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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

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At 9:42 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a joint meeting with the Library Commission at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

The joint meeting included the following topics of discussion: Friends of the Torrance Library; technology projects update, and demonstration of Career Transitions.

The Library Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m., and the City Council recessed to Council Chambers to conduct regular business.

The City Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m. with all members present.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by retiring Police Officer Joe Rengel.

Councilmember Rhilinger 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 16, 2010.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brewer announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will hold a joint meeting with the TUSD Board on Monday, September 27, at 4:30 p.m., in the 3rd floor assembly room at City Hall.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the Ad Hoc State Legislative Committee will meet on Thursday, September 30, at 3:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor assembly room at City Hall.

Councilmember Sutherland announced that a Helicopter Roundtable meeting will be held on Thursday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

City Clerk Herbers announced that Commissioner Certification Training will be held on Wednesday, October 27, and notification has been mailed to commissioners and those on the interest list. She noted that reservations are required for the class and all prospective candidates for commissions/boards must be certified to be eligible appointment, with additional information available by calling 310.618.5880 or online at www.TorranceCA.gov/commissionercert.htm.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the deadline for registering to vote in the November 2, 2010 election is October 18 and that forms are available in the City Clerk's office, the library, DMV offices and on the LA County Registrar/Recorder and Secretary of State websites.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-87 RE CLEAVE PITTMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **CLEAVE PITTMAN** UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-87. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the proclamation to Mr. Pittman, and Police Chief Neu presented him with a plaque in appreciation for his service to the community as a crossing guard.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-88 RE JOSEPH MARTIN RENGEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER **JOSEPH MARTIN RENGEL** UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-88. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the proclamation to Officer Rengel and Police Chief Neu commended him for his dedicated service to the community.

6C. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-91 RE FRED GRIFFEN

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-91

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING **FRED GRIFFEN** UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER
TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-91. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the proclamation to Mr. Griffen, noting that the City has received many letters from senior residents expressing appreciation for the assistance provided by Mr. Griffen in connection with the Home Improvement Program.

6D. PROCLAMATION RE “COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, September 25, 2010 as “Coastal Cleanup Day” in the City of Torrance to American Honda representatives Sonya Vicerra and Paul Mejia and Community Development staff Jeff Kidd, Cynthia Rosell, and Leslie Cortez. Mr. Kidd encouraged everyone to participate in the cleanup of Torrance Beach on Saturday, September 25, with check-in at Miramar Park, 201 Paseo de la Playa, starting at 9:00 a.m.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Marco Sandoval, St. Catherine Laboure, 3846 Redondo Beach Boulevard, announced that the church’s annual Fiesta will be held on Friday, October 1, through Sunday, October 3, and will include food booths, rides and entertainment.

7B. Terry Ragins, TUSD, reminded the public of the Save Our Schools campaign to help offset \$12 million in budget cuts. She noted that there will be a sale of Halloween items on Saturday, October 2, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 2336 Plaza del Amo; that Torrance Education Foundation will be participating in the Pier to Pier walk on October 24 benefiting the SOS campaign; and that SOS T-shirts and bracelets are available for purchase on the website www.tef-sos.org.

7C. Gavin Wasserman announced that the West Torrance Homeowners Association will be sponsoring a clean up of La Romeria Park on Saturday, September 25, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

7D. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced a free walking tour of Downtown Torrance on Sunday, September 25, at 1:30 p.m. starting at the Historical Museum located at 1345 Post Avenue. She noted that a Historic Home Tour is scheduled for October 9 and 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an \$18 donation.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of August 10, 2010.

8B. WATER COMMISSION 2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Water Commission and Public Works Director that City Council accept and file the 2009-2010 Water Commission Annual Report.

8C. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council reject all bids received for graffiti removal services in the City of Torrance (B2010-10).

8D. LIBRARY COMMISSION 2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Library Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the Library Commission 2009-2010 Annual Report.

