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At 7:37 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting 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 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 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.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Youth Council member Rebecca Horton.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Sutherland.

**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 19, 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 Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Item 18A Executive Session was cancelled and withdrawn.

**5. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Scotto reported that Patrick Coulter, who has narrated Torrance's Armed Forces Day Parade for 39 years, suffered a brain hemorrhage in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, September 18, and urged everyone to keep him in their prayers.

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.

City Clerk Herbers 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](http://www.lavote.net).

City Clerk Herbers 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 available at <http://www.torranceca.gov/8752.htm> regarding Torrance Commissions.

Councilmember Sutherland reported that he attended the League of California Cities Conference in Sacramento last week and other cities were very complimentary about Torrance's management staff.

Cable and Community Relations Manager Smith discussed social media additions and improvements, which allow the community greater access to public meetings and agendas on computers and mobile devices.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. APPROVAL OF CONCEPT FOR DONOR WALL FOR 555 MAPLE AVENUE SPORTS FIELDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve the concept for a Donor Wall and authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission to develop a Sponsorship Program for the future sports fields to be located at 555 Maple Avenue.

Business Manager Minter reported that in response to the City Council's request at the September 10 Council meeting, staff has developed a conceptual design for a donor wall to be incorporated in the design of the new sports fields at 555 Maple Avenue and it will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further refinement of the sponsorship program upon the Council's approval.

Mayor Scotto commented positively on the proposed design of the donor wall.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**7A.** Marco Sandoval announced that St. Catherine Laboure, located at 3846 Redondo Beach Boulevard, will be holding its annual fiesta on Friday, September 27, through Sunday, September 29, which will include food, music, carnival rides and a raffle with a top prize of \$5,000.

**7B.** Bob Chiota and Joel Massa, South Bay Bocce Courts Project, announced that a fundraiser will be held at the California Pizza Kitchen located in Rolling Hills Plaza on October 24, with 20 percent of food and drink sales to be donated with presentation of flyer.

**7C.** Norman Segel, resident, reiterated concerns expressed at the September 17 City Council meeting about a brown liquid flowing from the hillside above his home on Bluff Street into storm drains.

**7D.** Carlos Barrios, resident, echoed concerns about the brown liquid flowing on Bluff Street.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION 2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Recommendation**

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

**8B. LIBRARY COMMISSION 2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Recommendation**

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

**8C. SUBSIDY OF RENTAL FEES FOR FRIENDS OF MADRONA MARSH FUNDRAISER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council subsidize the rental fees for the use of the Ken Miller Recreation Center and Torino Plaza in an amount not to exceed \$929 for the Friends of Madrona Marsh to host an annual fundraiser, "Moonlight Magic" on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. PURCHASE ORDER FOR REPLACEMENT FIRE ENGINES.**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief and the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a purchase order to Pierce Manufacturing Inc. of Appleton, WI to furnish two Pierce 1500 GPM Triple Combination Pumpers in the amount of \$1,095,991.47 as a special opportunity purchase (included in the cost are also performance bond, 90% prepayment discount, multiple units discount, sales tax, and trade-in allowance for the two old fire engines); and
- 2) Appropriate \$1,095,991.47 from the Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund.

Fire Chief Racowschi reported that the new fire engines will replace two 1988 models that have exceeded their recommended service life by five years and funding is available in the Fire Apparatus Replacement Fund.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**15.1. OTHER – SUCCESSOR AGENCY to the former Redevelopment Agency of The City of Torrance**

**15.1A. RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE – JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council, acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adopt a Resolution approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2014, in accordance with ABX1-26 and AB 1484.

Councilmember Barnett announced that he was abstaining from voting on this item because he has been nominated to serve on the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency.

Planning Assistant Lang reported that the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for this period includes all the loans made by the City to the Redevelopment Agency for the Industrial Redevelopment Area.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote, with Councilmember Barnett abstaining (absent Councilmember Numark).

**RESOLUTION NO. SA2013-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved for the adoption of Resolution No. SA2013-05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote, with Councilmember Barnett abstaining (absent Councilmember Numark).

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Barnett congratulated the Community Services Department and Library Division staff for the successful centennial gala presentation over the weekend.

**17B.** Councilmember Brewer reported that almost 300 people volunteered to help clean up Torrance Beach on Coastal Cleanup Day last Saturday and collected 24 pounds of trash and 18 pounds of recyclables.

**17C.** Councilmember Furey invited the public to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.** Mayor Scotto announced that the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps was recruiting new members for their program, which is designed to develop seamanship skills and instill strong moral principals in youths aged 11 through 17, with additional information available at 310.618.5880.

**17E.** Mayor Scotto expressed concerns about the proliferation of unattended donation collection bins along major corridors in Torrance and with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item creating a moratorium on these bins until a means to regulate them has been established.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Item 18A, Conference with Labor Negotiator, was cancelled and withdrawn.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

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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