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At 8:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for a City Council Community Outreach meeting in the North Torrance High School Library located at 3620 West 182nd Street.

**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 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Barnett.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Attorney Sullivan, 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 close 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 7:03 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember Barnett. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Bishop Montgomery High School Principal Rosemary Distaso-Libbon.

The National Anthem was played by Bishop Montgomery High School Marching Band.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger and a moment of silence was observed for the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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

6A. PRESENTATION OF KEY TO THE CITY TO CARMELITA JETER

Mayor Scotto presented the key to the City to **Carmelita Jeter**, three-time medalist at the London 2012 Summer Olympics and alumni of Bishop Montgomery High School. He noted that Ms. Jeter was the first athlete to receive a medal in both the 100 and 200-meter race at one Olympics.

Ms. Jeter expressed appreciation for this recognition of her accomplishments.

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, September 6, 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger 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 Furey and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brewer announced that the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, September 17, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Manager assembly room to discuss the Torrance Bridge beautification and maintenance.

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the City Council will be holding a community outreach meeting on Tuesday, September 18, in the North Torrance High School Library.

City Clerk Herbers advised that anyone interested in seeking an elected position in Torrance must file campaign finance papers with the City Clerk's office prior to raising and/or spending money towards that goal. She noted that basic information may be found at <http://www.torranceca.gov/20102.htm> and <http://www.torranceca.gov/20115.htm> and questions can be directed to the City Clerk's office at 310.618.2870.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the next free Commissioner Certification Training class will be held on Tuesday, October 30, and is required to be eligible to seek appointment to any Torrance commission in January 2013 and is valid for two years, with additional information available by calling the City Clerk's office at 310.618.2870.

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

Councilmember Furey announced that the 14th annual Torrance Employee Variety Show benefiting the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, September 15, at the Armstrong Theatre, with additional information available at 310.619.5990.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PRESENTATION OF KEY TO THE CITY TO CARMELITA JETER

Considered out of order, see page1.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE “COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, September 15, 2012 as **Coastal Clean Up Day** in the City of Torrance to Sonya Vicerra and Paul Mejia, American Honda; Donna Duperron, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce; John Dettle and Jeff Kidd, Public Works Department; and Sunny Lai and Cyndy Rosell, Community Development Department.

Ms. Vicerra encouraged the public to participate in the clean-up of Torrance Beach on Saturday, September 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with additional information available at www.healthebay.org.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Suzan Hubert, Bobbie Snyder and Mary Garrity, Friends of Madrona Marsh, announced that the annual Moonlight Magic fundraising celebration will be held on Saturday, September 29, at 5:00 p.m. at the Madrona Marsh Preserve located at 3201 Plaza Del Amo, with tickets available for \$50 per person.

7B. Lisa Schumacher and Connie Morretti announced that the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society will be presenting a Centennial event “Torrance Who Do You Think You Are?” on Wednesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Theatre.

7C. Janet Payne, Torrance Centennial Committee, announced that applications are available online at www.TorranceCentennial.org for those who would like to reserve booth space for the Birthday Bash on Sunday, October 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Wilson Park.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. CONTRACT RE UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a contract with Global Water Management, LLC (GWM) to provide utility billing services for an additional ten thousand sewer accounts in the California Water Services Company (CWSC) area for the City at \$5,986 per month plus postage (approximately \$5,400 per year) and \$80,000 for one time implementation costs; and
- 2) Appropriate \$59,860 for 10 months of service and a one-time implementation cost of \$80,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Balance.

8B. SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT RE 2008 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council approve a second supplemental to the Subrecipient agreement with the City of Los Angeles (C2009-183) for the 2008 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant, reducing the award by \$7,186, for a revised total award of \$810,140.

8C. CONTRACT RE WATER CONSUMPTION INFORMATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve a contract with California Water Services Company (CWSC) to provide water consumption information for ten thousand sewer accounts in the CWSC area for the City at \$500 per month and \$3,700 for one-time implementation cost.

8D. AGREEMENT RE TEMPORARY LEASE OF GROUNDWATER RIGHTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve an agreement to temporarily lease 175 acre-feet of groundwater rights to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, a non-profit California Corporation, at \$125 per acre-foot during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

8E. AGREEMENT RE USED OIL PAYMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with K.J. Services Environmental Consulting in the amount of \$42,743 to continue implementation of the City of Torrance Used Oil Payment Program for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

8F. AGREEMENT RE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

Considered separately, see below.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

Consent Calendar Item 8F was considered separately at this time.

