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At 9:00 a.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 22, 2015 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 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.

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) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code §54956.8.

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 10, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Items 12C and 13A.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Furey reported that the State Legislative Advocacy Committee met earlier to review four resolutions to be considered at the annual California League of Cities Conference scheduled for September 30 through October 2, 2015 and will be forwarding a report on their recommendations for consideration at the September 22, 2015 City Council meeting.

Fire Chief Racowschi announced that the Air Quality Management District hearing on ExxonMobil's request to restart production at the Torrance refinery using an older piece of equipment has been postponed indefinitely.

Councilmember Goodrich announced that the Strategic Plan Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 22, from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. at the Katy Geissert Library meeting room to review the 2015 – 2nd Quarter Report.

Councilmember Griffiths announced that the Community Planning and Design Committee will meet on Thursday, October 8, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber to discuss the possibilities for historic preservation programs in Torrance.

City Clerk Poirier invited residents interested in serving on a City commission or board to attend the Commissioner Certification Training Class 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/commissionercert.htm or by calling 310-618-5880.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE “COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY”

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, September 19, 2015 as “Coastal Clean Up Day” in the City of Torrance to Beach Captain Karen Guevara, Co-Captains Chris Travers and Oscar Martinez, American Honda representatives Sonya Vicerra and Paul Mejia, and Torrance Chamber of Commerce President Donna Duperron.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. John Bailey, president of Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association, expressed concerns about the leak that occurred at the ExxonMobil refinery on Sunday, September 6, which was described by the Torrance Fire Department as a significant incident, but characterized by ExxonMobil as insignificant. He reported that as part of the investigation into the February 2015 explosion at the refinery, Cal/OSHA made a finding that ExxonMobil failed to eliminate known hazardous conditions and intentionally failed to comply with state safety standards. He urged the Council to take action to protect the safety of residents.

7B. Maureen Mauk, ExxonMobil Community Action Panel (CAP), reported that ExxonMobil has canceled CAP meetings and ceased all communications. She expressed concerns about the modified hydrofluoric acid housed at the refinery, which poses a serious safety risk for nearby residents like her who are within the “death zone,” and about the outdated, poorly maintained equipment at the refinery. She requested that the Council hold hearings and consider another consent decree and urged that the refinery not be allowed to resume operations.

7C. Monique Akker, Torrance, expressed concerns that emissions from the ExxonMobil refinery could potentially pose a health risk to her family. She stated that the refinery has done little to inform residents about safety procedures or keep them updated about incidents that have occurred at the refinery.

Mayor Furey offered his assurance that the Council was very concerned about the safety of residents and will do whatever they can regarding this issue, however some aspects of the refinery's operation are regulated by other agencies, such as the AQMD and U.S. Chemical Board. He noted that he lives only 14 houses from the refinery so it is of particular concern to him.

7D. Petra Askari, Torrance, voiced concerns that the outdated refinery poses a safety risk for nearby residents and could cause massive casualties in the event of an earthquake or terrorist attack.

7E. Rosa Fontana, Torrance, reported that after successfully fighting a proposal to locate a cell tower next to her property five years ago due to concerns about radiation, she was disturbed to learn that she lives two miles away from a refinery that houses a quarter million pounds of hydrofluoric acid, a chemical that has the potential to kill or sicken people within three miles. She suggested that Torrance will lose its reputation as a safe place to live if this issue is not addressed appropriately.

7F. Kathleen Davis, Commission on Aging, announced that free flu shots will be given on November 2 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

7G. Steve Goldsmith, Torrance Refinery Action Alliance, reported that the group was told by the AQMD not to worry about the modified hydrofluoric acid because the refinery has sensors to immediately detect any leak, but related his understanding that the leak that occurred on September 6 went on for several hours. He invited the public to attend TRAA meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at the Journey South Bay Church, noting that the group is dedicated to getting modified hydrofluoric acid out of the community.

7H. Elaine Wilson, Torrance, reported that she lives very near to the refinery and has been awakened by acrid petroleum odors several times during the past couple of weeks, incidents which she reported to the AQMD, and expressed concerns about the impact on her health.

7I. William Brown, Gardena, recalled that an industrial disaster in Bhopal, India killed over 1,000 people 20-30 years ago and urged that action be taken so this does not occur in Torrance. He expressed concerns that the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library is throwing away hundreds of books on a weekly basis.

