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At 8:32 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, September 8, 2015 will be a City Council dark night.

**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 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Goodrich, Griffiths, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey.

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Poirier and other staff representatives.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Ashcraft.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Barnett.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA/ MOTION TO  
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, August 27, 2015.

**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 Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Items 8B and 12B.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fire Chief Racowschi announced that the ExxonMobil Torrance Refinery monthly community alert siren testing will take place Wednesday, June 3, at approximately 11:30 a.m. and additional information is available by contacting ExxonMobil at (310) 212-1852.

Fire Chief Racowschi announced that the South Coast Air Quality Management District hearing to decide if ExxonMobil can increase gasoline production at the Torrance refinery using an older piece of equipment has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the AQMD offices located at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar. He noted that the hearing is open to the public and it can also be viewed via a link on the [www.AQMD.gov](http://www.AQMD.gov) website.

City Clerk Poirier announced that a Commissioner Certification Training Class will be held on Tuesday, September 29, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Nakano Theatre, noting that residents may register online at [www.torranceca.gov/commissioner\\_cert.htm](http://www.torranceca.gov/commissioner_cert.htm) or by calling 310-618-5880.

Mayor Furey announced that the State Legislative Advocacy Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Manager's assembly room to review the City's position on League of California Cities resolutions.

Police Chief Matsuda announced that the month of September is National Preparedness Month and this year's theme is "Don't Wait, Communicate," to remind people to create emergency communication plans with family members. He noted that City was launching a social media campaign to encourage residents to create such a plan and additional information is available at [www.torranceca.gov/disasterpreparedness](http://www.torranceca.gov/disasterpreparedness).

## **6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

### **6A. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK"**

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring the week of September 12 through September 20 as "National Drive Electric Week" in the City of Torrance to Danny Santana Development Review/Lead Sr. Planning Associate and Nina Lang General Plan/Planning Associate.

Sr. Planning Associate Santana invited the public to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for new state-of-the-art electric vehicle charging stations in the parking lot behind the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library on Saturday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. followed by an EV Drive and Ride Expo from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **6B. STORM WATER BASINS VIRTUAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

Following a brief video presentation on the Storm Water Basin Enhancement Project highlighting improvements to the Amie, Entradero and Henrietta storm water basins, Project Manager John Dettle presided over a virtual ribbon cutting ceremony, assisted by Dale Lincoln an area resident who advocated for the project for several years.

### **6C. ANIMAL CONTROL PRESENTATION**

Lieutenant Mark Underwood, Traffic and Special Events Division, gave a brief presentation on the City's Animal Control program and provided clarification regarding which services are and are not provided.

## **7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Ralph Ulibarri, Torrance, expressed concerns about a water infrastructure improvement project in North Torrance, which has resulted in parking restrictions that interfere with his ability to park close to his home and created a water roach infestation problem for residents.

**7B.** Debbie Hayes, Torrance Historical Society, announced that there will be a special evening walking tour of old Torrance on Saturday, September 5, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. beginning at the museum located at 1345 Post Avenue and reservations are required.

**7C.** Jeannine Madden, Torrance Art Museum Advocates, announced that there will be a fundraising event celebrating the museum's 10-year anniversary on Saturday, September 12, from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. featuring the donated works of 300 artists, each of which will be on sale for \$100, with proceeds to benefit the museum's art and education programs.

**7D.** Brandon Matson, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, invited the public to attend Mayor Furey's State of the City address and the presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award on Thursday, September 24, at 12:00 p.m. at the Torrance Marriott, with additional information available at [www.torrancechamber.com](http://www.torrancechamber.com).

**7E.** Mark Stephenson, Torrance, reported that according to information provided by the City Manager's office, it appears that his assertion that Torrance police officers were illegally receiving marksmanship pay was incorrect. He expressed concerns that the Fire Chief Association's MOU for September 2011 to December 2013 reflects that "shooting pay" was authorized and contended that this was not a legally authorized benefit for fire personnel per California statutes. He urged citizens to sign a petition on the Friends of Torrance website to ensure oversight mechanisms are in place to preclude taxpayer funds from being misappropriated again.

