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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

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At 8:18 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 16, 2014 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 5:38 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 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.

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 Labor Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6.

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 Councilmember Barnett.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Goodrich.

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, September 4, 2014.

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich 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 Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Item 13A was continued; supplemental material was available for Items 8D and 13A.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Weideman announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee met earlier to discuss funding options for the 2015 Rose Float and will be presenting their recommendation at next week's City Council meeting.

City Clerk Poirier invited staff and the public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Rebecca Nasori on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of September.

City Clerk Poirier announced that the City Clerk's office is accepting applications for two unscheduled vacancies on the Planning Commission during regular business hours; that the deadline to submit applications is Monday, September 15; and that all applicants must have completed Commissioner Certification training to be eligible for appointment. She noted that appointments to other commissions are scheduled for January 2015; that applicants must have completed certification training within two years of the application date; and that the next Commissioner Certification class will be held on Wednesday, October 29, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., with registration to close on October 15.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-107 RE THOMAS IRVING ALDRICH

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING **POLICE OFFICER THOMAS IRVING ALDRICH** UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-107. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Kevin Tyler, Tyler Sports, invited staff and the public to attend a "Sweat for a Cause" fundraiser on Saturday, September 13, 9:30 a.m. at the Torrance Batting Cages benefitting the Avon Breast Cancer Foundation.

7B. Dean Rueter, Torrance, announced that the Torrance and Redondo Beach Rotary Clubs will be hosting a USC/UCLA tailgate party benefitting local high schools at the Torrance Doubletree Hotel on Saturday, November 18, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

7C. Brian Matson, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, invited staff and the public to attend the annual Business Expo and Showcase on Thursday, September 18, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

7D. Lloyd Brown, Torrance, expressed safety concerns about permissive left-hand turn signals recently installed at Prairie and 182nd Street.

7E. Charlotte Brimmer, Carson, announced that a job fair will be held at the StubHub Center on Friday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., noting that the focus will be on military veterans but everyone is invited to attend.

7F. Ryan Mand, Torrance, voiced his opinion that there was nothing wrong with sexual activity that occurs at massage parlors among consenting adults.

7G. Janet Payne, Torrance, invited the public to attend a meeting of the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association on Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Senior Center, which will feature Police Chief Matsuda and Mayor Furey.

7H. Mark Stephenson, Torrance, contended that CalPERS (California Public Employees Retirement System) is a dysfunctional and corrupt business entity, citing the Board of Directors' decision to allow "pension spiking" in defiance of the 2013 Public Employees Pension Reform Act and the recent conviction of the board's president for embezzlement and corruption. He expressed concerns about the City's growing pension debt and urged the Council to establish a 401K-type pension system for all employees.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. JULY 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Considered separately, see page 4.

8B. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the 2013-2014 Parks & Recreation Commission annual report.

8C. COMMISSION ON AGING 2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Commission on Aging and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the 2013-2014 Commission on Aging annual report.

8D. PURCHASE ORDER FOR ASPHALT GRINDER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Commission on Aging and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the 2013-2014 Commission on Aging annual report.

8E. AGREEMENT RE GROUP DENTAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE INSURANCE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve an agreement extension and insurance rates with Delta Dental to provide group dental coverage at \$17.47 for single coverage; \$31.54 two-party, and \$46.64 family coverage for the Dental Health Maintenance (DHMO) program beginning January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 for a total projected annual expenditure of \$60,476.

8F. CONTRACT RE 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, not to exceed \$28,198, for the term of September 13, 2014 through September 12, 2015.

8G. FEE AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker, LLP to provide legal services in the case of Katie Bassilios v. City of Torrance for a total amount not to exceed \$75,000.

8H. PURCHASE ORDER FOR TELEVISION STUDIO AND FIELD PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT

Considered separately, see below.

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

Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8H were considered separately at this time.

8A. JULY 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of July 2014.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, questioned when the \$4.3 million in the City's Benefit Rate Mitigation Reserve Fund would be applied to the City's pension debt.

City Manager Jackson explained that the reserve fund was established to offset future rate increases by CalPERS which are scheduled to occur over the next several years to ensure that the City's operational budget is not adversely affected.

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

8H. PURCHASE ORDER FOR TELEVISION STUDIO AND FIELD PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council award a purchase order to California Media Solutions, Inc., Benicia, CA in the amount of \$143,337.16; to furnish Television Studio and Field Production Equipment for Torrance Community Television.

Councilmember Ashcraft noted that it has been the City's practice to donate used equipment to the Torrance Unified School District and questioned whether any of this equipment was suitable for donation.

Cable and Community Relations Manager Michael Smith reported that most of the equipment is far beyond its useful life, however TUSD will be offered any equipment that is still functional.

Lloyd Brown, Torrance, suggested that students at SCROC may be able to repair the equipment, and Councilmember Ashcraft advised that SCROC does not have a class that could make use of the equipment.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF TORRANCE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the City of Torrance Conflict of Interest Code.