7J. Mary Ann McFarland, Torrance, reported that she and other seniors were surprised to learn that hydrofluoric acid was still used at the refinery. She asked if the hydrofluoric acid is modified on-site or purchased in the modified form and if the modified version is any safer.

7K. Patrick McBride, Manhattan Beach, reported that there is a shortage of ping pong facilities in the South Bay and urged Torrance to consider adding a such facility.

7L. Janet Payne, Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, invited the public to attend the association's general meeting on Wednesday, September 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Center, which will feature representatives from the Public Works Department on the topic of water issues.

7M. Mayor Furey directed staff to arrange a workshop on the ExxonMobil refinery for an upcoming City Council meeting.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of August 11, August 18, and August 25, 2015.

8B. COMMISSION ON AGING 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Commission on Aging and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the 2014-2015 Commission on Aging annual report.

8C. JUNE 2015 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for June 2015.

8D. CONTRACT FOR DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief 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 October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

8E. 2016 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council:

- 1) Accept the 2016 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant agreement;
- 2) Appropriate and allocate the award in the amount of \$282,000 for traffic safety enforcement, education, equipment and supplies; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager as the city's signatory for the agreement.

8F. ADDENDUM TO SERVICE AGREEMENT RE IRS MANDATED FORMS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council"

- 1) Approve an addendum to existing service agreement (C2015-007) to provide print and mail services of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) mandated forms to HealthCare Impact Associates, LLC (HIA) of Minneapolis, MN for an additional \$11,376 for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$58,336 for the same three year period of the existing service agreement January 13, 2015 to January 13, 2018; and
- 2) Authorize staff to issue partial payment in the amount of \$1,150 upon City Council approval as initial fulfillment implementation fee.

**8G. AGREEMENT FOR DISPOSAL OF NON-HAZARDOUS SOLID WASTE
FILL MATERIALS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a contract services agreement for the disposal of non-hazardous solid waste fill materials to Chandler's Sand & Gravel, dba Chandler's Recycling of Irvine, CA in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for a three (3) year term, \$150,000 per year from September 15, 2015 through September 14, 2018, with two additional one-year options and an annual consumer price index (CPI) adjustment with a 5% cap.

8H. LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THREE GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a license agreement with Honeywell International, Inc. for three (3) groundwater monitoring wells for the former Honeywell Turbo Technologies facility located at 3201 Lomita Boulevard.

8I. PURCHASE ORDER FOR TRANSIT BUS TIRES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council award a purchase order to Parkhouse Tires of Bell Gardens, CA. In an amount not to exceed \$170,000 to furnish new and retreaded tires on an as needed basis for a period of one (1) year effective September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 (RFQ 2016-298).

8J. PURCHASE ORDER FOR VARIOUS NEW FLYER BUS PARTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a sole-source purchase order to New Flyer of America, of Fresno, CA in an amount not to exceed \$190,000 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 to August 31, 2016.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8J. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GROUNDWATER RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Water Commission and Public Works Director that City Council adopt a Resolution in support of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project (GRIP).

Public Works Director Beste reported that the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project will provide a sustainable and reliable local supply for replenishing the City's groundwater basins so that imported water is no longer needed for this purpose.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
SUPPORTING THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA'S GROUNDWATER RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-67. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. AGREEMENTS RE EMPLOYEE DENTAL AND VISION COVERAGE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Approve an agreement for insurance and group rates for Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) dental coverage at \$38.22 single party, \$76.44 two-party, and \$131.87 family; and Dental Health Maintenance Organization (DHMO) group rates at \$17.47 single party, \$31.54 two-party, and \$46.64 family with Delta Dental of California, San Francisco, CA in the amount of \$1,159,789 for a one year period from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017 for PPO employee dental coverage; and from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2018 for DHMO employee dental coverage; and
- 2) Approve an agreement for insurance and group rates for vision coverage at \$3.33 single party, \$6.28 two-party, and \$9.19 family with Eye Med of Cincinnati, OH in the annual amount of \$84,829 for a four year period beginning January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2020 for employee vision coverage.

Human Resources Administrator Fuentes reported that the proposed renewal rates for employee dental and vision coverage are favorable to the City as Delta Dental is proposing no rate increase and Eye Med is proposing a 3% increase, which is at or below inflationary trends.

