

September 16, 2008

**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 5:01 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

Agenda Item 13A was considered out of order at this time

13A. EMPLOYEE TERMINATION APPEAL HEARING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council conduct the hearing on the appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision sustaining the termination of Russell Halleen, and the deliberation of this matter shall occur in Executive Session.

Mayor Scotto announced that the hearing would be held in closed session.

The City Council recessed to closed session for a hearing on the appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision sustaining the termination of Russell Halleen.

At 7:13 p.m., the City Council reconvened in open session.

Brad Wohlenberg, Counsel for the Civil Service Commission, announced that by a unanimous 7-0 vote the City Council affirmed the decision of the Civil Service Commission.

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Scotto called a Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 5:05 p.m. with all members present.

City Clerk Herbers announced that proper notification of the Special Meeting had been made, received and acknowledged by all parties in a timely manner.

The City Council recessed to closed session to consider matters listed under the Call and Notice of Special Meeting which mirror items listed under Agenda Item 18 Executive Session on the City Council Regular Meeting Agenda for September 16, 2008.

At 6:17 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

At 7:19 p.m., Mayor Scotto reconvened the regular City Council meeting.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Brewer.

Councilmember Furey gave the non-sectarian invocation.

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 11, 2008.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland 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 roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that Agenda Item 12A was being deferred for one week to September 23, 2008.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Works Director Beste announced that the concrete work on 190th street would be finished by the end of the month and that the storm drain work on Torrance Boulevard is nearly completed with road construction to follow.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine reminded the public to attend the 10th Annual Employee Variety Show on Saturday, September 27, with all the proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life taking place in April 2009.

Councilmember Brewer announced an Ad Hoc Legislative Committee meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Assembly Room at City Hall for review of November 4 ballot measures.

Councilmember Brewer announced a Citizens Development and Enrichment Committee meeting on October 27, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Assembly Room for discussion of the usage of the newly acquired corner at Sepulveda Boulevard and Madrona and design of possible message board.

Councilmember Sutherland announced a Finance and Governmental Operations Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers for a First Quarter Budget Review.

City Clerk Herbers announced that Commissioner Certification Training was scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2008 and reservations are required, with applications available at www.torrcnet.com or in the City Clerk's office. She noted that residents must be certified before they can apply for a position on any City commission.

City Clerk Herbers reminded the public about the upcoming November 4, 2008 election, noting that the deadline to register to vote is October 20, 2008 and that information on candidates and ballot measures is available at www.smartvoter.org. She reported that the L.A. County Registrar is seeking poll workers, with information available at 1.800.815.2666, Option 7.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

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

6D. PROCLAMATION RE "COASTAL CLEANUP DAY"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, September 20, 2008 as **Coastal Cleanup Day** in the City of Torrance to Torrance Beach Captains Cyndy Rosell and Jeff Kidd; Co-Captains Leslie Cortez and John Dettle; and American Honda Beach Captain Sonya Vicerra. Ms. Rosell invited the public to participate in the cleanup of Torrance Beach on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 9 a.m. to noon with registration at Miramar Park.

**6A. RECOGNITION OF WEST TORRANCE WARRIORS GIRLS SOCCER TEAM
AYSO REGION 14**

Mayor Scotto congratulated the West Torrance Warriors Girls Soccer Team, AYSO Region 14, on winning the National Championship and recognized Coach Mark Rhodes, Assistant Coach Paul Clark and team members: Jessica Andrews (West High School), Megan Bustios (Jefferson Middle School), Alissa Clark (Jefferson Middle School), Michelle Cordill (West High School), Alyssa Desmond (Bert Lynn Middle School), Carly Drobot (Bert Lynn Middle School), Natalie Gertner (West High School), Tori Hane (Madrona Middle School), Megan Kuttler (West High School), Mercedes Lubs (West High School), Michelle Mendoza (West High School), Madison Nishimoto (West High School), Erika Rhodes (Jefferson Middle School), Tiffany Smith (West High School) and Catherynn Vuong (Bishop Montgomery).

**6B. RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE BABE RUTH ALL STAR BASEBALL TEAM
(14 YEAR OLDS)**

Mayor Scotto congratulated the Torrance Babe Ruth All Star Baseball Team (14 year olds) on winning the California State Championship and recognized Head Coach Steve Hertzmann, Manager Mike Duarte, Coach Don Olsen and team members: Danny Dominguez, Mikey Duarte, Koby Gauna, Brandon Gideon, Christian Gurrola, Andrew Hardgrove, Justin Hertzmann, Max Ishikawa, Johnny McLaughlin, Colin Nelson, Miller Olsen, Jake Renze, Shane Rodriguez, Tyrone Taylor and Daniel Timmerman.