City Clerk Poirier noted that all local government agencies are required to review their Conflict of Interest Code biennially per the California Political Reform Act and briefly reviewed the proposed amendments, which include title changes, position additions/deletions and additional filing requirements.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
WHICH INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES
COMMISSION'S STANDARD MODEL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-106. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. TRANSFER FROM PACIFIC GATEWAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Approve transfer from the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Board to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board;
- 2) Direct staff to send notifications of decision made by City Council; and
- 3) Coordinate transfer request to the State of California Employment Development Department.

Management Associate Jones provided background information about the recommendation to transfer from Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to South Bay Workforce Investment Board (WIB), citing concerns about limited services for Torrance youths and accessibility issues since Pacific Gateway WIB is based in Long Beach.

Nick Shultz, Executive Director of the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Board, reported that he assumed this position in June 2014 and his priority is to provide quality services

for member cities. He discussed new legislation effective in June 2015, which he believes will bring prime opportunities for further collaboration to help communities in the Pacific Gateway thrive. He stated that he looked forward to continuing to work with the City of Torrance and building on past successes.

Mayor Furey voiced support for the staff recommendation. He noted that Pacific Gateway WIB was informed about the City's concerns at the March 19, 2013 City Council meeting at which Mayor Scotto stated that Torrance would consider realigning with the South Bay WIB unless there was a quantitative improvement within the next 3 to 6 months. He related his belief that Torrance's interests would be better served by the South Bay WIB, which is comprised of surrounding cities.

Indicating that he also supported the staff recommendation, Councilmember Weideman reported that he served on the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Board for 10 years; that he was involved in the decision to merge with the Pacific Gateway WIB when that board was dissolved; that considerable time was spent exploring various options before the decision was made; and that promises were made by Pacific Gateway WIB that have not been met.

Councilmember Ashcraft stated that she supports transferring to the South Bay WIB solely based on the fact that it will be much more convenient for Torrance youths who really need these services.

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

13. HEARINGS

13A. ORDINANCE REGULATING UNATTENDED DONATION COLLECTION BINS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council conduct a public hearing and consider options in drafting an ordinance modifying the Torrance Municipal Code to regulate unattended donation/collection bins.

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.

Mayor Furey noted that staff was recommending that the hearing be continued to October 7, 2014 to accommodate a request from a donation collection bin operator unable to attend tonight's meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to continue the hearing to October 7, 2014. 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 Barnett announced that he was abstaining from this consideration of Item 15.1A because he serves on the Oversight Board.

15.1A. RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council, acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adopt a Resolution approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2015, in accordance with ABX1-26 and AB 1484.

Planning Assistant Lange reported the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule remains unchanged from the previous six months and upon approval, will be reviewed by the Oversight Board at its meeting on Wednesday, October 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, contended that the City has failed to disclose RDA loans that are in default per requirements of Health and Safety Code 33080.1(e) and has approved loans with maturity dates that extend beyond 40 years in violation of the City Charter.

Finance Director Tsao advised that the loans in question are not in default because repayment does not begin until bond indebtedness has been paid off, which has not occurred, and a loan maturity date of 2099 was selected because it is not known when the bonds will be paid off and repayment will begin.

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

RESOLUTION NO. SA2014-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABX1-26 AND AB 1484

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. SA2014-04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote, with Councilmember Barnett abstaining.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Goodrich reported that he attended the League of California Cities annual conference at the L.A. Convention Center last week and as the City's voting delegate, cast a vote in support of the resolution encouraging the governor to address illegal marijuana grows.

17B. Councilmember Griffiths stated that he also attended the League of California Cities conference and found it to be very informative. He noted that speaker Michael Pritchard, who spoke on the concept of TEAM (Together Everyone and Anyone Matters), was particularly inspiring.

17C. Councilmember Griffiths announced that the 19th annual Halloween Ball hosted by Chef Michael Shafer and sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales USA will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2014 from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. in a tent in front of the Depot Restaurant, which will feature a dinner buffet, a costume contest and live and silent auctions. He noted that all proceeds benefit the Pediatric Therapy Network, a non-profit organization located in Torrance that provides therapy and intervention for children with special needs and developmental concerns.

17D. Councilmember Rizzo stated that he attended the League of California Cities Conference and went to a session on AB109 - Prison Realignment and was pleased to report that Torrance Police Department is currently engaging in the best practices in dealing with this issue.

17E. Councilmember Weideman reported that he also attended the League of California Cities Conference and found the breakaway sessions, as well as the chance to interact with government officials around the state to be a very valuable experience.

17F. Councilmember Ashcraft noted that she also attended the League of California Cities and attended various sessions including one entitled "You're Not Alone – Women in City Councils of California".

17G. Councilmember Barnett stated that he was sorry to have missed the League's conference but was pleased his colleagues could attend.

17H. Mayor Furey reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities conference.

17I. Mayor Furey, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff return with an item to subsidize the fees for the use of the Toyota Meeting Hall by the Pediatric Therapy Network to host Zones of Regulation training on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

17J. Mayor Furey encouraged people to attend the Halloween Ball benefitting the Pediatric Therapy Network.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:18 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 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/ Patrick J. Furey

Mayor Patrick J. Furey

/s/ R. Poirier

City Clerk Rebecca Poirier, MMC

Approved on October 7, 2014