C. APPROVAL OF INSURANCE PROVIDER FOR LIFE/ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT AND DISABILITY INSURANCE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Approve Reliance Standard to provide Life/Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D), and Disability Insurance to employees eligible for these benefits represented

- by Torrance Municipal Employees-AFSCME, Local 1117 (TME-AFSCME) and Torrance Library Employees Association (TLEA);
- 2) Approve insurance rates of \$0.125 per \$1,000 of group term Life/AD&D benefit, \$0.598 per \$100 of payroll for Short Term Disability (STD), and \$0.515 per \$100 of payroll for Long Term Disability (LTD) for a total not to exceed \$241,376 per year, for a 32 month period beginning September 1, 2013 through April 30, 2016; and
  - 3) Approve a (binder) payment of \$21,545.27, which is inclusive of \$241,376, to guarantee these rates.

**8D. CONTRACT FOR EL RETIRO AND SOUTHEAST LIBRARY ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Torres Construction for \$264,100 with a 5% contingency of \$13,205 for El Retiro Library and Southeast Library Accessibility Upgrades (B2013-37);
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$26,410; and,
- 3) Approve a contract amendment with Withee Malcolm Architects (C2009-142) for construction administration services for Southeast Library for \$6,600 for a total contract amount of \$136,280.

**8E. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR STORMWATER BASIN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council reject all bids received on July 18, 2013 for construction of the Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, CIP No. I-102 (B2013-28).

**8F. FEE AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart in the case of Ana Mendoza, et al. v. City of Torrance, et al, LASC Case No. BC501773, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$380,000.

**8G. LICENSE AGREEMENT RE DEMOLITION/REMEDICATION OF 1640 CABRILLO**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Determine that the approval of the license agreement and subsequent demolition and remediation are categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15332 of the Guidelines implementing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (In-Fill Development Projects); and
- 2) Approve a license agreement by and between the City of Torrance, a California municipal corporation ("City") and Cabrillo Family Apartments, L.P., a California limited partnership ("Developer") to demolish existing structures and complete remediation work as required on city-owned property located at 1640 Cabrillo Avenue and further.

**8H. CONTRACT FOR JAIL FOOD SERVICE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council approve a five-year contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department for food service to the Jail for the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018, and authorize the total contract expenditure not to exceed \$105,000 with a first year expenditure not to exceed \$21,000.

**8I. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE MACHADO LAKE NUTRIENT AND TOXICS TMDL BMP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an amendment to Carollo Engineers, Inc. (C2012-231) in the amount of \$42,704 to revise designs for Best Management Practices Implementation Plan, for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$119,652; and
- 2) Approve additional appropriation of \$69,652 to CIP No. I-110, Machado Lake Nutrient & Toxics TMDL BMP Implementation Plan for a new not to exceed project costs of \$483,715.

Councilmember Weideman noted that he had reviewed the videotape of the July 16, 2013 Council meeting so he would be qualified to vote on Item 8A.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8I. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**10A. RESOLUTION RE PCR12-00001: 2212 GRAMERCY AVENUE – ELPIDIO MANALO**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution reflecting City Council decision at the June 25, 2013 meeting to deny a Planning Commission Review to allow a two-unit project to exceed a 0.50 Floor Area Ratio on property located within the Small-Lot, Low Medium Overlay in the R-2 Zone at 2212 Gramercy Avenue. **PCR12-00001: Elpidio Manalo**

Community Development Director Gibson reported that the Resolution reflects the Council's action and findings at the June 25, 2013 Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-64**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DENYING WITHOUT PREJUDICE A PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 44 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW A TWO-UNIT RESIDENTIAL PROJECT TO EXCEED A FLOOR AREA RATIO OF 0.50 ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE SMALL-LOT, LOW MEDIUM OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-2 ZONE AT 2212 GRAMERCY AVENUE PCR12-00001: ELPIDIO MANALO

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-64. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed as reflected in the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Barnett , Furey, Sutherland and Mayor Scotto  
NO: Councilmembers Brewer and Numark  
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Weideman

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE REGIONAL BOARDS AND AGENCIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Concur with the appointments made by the Mayor to the Independent Cities Association, League of California Cities, and South Bay Cities Council of Governments;
- 2) Appoint the Mayor to the Sanitation District of L. A. County and the Southern California Association of Governments; and
- 3) Direct the City Manager to update and post Form 806 on the City of Torrance website.

