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At 8:10 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 27, 2015 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 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Goodrich, Griffiths, Rizzo and Weideman.

Absent: Mayor Furey.

Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Poirier and other staff representatives.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by City Clerk Rebecca Poirier.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Weideman.

3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA/ MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING

City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett 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 Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote (absent Mayor Furey).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Items 8B and 8C.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-76 RE MARLENE PEKINS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-76

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING **MARLENE PEKINS** UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
CITY AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-76. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote (absent Mayor Furey).

6B. **PROCLAMATION RE “PTA MEMBERSHIP MONTH”**

Mayor Pro Tem Rizzo presented a proclamation declaring the month of October 2015 as **PTA Membership Enrollment Month** in the City of Torrance to Michelle VanLerberghe, President, Torrance Council of PTAs, and Nicki Gerdes, Membership Chairman, Torrance Council of PTAs.

6C. **PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH”**

Mayor Pro Tem Rizzo presented a proclamation declaring the month of October 2015 as **National Arts and Humanities Month** in the City of Torrance to Anil Muhammed, Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission.

6D. **PROCLAMATION RE “RED RIBBON WEEK”**

Mayor Pro Tem Rizzo presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 26-30, 2015 as **Red Ribbon Week** in the City of Torrance to Michelle VanLerberghe, President, Torrance Council of PTAs, Maral Horton, Director of Health, Kristi Beisel, Red Ribbon Week Chairman.

6E. **PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK”**

Mayor Pro Tem Rizzo presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 18-24, 2015 as **National Save for Retirement Week** in the City of Torrance to City Treasurer Dana Cortez and Carol Say, Empower Retirement.

6F. **PROCLAMATION RE “MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY”**

Mayor Pro Tem Rizzo presented a proclamation declaring October 24, 2015 as **Make a Difference Day** in the City of Torrance to Madrona Marsh Naturalist Tracey Drake.

6G. **CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION RE NATIONAL ALCOHOL PREVENTION MONTH**

Mayor Pro Tem Rizzo recognized Behavioral Health Services and Torrance Memorial Medical Center Thelma McMillian Medical Center for outstanding contributions in promoting community awareness and providing education aimed at preventing underage drinking and other substance abuse. Rhonda Frank accepted on behalf of Behavioral Health Services/Torrance-Lomita Community Prevention Council.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Abbes Kahni, Torrance, expressed concerns that his neighbor on Via Colusa has turned his house into a bed and breakfast/short term vacation rental, which is disturbing the neighborhood as detailed in a letter previously submitted. He urged the Council to take action to prevent this type of operation in residential areas.

Councilmember Weideman requested that staff provide a status report on short term vacation rentals.

7B. Georgan Griswold, Torrance Rose Float Association, Georgan Griswold, offered a reminder about TRFA's Halloween dinner-dance/fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 24. She noted that the first volunteer/decorator sign-up meeting was held last week and was very well attended.

7C. Dean Reuter, Del Amo Rotary Club, announced that the USC/UCLA tailgate party benefiting local high schools will be held on Tuesday, November 24, beginning at noon at the Torrance Marriott.

7D. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that THS will be hosting a "Visit with a Veteran" event, featuring representatives from World War II and the Korean, Viet Nam, Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan wars, to commemorate Memorial Day on Sunday, November 8, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the museum located at 1345 Post Avenue.

7E. Arthur Schaper, Torrance, recognized Assemblyman David Hadley for recently passed legislation, which will allow the children of military families to enroll in any school they wish.

7F. Referring to last week's workshop on ExxonMobil's use of modified hydrofluoric acid, Mr. Schaper stated that he does not feel endangered by the refinery and believes that there is a "big green agenda" that wants to shutdown ExxonMobil or severely diminish it.

7G. Referring to a campaign flier, Mr. Schaper disputed Don Lee's claim that he is the only officially endorsed republican candidate for the school board.

7H. Janet Payne, Torrance Historical Society, announced that that there will be a docent-led walking tour of old Torrance on Sunday, October 25, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in front of the museum, noting that this will be the last walking tour until May 2016.

7I. Jim Montgomery, Torrance, announced that a forum on healthy, sustainable food will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pacific Unitarian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes.

7J. Terry Ragins, Torrance Education Foundation, announced that Skechers Pier-to-Pier walk will be held on Sunday, October 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Manhattan Beach Pier, noting that the event is a fundraiser for local schools.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None.

8B. AIRPORT COMMISSION 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Considered separately, see pages 5-6.

8C. BUDGET TRANSFER FOR FEMALE OFFICERS/SUPERVISORS LOCKER ROOM PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council approve a transfer of \$43,760 from the Field Support Office Reconfiguration, FEAP859 and \$14,225.25 from the DNA Testing project, FEAP226 to the Female Officers/Supervisors Locker room project, FEAP746 for a new not to exceed project budget of \$207,985.25.

8D. BUDGET TRANSFER FOR 186TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBIA PARK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$198,573.41 from the Storm Drain Development Impact Fee Fund to the 186th Street Improvements at Columbia Park, I-140; and
- 2) Approve a budget transfer of \$198,573.41 from the 186th Street Improvements at Columbia Park, I-140 to the Downtown Torrance-Rehabilitation of Site Amenities/Street Furniture, Street Lighting and Signage Program, A-158 for a new not to exceed A-158 project budget of \$623,573.41.

8E. PURCHASE ORDER FOR 2015 HONDA ACCORDS AND HONDA ODYSSEYS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Chief of Police that City Council award a purchase order to Scott Robinson Honda of Torrance, CA for two (2) 2015 Honda Accords and two (2) 2015 Honda Odysseys in the amount of \$110,771.20 (including sales tax).