8F. AGREEMENT RE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services, Public Works, and Transit Directors that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a sole-source purchasing agreement with Clean Energy Fuels Corporation of Seal Beach, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$1,088,784.41 to furnish compressed natural gas (CNG) on an as needed basis for a period of 10 months beginning September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013; and
- 2) Authorize payment of expenditures accrued during the transition to the on-site fueling station located at the City Services Facility in the amount of \$108,579.32.

City Manager Jackson reported that this item was removed from the Consent Calendar because the agreement exceeds \$1 million.

Responding to questions from the Council, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine provided clarification regarding the terms of the agreement and confirmed that the City pays less than retail customers at the on-site fueling station. He noted that the City is currently negotiating with Clean Energy Fuels Corporation to provide a CNG fueling station at the new Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal.

Councilmember Numark, echoed by Mayor Scotto, recommended that staff explore options for obtaining CNG at a lower cost.

Dave DeWitt, resident, reported that there is a surplus of natural gas at this time and encouraged the City to explore options for obtaining a more favorable price.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. AGREEMENT RE DESIGN SERVICES FOR STORMWATER BASIN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve an amendment to the consulting services agreement with California Watershed Engineering (C2011-043) in the amount of \$41,987 for a new not to exceed total of \$504,417 for redesign of Amie and Henrietta Stormwater Basins and Jurisdictional Groups No. 5 & No. 6 Modeling Support Assistance, and extend the term of the agreement for design services an additional 24 months, through August 1, 2014.

Engineering Manager Dettle reported that the additional funding is needed for the redesign of the Amie and Henrietta Stormwater Basins due to the results of the geotechnical study, which revealed that they had different infiltration rates.

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

13. HEARINGS

13A. CUP12-00007, DVP12-00003, WAV12-00003, DIV12-00004: MARY MELLONE - 23104 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council indefinitely continue the hearing regarding consideration of an appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit, Development Permit, Waiver, and Division of Lot for property located within the HBCSP-MP Zone at 23104 Hawthorne Boulevard to allow the applicant additional time to address issues raised with the design.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to continue the hearing indefinitely, with the item to be re-advertised once a date has been determined. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Conference September 5-7 in San Diego.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland commended Project Engineer Lea Reis, who has been overseeing the construction at the Centennial Plaza, along with other City employees who have been working on this project.

17C. Councilmember Sutherland noted his enjoyment of the Centennial concert at the United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 9.

17D. Councilmember Sutherland commented that as horrific as the 9/11 terrorist attacks were, they brought the country together and expressed the hope that people will continue to work together to prevent such attacks in the future.

17E. Councilmember Brewer announced that the Torrance Theatre Company will be starting its new season on September 28 and encouraged the purchase of season seats, with additional information available at www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com.

17F. Councilmember Furey announced that West High will be holding various events September 20 -22 to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary, including a golf tournament and a hootenanny, with additional information available at www.westhigh50th.com.

17G. Councilmember Furey encouraged everyone to remember the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

17H. Councilmember Numark echoed comments on the 9//11 terrorist attacks.

17I. Councilmember Numark requested an excused absence for the September 18 and the September 25 City Council meetings.

17J. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the Centennial Community Parade will take place on Sunday, September 16, beginning at noon at Cravens and Post Avenue and that parking will be available at Wilson Park and Torrance High School, with buses provided to transport parade goers. She noted that the dedication of Centennial Plaza and the unveiling of the Centennial Time Capsule will take place at El Prado Park following the parade at approximately 2:00 p.m.

17K. Mayor Scotto recommended that parade goers arrive early for the parade.

17L. Mayor Scotto reported that as a sponsor of the Centennial, the City will receive six tickets to the Centennial Sponsor Reception on October 19, and with the concurrence of Council, he directed that three tickets be offered to the Youth Council and three tickets be offered to the Commission on Aging.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for a City Council Community Outreach meeting in the North Torrance High School Library located at 3620 West 182nd Street.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto
Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers
Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on October 2, 2012