

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 5:34 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmembers Barnett and Rhilinger.

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

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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 City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6.

The City Council reconvened at 7:01 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Youth Council members Frank Masi and Chie Tamada.

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 17, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer 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 Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Rhilinger).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brewer announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee would meet on Monday, October 5, at 4:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly Room to discuss a proposed message board to be placed at the corner of Madrona Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

Public Works Director Beste reported that the City of Torrance is currently meeting its goals in water conservation as allocated by the Metropolitan Water District, noting that the water conservation ordinance is still in effect along with the current water restrictions.

City Clerk Herbers announced that October 19 is the last day to register to vote in the November 3 election. She noted that there are seven candidates running for three seats on the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) Board of Education and that various candidate forums are scheduled, with information available online at www.TorranceCA.Gov.

Councilmember Brewer announced that on September 16, the Torrance Youth Council elected Chairperson Zachary Gray, Vice Chairperson Chelsea Brewer, Secretary Kathryn Wu, Sergeant at Arms Ashley Park, and Historians Jasmine Park, Chie Tamada, and Asea Hundley.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-81 RE BARRY L. SANTLEY

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING FIREFIGHTER **BARRY L. SANTLEY** UPON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-81 The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Rhilinger).

Mayor Scotto presented the Resolution to Barry Santley, who accepted with appreciation.

Fire Chief Racowschi commended Mr. Santley for his dedicated service.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Cynthia Rosell, Beach Captain for Coastal Cleanup Day, thanked everyone involved in making the Coastal Cleanup Day event a success. She noted that over 780 volunteers participated and cleaned up 113 lbs of debris from Torrance Beach, along with 65 lbs of recyclables.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of July 28, and August 4, 2009.

8B. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE NATIONAL ACCESS CONSULTANTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve an amendment to the contract with National Access Consultants (C2007-196) to extend the contract from September 30, 2009 through December 31, 2009 to provide ADA consulting services.

8C. PURCHASE ORDER FOR LAWNMOWER REPLACEMENT PARTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council award a purchase order to Turf Star Inc. of Brea, CA in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the sole-source purchase of Toro brand lawnmower replacement parts on an as requested basis, effective October 6, 2009 through October 5, 2010.

8D. SALE OF SURPLUS/OBSOLETE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize Ken Porter Auctions of Gardena, CA to facilitate the sale of ten (10) surplus/obsolete vehicles and items of equipment.

8E. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE ANALYSIS OF TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM

Considered separately, see page 4.

8F. WATER COMMISSION 2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Water Commission and Public Works Director that City Council accept and file the Water Commission 2008-2009 annual report.

8G. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with California Code Check for plan review services, on an as needed basis, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

8H. AMENDMENT TO CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council execute a fourth amendment to the existing consulting services agreement with Hogle-Ireland, Inc. (C2004-197) to extend its services from October 31, 2009 to January 31, 2010, a three month extension.

8I. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FY2008 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE FEDERAL GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council:

- 1) Accept and appropriate the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) federal grant in the amount of \$310,716, of which \$6,750 is for Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) training and \$303,966 - for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA); and
- 2) Approve the subgrantee agreement with the City of Los Angeles and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved for the adoption of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8D and 8F through 8I. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Rhilinger).

Consent Calendar Item 8E was considered out of order at this time.

8E. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE ANALYSIS OF TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council award a consulting services agreement with Diversified Transportation Solutions (DTS) of Corona, CA to conduct a line-by-line analysis of the Torrance Transit System (RFP B2009-23) at a cost not to exceed \$86,588.

Transit Administration Manager Mills reported that the Federal Transit Administration requires that a line-by-line analysis of the transit system be done every three years to identify opportunities for improving service, as well as inefficiencies in the current system. He advised that a draft of the analysis will be available in November with the final report scheduled for completion in January 2010.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

12A. CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION RE 465 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve in concept the use of Certificates of Participation (COPs) to finance the purchase of land located at 465 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, CA.

Newt Young, Torrance, questioned whether the proposed transit center to be built on this parcel could be redundant since Redondo Beach is planning to build a transit center 2-3 miles away.

Mayor Scotto explained that the proposed transit center will provide shelter from the elements and conveniences for passengers changing lines in the Torrance Transit System; that Torrance has always had a transit center until the center at Del Amo Fashion Center closed a few years ago; and that this location has the added advantage of being close to rail lines should the MTA rail system be extended to Torrance in the future.

Councilmember Brewer, noting that he has ridden Torrance Transit System buses, reported that not having a central location to make connections makes it more difficult to use the bus system and adds significant delays.

Transit Director Turner advised that the proposed transit center will also provide 150 parking spaces for vanpools and commuters.

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

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Councilmember Numark reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities meeting, which included discussion on grant programs for energy efficiency measures, strategies for neighborhood revitalization, use of social media, and enhancing public transit for the elderly passengers.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland, noting that he also attended the League of California Cities meeting, explained that the League is proposing to place an initiative on the ballot to stop the State from taking city funding and has requested that councilmembers, city managers, and anyone interested join the 100/100 pledge to donate \$100 and gather 100 signatures, without the use of city time or funds.

17C. Councilmember Brewer reported on his attendance at the Coastal Cleanup Day event, adding that Fire Chief Racowschi had also volunteered.

17D. Councilmember Brewer announced that the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation will be presenting John Mueller as Buddy Holly in Rock and Roll Dance Party at the Armstrong Theatre on Friday, September 25, at 8:00 p.m. and noted that dinner will be available from Tommy's Burgers for \$8 starting at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact the box office at 310.781.7171.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:38 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, September 29 will be a Council dark night.**

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 24, 2009