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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – AUGUST 20, 2013

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At 7:52 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting 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, August 20, 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.

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Weideman announced that he was recusing himself from Item 18B sub-item 2 regarding city-owned property at 2600 Skypark Drive because it involves his former employer.

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 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 at 7:05 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 Deputy Police Chief Matsuda.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Weideman.

**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 15, 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 **WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred.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 recognized and honored former mayor Ken Miller on the occasion of his 91st birthday.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-63 RE BILL WRIGHT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **BILL D. WRIGHT** FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT BOARD

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-63. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the resolution to Bill Wright, who accepted with appreciation.

Public Works Director Beste thanked Mr. Wright for his many years of dedicated service.

6B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-65 RE COUNCILWOMAN SUSAN RHILINGER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **COUNCILWOMAN SUSAN M. RHILINGER** FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-65. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. **APPOINTMENT OF 2013-2014 TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council appoint 18 members to the 2013-2014 City of Torrance Youth Council and have them officially sworn in by the City Clerk.

City Council appointed the following members to the 2013-2014 Youth Council: Anna Spallino, Jillian Free, Rebecca Horton, Hayden Tanabe, Joseph Roh, Justin Kim, Timothy Harvey, Debbie Park, Justina Breen, Teena Roshini, Okoduwar Aboiralor, Hantao Wang, Arielle Stephenson, Leanne Fukumoto, Kevin Kang, Adel Kelifa, Connie Chung, and Daniel Park.

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

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced a free walking tour of historic old Torrance on Sunday, August 25, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in front of the museum located at 1345 Post Avenue.

7B. Janet Payne, Torrance Historical Society, reported that the museum recently hosted Kashiwa, Japan exchange students and took them on a tour of viewpoints in Torrance. She announced that the museum will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, and "Mike the Map Man" will be sharing maps from the early days of Torrance beginning at 5:00 p.m.

7C. Brian Rosario, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, encouraged anyone interested in volunteering or running for public office to attend the Chamber's Grassroots Academy program, which will be held on September 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with registration information available at www.TorranceChamber.com.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. SUBSIDY OF RENTAL FEES FOR CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION EVENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the subsidy of rental fees in the amount of \$801 for the use of the Toyota Meeting Hall by the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation for the "Good Old Trailer Park Wedding" event to be held Saturday, January 25, 2014.

8B. AUTHORIZATION FOR YOUTH COUNCIL ANNUAL WORKSHOP AT ATTIC

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize the Torrance Youth Council to conduct their annual workshop on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at the ATTIC Teen Center, 2320 West Carson Street.

8C. RENEWAL OF FLEET AND FUEL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEMS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services, Transit, and Information Technology Directors that City Council authorize payment to AssetWorks, Inc. of La Jolla, CA in the amount of \$65,858.50 for the annual renewal of hosting, support and maintenance service agreements for the City of Torrance *FleetFocus FA™* and *FuelFocus™* fleet and fuel management software systems.

8D. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE DISPOSAL OF MISCELLANEOUS NON-HAZARDOUS SOLID FILL MATERIALS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an amendment to contract services agreement with Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel (C2012-159) to extend the agreement for a one year term ending August 27, 2014; and
- 2) Increase the not to exceed amount by \$150,000 for a new not to exceed total of \$300,000.

8E. PURCHASE ORDER FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council award an annual purchase order to Golden Star Technology, Inc., of Cerritos, CA for computer equipment and software, (RFQ# 2014-35-A), for an amount not to exceed \$420,000 for the period of August 21, 2013, to June 30, 2014.

8F. SUBSIDY OF RENTAL FEES FOR 15TH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE VARIETY SHOW

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the subsidy of rental fees at the James Armstrong Theatre in the amount of \$2,160 for the 15th Annual City of Torrance Employee Variety Show scheduled for September 28, 2013.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES RESOLUTIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee that City Council concur with the Committee's position on the two League of California Cities resolutions being presented at their annual Conference on September 18 through September 20, 2013 in Sacramento, CA.

Mayor Scotto reported that the Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee met on August 12 to consider two resolutions to be presented at the annual League of California Cities Conference on September 18 – 20, 2013 in Sacramento and after studying background materials and discussing the issues, the Committee voted to concur with staff's recommendation to take a neutral position on Resolution 1, which concerns Environmental Quality Policy and the use of Water Bond Funds, and to support Resolution 2, which concerns Public Safety Policy and is intended to address the impact of AB109 Realignment on local law enforcement agencies.

Deputy Police Chief Matsuda noted the challenges faced by local law enforcement agencies due to AB109 Realignment and thanked the Council for providing additional resources to combat the pitfalls inherent in this legislation in order to keep residents safe.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to take a neutral position on Resolution 1 and to support Resolution 2. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Mayor that City Council adopt a Resolution approving the appointment of Russell Lefevre as the City of Torrance representative on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board of Directors for the balance of a term through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$8,000.

Mayor Scotto briefly reviewed Russell Lefevre's qualifications to serve as Torrance's representative on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board of Directors.

Russell Lefevre thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve in this position. He resigned his position on the Torrance Water Commission.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the Mayor's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
APPOINTING RUSSELL LEFEVRE TO FILL THE VACANT POST AS THE CITY
OF TORRANCE DIRECTOR TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-66. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Barnett requested an excused absence from the August 27 City Council meeting.

17B. Councilmember Brewer announced that the 2013 Aquacade "Are We There Yet?" will be presented on Friday, August 23, and Saturday, August 24, at the Benstead Plunge located at 3331 Torrance Boulevard at 8:15 p.m., with additional information available at 310.781.7113.

17C. Councilmember Furey announced that the fourth phase of the Hometown Heroes banner program will be presented at the August 27 City Council meeting.

17D. Councilmember Numark requested an excused absence from the August 27 City Council meeting.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

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/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Attest:

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on September 17, 2013