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

12C. RESOLUTION FINDING PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS AT 3675 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney and Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a hearing for the purposes of permitting comment from the owners or other parties with interests in the property that is being considered for acquisition for the purposes of the Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) at Hawthorne Boulevard (SR-107) Intersection Improvement Project ("Project") located at 3675 Pacific Coast Highway (APN's 7378-010 -039 and -040); and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution making the appropriate findings and authorizing the City Attorney and Special Counsel to proceed with preparing and filing necessary actions to acquire the interests in property necessary for the project to proceed by way of eminent domain.

Mayor Furey announced that this was the time for a hearing on the proposed acquisition by eminent domain of property in connection with the Pacific Coast Highway at Hawthorne Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project. He noted that the property is located at 3675 Pacific Coast Highway and the property interests proposed to be acquired are legally described in the resolution attached to the staff report, which will be made part of the record of this proceeding.

Engineering Manager Semaan provided an overview of the Pacific Coast Highway at Hawthorne Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project. He reported that this intersection currently has a level of service (LOS) of Level F during a.m. peak hours and Level E during p.m. peak hours, which translates into 407 hours of vehicle delay per day, and the proposed improvements will bring the LOS to Level D and remain at this level until 2035, thereby reducing the hours of vehicle delay by more than half, with a saving 224 hours of vehicle delay per day.

David Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker, outside legal counsel, briefly summarized the findings that must be made as part of the resolution of necessity and reviewed the facts in support of these findings as detailed in the staff report. Referring to supplemental material concerning the noticing of the property owner, he reported that he personally spoke with the property owner's representative on August 18, 2015 to ensure that notice of this action was given to the appropriate parties. He advised that any property acquired via this process must be put into public use within seven years and construction of the proposed project is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2016. He stated that there are no requirements concerning tenant relocation because there are no habitable structures on the property in question. He noted that the property owner has failed to submit a counter-proposal to the City's offer, but this action does not preclude future negotiations.

Mayor Furey asked if a representative of the property owner was present, and no one came forward.

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

Councilmember Griffiths reported that he has been involved in the negotiations for the acquisition of properties necessary to complete this project for some time and believes negotiations were conducted in a very fair manner, however the property owner in this case appears to be uncooperative so the City must take this step to protect its interests with regard to this project, a project that is imperative for the entire South Bay community.

Councilmember Rizzo reiterated Councilmember Griffiths' comments, noting that the City does not undertake this action lightly.

Councilmember Ashcraft noted her agreement with her colleagues' remarks and highlighted the fact that there are no structures located within the subject property, which is a landscaped strip next to the parking lot.

Councilmember Barnett commended staff and outside counsel for their efforts in trying to reach a fair and equitable solution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3675 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (APN NOS. 7378-010-039 AND -040) FOR THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AT HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-68. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

13. HEARINGS

13A. ZON15-00001, CUP15-00007, DIV15-00003: 17502 VAN NESS AVENUE – MICHAEL ROTH

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Community Development Director that City Council take the following action for property located at 17502 Van Ness Avenue:

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance approving a Zone Change from A-1 (Light Agricultural District) to R-3 (Limited Multiple Family Residential District);
- 2) Approve an Ordinance Summary for publication;
- 3) Adopt a Resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a six-unit residential condominium development with three-stories and a Floor Area Ratio of 0.7; and
- 4) Adopt a Resolution approving a Tentative Tract Map for condominium purposes on property located in the A-1 Zone at 17502 Van Ness Avenue.

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.

With the aid of slides, Planning Manager Lodan briefly described the proposed six-unit residential condominium project, noting that it meets or exceeds all requirements. He reported that a Zone Change is being proposed from A-1 (Light Agricultural District) to R-3 (Limited Multiple Family Residential District) which will bring the property into compliance with the General Plan. He explained that the existing four-unit apartment building on the property, which was constructed in the 1960s and is categorized as legal non-conforming, will be demolished in conjunction with

the project. He reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed development on July 15, 2015 and voted unanimously to approve it.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Planning Manager Lodan confirmed that notice of this hearing was sent to surrounding property owners and related his understanding that the applicant also went door-to-door to discuss the project with neighbors.

David Eguchi reported that his mother lives in the property immediately adjacent to the east of the proposed project and his initial concerns about setbacks and parking appear to have been addressed according to the staff presentation, however he would like 30-60 days to review the final plans to ensure that his mother's quality of life does not suffer due to this project.

Mayor Furey explained that the time to review the plans would have been prior to this hearing because they have been available since before the Planning Commission hearing.

Mr. Eguchi indicated that his mother did not receive notice of the Planning Commission hearing.