Mayor Scotto announced the following appointments:

<b>Board</b>	<b>Voting Delegate</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Independent Cities Association	Tom Brewer	Kurt Weideman
League of California Cities – LA County Division	Approved by Council Action Bill Sutherland	Approved by Council Action Cliff Numark
South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	Tom Brewer	Kurt Weideman
Sanitation District of L.A. County	Mayor Scotto	Cliff Numark
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	Mayor Scotto	Tom Brewer

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to confirm the appointments to outside boards and regional agencies. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to direct the City Manager to post an updated Form 806 on the City of Torrance website. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Scotto noted that Councilman Furey’s appointment to the West Vector Control District of LA County expires on December 31, 2014 so it does not need to be updated and the Municipal Area Express (MAX) has been dissolved so there will be no appointment to that board.

**12B. APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council select and appoint chairs and committee members to Standing Committees in accordance with Council Rules of Order; and that the Mayor appoints:

- 1) City Council Ad Hoc Committees; and
- 2) City Council Liaisons.

**Standing Committees** – the following appointments were made by the City Council based on seniority:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Members (2)</b>
Citizen Development and Enrichment	Tom Brewer	Kurt Weideman Bill Sutherland
Community Planning and Design	Pat Furey	Bill Sutherland Tom Brewer
Employee Relations and Public Safety	Gene Barnett	Pat Furey Cliff Numark

Committee	Chair	Members (2)
Finance and Governmental Operations	Bill Sutherland	Cliff Numark Gene Barnett
Strategic Plan	Cliff Numark	Gene Barnett Kurt Weideman
Transportation	Kurt Weideman	Pat Furey Tom Brewer

Mayor Scotto made the following appointments:

Committee	Chair	Members
Armed Forces Day	Gene Barnett	Pat Furey Kurt Weideman

### Ad Hoc Legislative Committees

Mayor Scotto made the following appointments:

Committee	Chair	Members
Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy	Mayor Frank Scotto	Tom Brewer Pat Furey Bill Sutherland (Alt)
Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy	Mayor Frank Scotto	Gene Barnett Bill Sutherland Tom Brewer (Alt)
Ad Hoc Naming of Public Facilities	Gene Barnett	Tom Brewer Bill Sutherland

### City Council Liaisons

Mayor Scotto made the following appointments:

Organization	Liaison	Alternate
Sister City Association	Gene Barnett	Pat Furey

## 12C. APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY III

### Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council appoint Della Thompson-Bell to the position of Deputy City Attorney III.

City Attorney Fellows briefly reviewed Della Thompson-Bell's qualifications for the position of Deputy City Attorney III, noting that she has been with the City for approximately 10 years and has done an exceptional job handling a variety of duties.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to appoint Della Thompson-Bell to the position of Deputy City Attorney III. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Thompson-Bell thanked the Council for appointing her to this position and acknowledged family members present at the meeting.

## 17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

**17A.** Councilmember Sutherland wished his wife a happy anniversary.

**17B.** Councilmember Weideman reported that he enjoyed attending the Cultural Services Division Open House held the previous Saturday and thought it was a good way to showcase these facilities.

**17C.** Councilmember Barnett announced that a community meeting will be held at the Southeast Library, on Wednesday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss accessibility upgrades scheduled to begin in September, with additional information at 310.530.5044.

**17D.** Councilmember Barnett commended all involved in the production of *Willie Wonka* at the Armstrong Theatre.

**17E.** Councilmember Brewer announced that this weekend will be the last opportunity to see Torrance Theatre Company's presentation of *Willie Wonka*, with performances on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

**17F.** Councilmember Furey reported that Madrona Marsh has been closed as a preventive measure due to reports of West Nile virus in the South Bay area and urged residents to take precautions, including wearing insect repellent containing DEET when engaging in outdoor activities, mosquito-proofing their homes, and eliminating stagnant water where mosquitos breed.

**17G.** Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item to subsidize rental fees for the Armstrong Theatre for the Employee Variety Show on Saturday, September 28, 2013, noting that the proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

**17H.** Mayor Scotto encouraged residents to participate in Torrance Police Department's new "See Something, Say Something" crime prevention campaign.

Police Chief Neu discussed the challenges facing law enforcement agencies due to the release of dangerous criminals as part of the criminal justice realignment.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:15 p.m., the City Council 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, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(d)(1).

The City Council reconvened at 9:06 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:06 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 20, 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:

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

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Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on September 10, 2013

Sue Sweet  
Recording Secretary

City Council  
August 13, 2013