8E. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE CITY YARD STORAGE TANKS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief and General Services Director that City Council approve a contract amendment with Cornerstone Technologies Inc. (C2010-88) for \$8,431.64 for a total contract amount of \$61,056.64 in additional architectural, structural, and MEP engineering services for the aboveground storage tanks at the City Yard (FEAP#445).

8F. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH L.A. COUNTY MTA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for the allocation of Proposition A 40% Discretionary funds for the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2020.

8G. LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND COMMUNICATION CONDUIT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a license agreement with Phenomenex, Inc. for installation of an underground communication conduit located in Madrid Avenue and 208th Street.

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

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. RESOLUTION APPROVING PRE09-00007 AT 209 VIA EL TORO

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council repeal Resolution 2010-82 and adopt a new Resolution reflecting approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of first and second story additions to an existing one-story single family residence in conjunction with a new accessory structure on property located within the Hillside Overlay District, in the R-1 Zone at 209 Via El Toro. PRE09-00007: Jim & Betsy Delurgio

Planning Manager Lodan reported that the proposed Resolution corrects errors that were discovered in Resolution No. 2010-82 adopted on August 24, 2010.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by a 5-2 roll call vote, with Councilmembers Rhilinger and Sutherland dissenting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-92

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-82 AND APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 41 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FIRST AND SECOND STORY ADDITIONS TO AN EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE IN THE REAR ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 209 VIA EL TORO PRE09-00007: JIM AND BETSY DELURGIO

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-92. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by a 5-2 roll call vote, with Councilmembers Rhilinger and Sutherland dissenting.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. CONTRACT FOR UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve a contract agreement with Global Water Management LLC to provide utility billing services for the city water, sewer, and refuse accounts at the amount of \$38,136 per month plus postage and \$197,500 for one-time implementation costs.

Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn reported that Golden State Water Company has been handling the City's utility billing services since 2005, however a California Public Utilities Commission decision increased the cost of providing this service to the point that it is no longer profitable for the company or cost efficient for the City, therefore the City began a search for a new vendor. He explained that an RFP (request for proposal) was sent out to 10 interested vendors in March 2010; that 3 proposals were received and evaluated by a panel comprised of City staff; and that Global Water

Management's proposal received the highest rating. He noted that the bid includes a local payment center, but staff concluded that this can be handled by in-house staff at a fraction of the cost so this was not included in the contract.

Responding to questions from the Council, Jason Bethke, vice president of Global Water Management LLC, confirmed that customers will be able to manage their accounts online, track their usage, and have payments automatically debited from checking accounts.

Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn reported that the local payment center will be located in the new One Stop Permit Center or the finance office; that currently approximately 300 people use the walk-in payment center each month; and that another item will be submitted to the Council if it is determined that additional staff is needed to handle this task.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12B. SUSPENSION OF 2010 REFERENCE POINTS FOR EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council suspend the 2010 Reference Points for Executive and Management Employees as approved in Resolution 2010-75A and reinstate the 2009 Reference Points and repealing and restating Resolution 2010-75A.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that the proposed Resolution suspends the 2010 Reference Points for Executive and Management Employees contained in Resolution No. 2010-75A and reinstates the 2009 Reference Points in order to make it clear that these employees did not receive a cost of living increase in August 2010. He noted supplemental material available in the meeting.

Mayor Scotto clarified that the salaries listed in the Resolution are reference points and do not reflect the actual salaries for these positions.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-75A SETTING FORTH CHANGES
REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-93. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:10 p.m. to 8:12 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Rhilinger congratulated Don Jordan of Pelican Products on being named CFO of the Year by the L.A. Business Journal in the large private company category.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities conference in San Diego last week. He noted that almost every city in California is having to layoff personnel and Torrance is doing quite well by comparison despite the budget crunch.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, and 18B) Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6, and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 9:42 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:42 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 28, 2010 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 October 19, 2010