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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

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At 7:38 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 24, 2013 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 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Numark.

Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, 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 closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6 and 54956.9(d)(1).

The City Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember Numark. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Youth Council member Connie Chung.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Furey.

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 12, 2013.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey 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 vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Scotto announced that flags will be flown at half-staff until sunset on Friday, September 20, 2013 in honor of the victims of the navy yard shooting in Washington, D.C.

Deputy City Clerk Poirier reminded voters of the November 5 election for seats on the Torrance Unified School District and the El Camino Community College District Boards of Trustees. She noted that registration closes on Monday, October 21; that Sample Ballot booklets will be mailed starting September 26; and that Vote-By-Mail (VBM) ballots may be requested October 7 through October 29. The election will be conducted by Los Angeles County, with additional information available at www.lavote.net.

Deputy City Clerk Poirier announced that a Commissioner Certification class will be held on Thursday, October 24. She noted that certification is required in order to apply for appointment to a commission in January 2014 and interested parties should contact the City Clerk's office to register, with additional information about Torrance Commissions available at <http://www.torranceca.gov/8752.htm>.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the City Council Strategic Plan Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, which will include an update on the plan and a progress report on accomplishments to-date.

Mayor Scotto discussed the widespread power outage that occurred last Sunday, which caused a brief interruption in City staff's ability to send and receive email. With the concurrence of Council, he directed staff to review emergency procedures in the event of a city-wide power outage.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-69 RE HOWARD SCHNEIDER

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **HOWARD SCHNEIDER** OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-69. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

To be presented at a later date.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE "COASTAL CLEANUP DAY"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, September 21, as **Coastal Cleanup Day** in the City of Torrance to American Honda representative Sonya Vicerra and City of Torrance employees Beach Captain Cynthia Rosell, and Co-Captains Sunny Lai and Jeff Kidd. The public was invited to participate in Coastal Cleanup Day by collecting trash at Torrance Beach from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 21.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Norm Segel, Bluff Street resident, expressed concerns about a brown liquid that flows from the hillside above his property into storm drains due to potential health and safety hazards and requested that the City investigate this matter.

7B. Major Brian Beaschell, Salvation Army, announced that the Salvation Army's annual Health Fair will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at their facility on Earl Street.

7C. Janet Payne, Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, invited the public to attend OTNA's general meeting on Wednesday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Center, located at 1318 Cravens Avenue, at which the Torrance Fire Department will be offering instruction on "hands only" CPR. She announced that OTNA will be cleaning up the area surrounding the Torrance bridge from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, as part of their on-going program to beautify the neighborhood.

7D. Janet Payne, Torrance Historical Society, announced a free walking tour of historic old Torrance on Sunday, September 22, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in front of the museum located at 1345 Post Avenue.

7E. Pam Kenoyer, American Association of University Women – Torrance branch, announced that a fundraiser for the Tech Trek science camp will be held on Sunday, September 29, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., which will include a wine tasting and jazz concert, with additional information available on the AAUW website.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of August 20, and August 27, 2013.

8B. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS FOR TRACT MAP NO. 68480

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve the release of three subdivision bonds for Tract Map No. 68480, which was subdivided by Dean Thomas and the Church of Christ located at 3525 Maricopa Street

8C. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 71286

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 71286;
- 2) Accept a 16' wide by approximately 375' long street easement along the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard;
- 3) Accept additional 4' wide by approximately 553' long street easement along the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard;

- 4) Accept approximately 14.87' wide by approximately 623' long street easement for future extension of 208th Street with street easement for the cul-de-sac at the west end and a 25' property line radius at the east end;
- 5) Accept a small sliver of street easement on Del Amo Boulevard; and
- 6) Accept the abandonment of two temporary City Construction easements and one unneeded water line easement.

This Final Parcel Map allows one parcel to be subdivided into four parcels on property located at 305 Crenshaw Boulevard. This project is owned by Dow Chemical Corporation and the Final Parcel Map substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Parcel Map.

8D. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 71833

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 71833 which will subdivide the lot for a ten-unit residential condominium project. This project, owned by Anastasi Development Corporation, LLC, is located at 20619 Amie Avenue and the Final Tract Map substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

8E. COMMISSION ON AGING 2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Commission on Aging and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the 2012-2013 Commission on Aging annual report.

8F. PARKS AND RECREATION 2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the 2012-2013 Parks and Recreation Commission annual report.

8G. COST-SHARING AGREEMENT RE CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND LOMITA BOULEVARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an agreement with the City of Lomita to pay for the City of Torrance's share of the construction of the Crenshaw Boulevard and Lomita Boulevard Intersection Improvements; and
- 2) Approve additional appropriation of \$121,440.40 from gas tax funds for a new not to exceed project cost of \$269,440.40 for the Crenshaw Boulevard and Lomita Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project, CIP No. I-123.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8G. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE BUSINESS LICENSE AND PERMIT SOFTWARE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director and Community Development Director that City Council approve a contract amendment to the contract with Accela, Inc. of San Ramon, CA (C2012-151), for an increase in project implementation costs due to extending the project through December 31, 2013, in the not to exceed amount of \$27,400. The new not to exceed total for this contract inclusive of this amendment and prior approved contingency is \$791,603.80.

Ryan Lee, Communications and Information Technology Department, reported that the Business License and Permit Upgrade Project has not been completed because modifications to the permit center have delayed implementation, therefore, staff was recommending that the contract with Accela be extended through December 31, 2013.

Councilmember Sutherland requested clarification regarding the reasons for the delay in implementation, and Mr. Lee explained that staff was unavailable for software configuration and testing due to personnel changes and modifications at the permit center.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by a 5-1 vote, with Councilmember Sutherland dissenting (absent Councilmember Numark).

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Furey discussed the critical shortage of foster homes in Los Angeles County, noting that there was an article on this topic in Sunday's *L.A. Times* by columnist Sandy Banks. He encouraged residents to attend an informational meeting on becoming a foster parent on Wednesday, October 16, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Toyota Automotive Museum, 19600 Van Ness, with additional information available by calling 888.811.1121.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item declaring October 24 as "World Polio Day" in the City of Torrance.

17C. Councilmember Sutherland invited the public to attend the 15th Annual Employee Variety Show on Saturday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Armstrong Theatre, with proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

17D. Councilmember Sutherland noted that today is the 226th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution.

17E. Councilmember Brewer encouraged the public to check out the calendar of community events on the City's website as there are a variety of events that take place every day.

17F. Mayor Scotto commented on recent tragedies and encouraged parents to hug their children and make the most of every day.

17G. Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item to subsidize the rental fees for the use of the Ken Miller recreation center and Torino Plaza on Saturday, October 19, for the Friends of Madrona Marsh annual "Moonlight Magic" fundraiser.

17H. Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item within the next few weeks defining the scope of services to be provided by the City for the 2014 AYSO National Games to be held next summer along with a budget plan.

17I. Jillian Free, Torrance Youth Council member, noted that she recently attended Girls State, which she found to be very beneficial, and urged the Council to continue to support and promote this very worthwhile program.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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 22, 2013