Planning Manager Lodan confirmed that notification was sent out to neighboring property owners prior to the July 2015 Planning Commission meeting and a public notice with information about the hearing was also posted on the site.

Councilmember Weideman asked if he had any specific concerns about the project, and Mr. Eguchi responded that he was having a hard time visualizing how the three-story project will look next to his mother's property. He displayed photos taken from his mother's property for purposes of reference.

Planning Manager Lodan advised that the new structure will be approximately 8 feet taller than the existing two-story apartment building and it will be setback approximately 40 feet from Mr. Eguchi's mother's house, which is larger than the existing setback.

Councilmember Weideman offered to call a 10-minute recess so he could review the plans with staff, but Mr. Eguchi indicated that he was now comfortable with the project based on the information provided by staff.

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 to approve the project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3786

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE LOCATED AT 17502 VAN NESS AVENUE FROM A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT) TO R-3 (LIMITED MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT)
ZON15-00001: MICHAEL ROTH

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3786. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX-UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT WITH THREE STORIES AND A FLOOR AREA RATIO OF 0.7 ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE A-1 ZONE (PENDING R-3 ZONE CHANGE APPROVAL) AT 17502 VAN NESS AVENUE **CUP15-00007: MICHAEL ROTH**

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-69. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DIVISION OF LOT/ TENTATIVE TRACT MAP AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 29 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX-UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE A-1 ZONE (PENDING R-3 ZONE CHANGE APPROVAL) AT 17502 VAN NESS AVENUE **DIV15-00003: MICHAEL ROTH**

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-70. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Councilmember Goodrich thanked the public for attending the “Drive Electric Week” event last Saturday, at which a number of local dealers displayed their hybrid and electric vehicles and offered test rides, including Tesla. He noted that new EV charging stations behind the Civic Center Library were also unveiled and this is one of six locations in Torrance that have new EV charging stations.

17B. Councilmember Griffiths announced that the 20th annual Halloween Ball sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales USA and hosted by Chef Michael Shafer will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., featuring a dinner buffet, live music, a costume contest, and live and silent auctions, with all proceeds to benefit the Pediatric Therapy Network, a non-profit organization in Torrance that provides therapy and intervention for over 2500 children with special needs and developmental concerns. He noted that additional information about the event is available by calling 310-328-0276 extension 202, or online at www.PediatricTherapyNetwork.org.

17C. Councilmember Rizzo reported that he enjoyed attending the “Drive Electric Week” event on Saturday and would consider a hybrid or electric when he’s ready to purchase his next vehicle. He noted that he also enjoyed the fundraiser at the Torrance Art Museum on Saturday evening, which offered a wide variety of artwork for purchase and appeared to be very successful.

17D. Councilmember Weideman stated that he was pleased Mayor Furey called for a workshop on the ExxonMobil refinery because he felt it was important to have an open dialogue and correct some misconceptions.

17E. Councilmember Ashcraft announced that a candidate forum for the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Richardson Middle School, noting that two vacancies will be filled in the November 3rd election.

17F. Councilmember Barnett urged the driving public to be extra cautious now that schools are back in session.

17G. Mayor Furey reported that the second triathlon at Torrance Beach was held last Sunday and it appeared to go much more smoothly than the first one.

17H. Mayor Furey announced that there will be a "Prescription Drug Take Back" event to provide for the safe disposal of prescription drugs on Saturday, September 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the Torrance Police station.

17I. City Manager Jackson thanked all who participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Torrance Regional Transit Center.

17J. Milton Herring, Torrance, stated the he supports holding a workshop on the ExxonMobil refinery because there is a need to clarify the facts, mitigate the fear, and remain open and transparent. He commended the Public Works Department for all the street improvement projects completed and underway since the condition of streets has been a major concern of residents.

17K. Jim Montgomery, Torrance, thanked City staff and the Mayor and Council for the Drive Electric Week event and for the new EV charging infrastructure and offered special thanks to Linda Cessna, Danny Santana, and Nina Lang in the Community Development Department for their efforts to bring this project to fruition. He recommended that additional signage be installed making it clear that parking spots with charging stations are for electric vehicles and hybrids only.

17L. Danielle Valentino, L.A. Metro, introduced herself as the new Community Relations Manager for the South Bay and offered congratulations on the groundbreaking for the new transit center.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:

/s/ Patrick J. Furey

Mayor Patrick J. Furey

/s/ R. Poirier

Rebecca Poirier

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on October 13, 2015