6C. RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE BABE RUTH ALL STAR BASEBALL TEAM (15 YEAR OLDS)

Mayor Scotto congratulated the Torrance Babe Ruth All Star Baseball Team (15 year olds) on winning the World Series and recognized Team Manager Robert Grajeda, Assistant Coaches, Javier Salgado, and Roger Suey and team members: Hector Avila, Michael Baker, Trent Gilbert, Brandon Grajeda, David Ike, Eunsup Jung, Luke Klocek, Kurtis Kurata, Jackson Morrow, Eric Petrucci, Rafael Ramirez, Terence Shepard, Michael Suey, Shun Tayama and Cole Trezek of the Torrance Babe Ruth All Star Baseball Team – 15 year olds.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

7A. Justin Bensen, Torrance High School senior and a member of the Youth for Peace and Justice Club, encouraged participation in the United Nations Day of Peace on September 21, 2008.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. PURCHASE OF EARTHQUAKE-BRACED SHELVING FOR BRANCH LIBRARIES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize the purchase of new earthquake-braced shelving for the five (5) branch libraries from Yamada enterprises of Huntington Beach, California, in the amount of \$390,693.42 plus a 5% contingency of \$19,534.67.

8B. PURCHASE ORDER FOR PERIODICALS FOR TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize a purchase order not to exceed an amount of \$52,500 to renew the contract for the annual requirement of periodicals for the Torrance Public Library System for Calendar Year 2009 with W. T. Cox Subscriptions of Shallotte, North Carolina.

8C. APPROPRIATION FOR UPDATE OF DONOR WALL PANELS AT THE JAMES ARMSTRONG THEATRE

Recommendation

Recommendation that City Council approve an appropriation of \$12,000 from the Cultural Arts Center fund balance to be used for the design and fabrication of updated donor wall panels in the James R. Armstrong Theatre.

8D. AIRPORT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007-2008

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Airport Commission that City Council accept and file the Airport Commission Annual Report for August 2007 through June 2008.

8E. IMPROVEMENTS/ SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS ON ROLLING HILLS ROAD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the construction of improvements to Rolling Hills Way and traffic signal installations on Rolling Hills Road, S-34 (B2008-32); and
- 2) Award a Public Works Agreement to C. T. & F., Inc. in the amount of \$528,512.00 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$26,425.60 for the construction of improvements to Rolling Hills Way and traffic signal installations on Rolling Hills Road, S-34.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. AMENDMENT TO EXXON MOBIL AGREEMENT RE DEL AMO BOULEVARD EXTENSION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to Amendment No. 1 to an existing Agreement (C99-100) by and between the City of Torrance, California, a municipal corporation ("City") and ExxonMobil Oil Corporation ("ExxonMobil"), a New York corporation, as the successor company to Mobil Oil Corporation that will:

- Increase ExxonMobil's contribution to the Del Amo Extension by an amount up to \$4 million; and
- Require City of Torrance to cover \$5.5 million (reimbursable through Federal Grant Funds) to ExxonMobil for on-site capital expenditures related to Project; and
- Allows for the City to consider a ten percent (10%) increase in maximum total input for the Refinery, including a total maximum average annual input of crude at 176 Thousand Barrels per Day ("TBPD") and intermediate feedstock for a total not to exceed 220 TBPD, excluding external blend components.

Item was deferred to September 23, 2008.

13. HEARINGS

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:09 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. and met as the Public Housing Agency from 8:11 p.m. to 8:14 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Numark reported that *Inc. Magazine* has compiled a list of the 5,000 fastest growing companies in the United States and Torrance has 15 companies on the list.

17B. Councilmember Rhilinger requested an excused absence for the September 23, 2008 meeting.

17C. Councilmember Sutherland reported that the problems he mentioned at the last meeting regarding the construction site at Rolling Hills Road and Crenshaw have been remedied and thanked staff for their efforts.

17D. Councilmember Barnett thanked the Police Department for providing the recent stolen vehicle information.

17E. Responding to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry on the status of the appeal hearing for the project at 417 Via Anita, Community Development Director Gibson reported that the applicant has requested several continuances, but has been advised that the appeal will be heard by the Council on October 7 or the project will be considered to be withdrawn. He noted that the silhouette must be reconstructed and recertified prior to the Council meeting.

17F. Councilmember Brewer, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item for the "sprucing up" of the bridge on Torrance Boulevard prior to the City's centennial celebration.

17G. Councilmember Furey announced the date of the Torrance Education Foundation's annual "Celebrate Education" Dinner as Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Torrance Marriott.

17H. Councilmember Furey encouraged attendance at the Employee Variety Show on Saturday, September 27.

17I. Mayor Scotto commented on the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attack and the remembrance of the victims, as well as the recent Metrolink accident.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council considered agenda items listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator – Crossing Guards, 18B) Conference with Labor Negotiator – City Attorney, 18C) Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Attorney, and 18D) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, during the Special Meeting (see pages 1-2).

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:28 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attest: /s/ Frank Scotto
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Approved on November 18, 2008