Fire Chief Racowschi offered his assurance that no members of the Torrance Fire Department, retired or active, receive marksmanship pay, and related his understanding that the language Mr. Stephenson referenced has been stricken from the MOU.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of August 4, 2015.

**8B. AGREEMENT RE SUPPLEMENTAL STAFFING FOR TORRANCE CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM**

Considered separately, see page 5.

**8C. SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR CONCERT IN COLUMBIA PARK**

Considered separately, see page 5.

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

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney and Public Works Director that City Council approve a fee agreement with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker, LLP of Costa Mesa, CA relating to the acquisition of property at 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard for a contract amount not to exceed \$55,000.

**8E. PURCHASE ORDER FOR FORD CHASSIS CABS WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRUCK CHIPPER DUMP BODIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Public Works Director that City Council award a purchase order to Rush Truck Center of Whittier, CA for three (3) model year 2016 Ford F-650 chassis cabs with Southern California Truck chipper dump bodies in the amount of \$232,809.29 (including sales tax).

**8F. PURCHASE ORDER FOR GILLIG BUS PARTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council award a sole-source purchase order to Gillig, LLC of Hayward, CA in an amount not exceed \$75,000 to furnish new and remanufactured bus parts and components on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 (RFQ 2016-181).

**8G. PURCHASE ORDER FOR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS AND DIESEL ENGINE BUS PARTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council award a purchase order to Rush Truck Center of Whittier, CA in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to furnish Cummins Compressed Natural Gas and Diesel engine bus parts on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 (RFQ 2016-176).

**8H. PURCHASE ORDER FOR BUS TRANSMISSION PARTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council award a purchase order to Western States Converters & Transmission Inc. of Corona, CA in an amount not exceed \$60,000 to furnish transmission parts for transit buses on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 (RFQ 2016-178).

**8I. PURCHASE ORDER FOR BUS BRAKE PARTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council award a purchase order to Fleet Pride of Gardena, CA in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to furnish bus brake parts for a period of one (1) year effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 (RFQ 2016-302).

**8J. 2016 NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM**

Considered separately, see page 6.

**8K. PURCHASE ORDER FOR HYBRID GASOLINE/ELECTRIC BUS ENGINE PARTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council award a purchase order to AutoNation Ford of Torrance, CA in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to furnish Hybrid Gasoline-Electric Bus engine parts on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year effective September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 (RFQ 2016-351).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8D, 8E, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8I and 8K. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar Items 8B, 8C and 8J were considered separately at this time.

**8B. AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL STAFFING OF TORRANCE CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council authorize a contract services agreement for supplemental staffing of the Torrance Crossing Guard program to All City Management Services, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA in an amount not to exceed \$77,450 for the period of September 2, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Councilmember Weideman recalled that the amount approved by the Council on June 23, 2015 for additional crossing guards for 2015-2016 was \$42,450 and questioned why this contract was for \$77,450.

Police Lieutenant Underwood explained that the City has a pre-existing contract with All City Management Services to provide supplemental crossing guard staff on an as-needed basis at a cost of \$35,000 per year and the addition of 3 crossing guard posts as approved by the Council in June 2015 increases this contract by \$42,450 for a total of \$77,450.

Councilmember Ashcraft thanked staff for their efforts to survey intersections near schools throughout the City to ensure that children will be safe as they return to school this month.

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

**8C. SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR CONCERT IN COLUMBIA PARK**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve a subsidy in the amount of \$2,172.90 for a free public concert to be held at Columbia Park, 4045 W. 190th Street, on September 27, 2015.

Councilmember Griffiths thanked the band Mystic Wave for providing this free concert for the community, noting that the subsidy is for incidental costs and the band is performing free of charge.

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

**8J. 2016 NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Community Services Director that City Council approve the Non-Profit Social Services Grant Program and application.

Councilmember Griffiths expressed concerns that the 2016 grant program lifecycle included in the agenda item (Attachment B) indicates that the application period began in August 2015, however, the Council was only being asked to approve funding for the program this evening.