8F. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE 186TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBIA PARK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a Consulting Services Agreement with CivilSource, Inc. of Irvine, CA, for a not to exceed amount of \$33,155 to perform storm drain design services as part of the 186th Street Improvements at Columbia Park, I-140 for a term of October 20, 2015 to October 20, 2017.

8G. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT AWARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council:

- 1) Accept the California Board of State and Community Corrections City Law Enforcement Grant award;
- 2) Allocate and appropriate the award in the amount of \$98,153.47 to support law enforcement operations; and
- 3) Authorize the Chief of Police as the approval authority for grant expenditures.

8H. PURCHASE ORDER FOR 2016 FORD VEHICLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Chief of Police that City Council award a purchase order to Wondries Fleet Group of Alhambra, CA for eight (8) model year 2016 Ford vehicles in the amount of \$208,198.72 (including sales tax).

8I. PURCHASE ORDER FOR 2016 FORD CHASSIS CAB WITH CRANE BODY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services and Public Works Directors that City Council:

- 1) Award a purchase order to Advanced Truck Body & Equipment Co. of Central Point, or for one (1) model year 2016 Ford F-450 chassis cab with Auto Crane Titan 16 crane body in the amount of \$69,846.11 (including sales tax); and
- 2) Approve a transfer of \$9,848.54 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget to the Fleet Vehicle Replacement Fund Operating Budget.

8J. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR STORMWATER BASIN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Accept the Recycled Water Retrofit Refund check from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in the amount of \$22,961.25 and appropriate to the Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, I-102; and
- 2) Approve budget transfers and appropriations for a combined total amount of \$278,520.00 to the Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, I-102, for a new not to exceed project cost of \$5,594,866.90.

8K. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENTS RE STORMWATER BASINS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a two-year contract services agreement with Priority Building Services Inc., dba Priority Landscape Services of Brea, CA for a not to exceed amount of \$301,000 for landscape maintenance services at 3 stormwater basins from October 20, 2015 to October 20, 2017 (B2015-23); and
- 2) Approve a two-year contract services agreement with Northgate Environmental Management Inc. of Laguna Hills, CA for a not to exceed amount of \$43,511 to perform stormwater quality monitoring services from October 20, 2015 to October 20, 2017.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8C through 8K. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote (absent Mayor Furey).

Consent Calendar Item 8B was considered separately at this time.

8B. AIRPORT COMMISSION 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Airport Commission that City Council accept and file the 2014-2015 Airport Commission Annual Report.

Referring to supplemental material, Councilmember Weideman stated that he was pleased that the Council will be receiving a report on the status of the WebTrack system in January. Noting the absence of statistics about noise violations in the annual report, he questioned whether the reestablishment of the Airport Noise Hearing Board has led to a reduction in noise violations.

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian advised that the Community Development Department issues a quarterly report on airport noise, which is reviewed by the Airport Commission, and these statistics are typically not included in the commission's annual report, but staff can include them in the future at the Council's direction.

Councilmember Weideman indicated that he was mainly interested in whether the Airport Noise Hearing Board has been effective in reducing noise violations since he receives many complaints on this topic.

City Manager Jackson offered to have Community Development Department staff provide an analysis of noise violations before and after the reestablishment of the Airport Hearing Board.

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

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Councilmember Weideman, echoed by Councilmember Barnett, commended Mayor Pro Tem Rizzo for doing a great job of chairing the meeting.

17B. Councilmember Weideman requested Council concurrence for an excused absence for the Council meeting of October 27, 2015, and hearing no objection, Mayor Pro Tem Rizzo so ordered.

17C. Councilmember Ashcraft congratulated Ges Davis for winning first place in the Senior Care Hero Awards for her direction and leadership in forming the South Bay Village.

17D. Councilmember Ashcraft announced that there will be a free Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints located at 2000 W. Artesia Boulevard in Torrance.

17E. Councilmember Goodrich stated that it has come to his attention that the Torrance Municipal Code is outdated when it comes to approving business licenses for mobile businesses such as mobile car washing and detailing. He explained that the current process requires a Conditional Use Permit, but permits are granted only for specific sites thus making it impossible for these types of mobile businesses to get business licenses and operate legally within city limits. With the concurrence of Council, he requested that staff review the existing code specifically for these new and up-and-coming business models and look at options for revising them to be more flexible and business friendly in licensing processes.

17F. Councilmember Griffiths reported that he went on a trip organized by the Metropolitan Water District last Friday and Saturday, which offered a first-hand look at the impact the drought is having on agriculture in California's central valley, and found it to be very educational. He noted that the trip included meetings with farmers, who discussed the issues they are facing with regard to water rights and how this is affecting their ability to grow crops and the potential impact on the food supply if the drought continues.

17G. Councilmember Griffiths reported that Torrance currently has two public community gardens where residents can lease a plot for a nominal fee, however at this time there is almost a two-year waiting list for those who would like to do so. With the concurrence of Council, he requested that staff research options to reduce the extended waiting list, including offering reduced sized plots, expanding the gardens, or creating a new garden at another location. He also requested that staff explore the possibility of allowing beekeeping at the gardens, with the Council's concurrence.

17H. Councilmember Griffiths with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an agenda item for consideration on the installation of free public Wi-Fi in the Council Chambers, which would serve the City and the public by allowing meeting attendees to download and view the agenda and meeting documents thereby reducing the need to print so many copies and give attendees the ability to make productive use of their time while they wait for their issues to be brought forward. He noted that it would also help the City prepare as it moves toward an electronic agenda, along with other benefits.

17I. Mayor Pro Tem Rizzo thanked staff for helping him prepare for tonight's meeting and his colleagues on the Council for their support.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:10 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:

/s/ R. Poirier

Rebecca Poirier
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

/s/ Patrick J. Furey

Patrick J. Furey
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on November 17, 2015