Business Manager Minter clarified that the lifecycle included in the agenda item was a proposed lifecycle created in May to provide a framework for the future for purposes of discussion, and the application process for the 2016 program has not begun and was awaiting the Council's approval.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, commended the City Council and staff for creating a more detailed review process for the awarding of these grants. He recommended that the evaluation process include an assessment of the charitable organization's efficiency in using taxpayer resources, with preference give to those with low administrative expenses.

Councilmember Weideman asked if an organization's administrative expenses are considered during the evaluation process.

Business Manager Minter responded that the application makes clear that no part of a grant may be used for administrative expenses.

Mayor Furey reported that the California Attorney General has taken a very strong stance and has created strict guidelines for non-profit organizations in order to curb past abuses involving charities where the majority of their funds went to operating expenses.

Councilmember Weideman voiced support for the revised, more thorough review process, noting that it includes verification of the organization's non-profit status.

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

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a first amendment to lease agreement by and between the City of Torrance, a municipal corporation and T-Mobile West Tower, LLC (C2009-245), a Delaware limited liability company, as successor-in-interest to T-Mobile West Corporation, a Delaware corporation, by and through its Attorney In Fact, CCTMO LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, to utilize a portion of City-owned property to operate a cellular phone antenna site at 22780 Lupine Drive known as Sea Aire Golf Course.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan advised that the original lease agreement allowed for up to nine cellular phone antennas and T-Mobile has constructed six and this amendment will allow for the construction of three new antennas with a modest increase in rent.

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

## **12B. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager and the Public Works Director that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a license agreement by and between the City of Torrance and the West Basin Municipal Water District to use a portion of City-owned land generally located at the corner of Crenshaw and Del Amo Boulevards (APN 7352-007-900) to continue the operation of disinfection facilities to disinfect recycled water.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that as part of the new 10-year license agreement, the West Basin Municipal Water District has agreed to build a new fence around the property and to provide access to recycled water for landscaped medians on Del Amo Boulevard and it will continue to provide recycled water for American Honda landscaping.

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

## **12C. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL DARK NIGHT**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve Tuesday, November 3, 2015 as a City Council dark night for the Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee to participate in legislative trip to Washington, D.C.

Management Associate Jones reported that on this trip, the Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee will meet with legislators and various committees and agencies to discuss priority projects, funding opportunities and legislation that impacts the City of Torrance.

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

## **13. HEARINGS**

### **13A. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing as required by the Congestion Management Program of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution to self-certify that the City of Torrance is in conformance with local Congestion Management Program (CMP) requirements; and
- 3) Direct staff to submit the CMP Local Development Report (LDR) as required by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-66**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-66. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

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

**17A.** Councilmember Rizzo congratulated Fire Chief Racowschi on his impending retirement.

**17B.** Councilmember Goodrich wished Councilmember Ashcraft a happy birthday.

**17C.** Councilmember Griffiths also extended birthday wishes to Councilmember Ashcraft.

**17D.** Councilmember Rizzo offered his congratulations to Chief Racowschi and echoed birthday wishes to Councilmember Ashcraft.

**17E.** For the benefit of Torrance residents who are Cal Water customers, Councilmember Rizzo reported that Cal Water offers free conservation kits and has several conservation programs, including a turf replacement program and a rebate for installing low flow toilets.

**17F.** Councilmember Weideman echoed congratulations to Chief Racowschi and Councilmember Ashcraft.

**17G.** Councilmember Ashcraft thanked everyone for their well-wishes.

**17H.** Councilmember Ashcraft recognized resident Bobbi Austin, her daughters Denise and Stephanie, and another neighbor named Roger (last name not given) for picking up litter around West High and the Henrietta Storm Water Basin for more than a dozen years to keep the area clean.

**17I.** Mayor Furey wished Councilmember Ashcraft a happy birthday and thanked Fire Chief Racowschi for his 35 years of service.

**17J.** Mayor Furey reported that the Council was very pleased to dedicate the Ruben Ordaz Community Center earlier in the day, noting that this honor was well-deserved.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:32 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, September 8, 2015 will be a City Council dark night.

Attest:

/s/ Patrick J. Furey

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Patrick J. Furey

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ R. Poirier

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Rebecca Poirier

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on September 22, 2015