

**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 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

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) Public Employee Appointment – Assistant City Attorney and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957 and 54956.9(c).

The City Council reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Cub Scout Pack 851, Scott Mills, Den Leader.

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, October 22, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger 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 Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS - None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Numark announced that the Planning Commission would hold a public hearing regarding the General Plan on Wednesday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Furey announced that the City Council would hold a joint meeting with the Torrance Unified School District Board of Trustees on Monday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Toyota Meeting Hall.

Councilmember Rhilinger announced that public hearings would be held at Anza Elementary, 21400 Ellinwood Drive, on the Ocean Avenue sump on Wednesday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m. and the Bishop Montgomery sump on Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the next Centennial Committee meeting would be held on Monday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the next Ad Hoc Commission Review Committee meeting would be held on Monday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Brewer announced that the City Council would hold a joint meeting with the Youth Council on Tuesday, November 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission room.

City Clerk Herbers announced that an election for the TUSD Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009; that polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and that precinct locations can be found on the Los Angeles County Registrar website at www.LAVote.net. She noted that the candidate forum held by the League of Women Voters and the Torrance Council of PTAs was being replayed as of October 21 at 8:00 p.m. on Time Warner Channel 28 and Verizon Channel 30, with information available at www.SmartVoter.org, and that the Torrance Television Advisory Board is sponsoring an Open Mic opportunity for all candidates and segments will be broadcast.

City Clerk Herbers announced that a Commissioner Certification class is scheduled for Monday, November 2; that persons interested in applying for a commission appointment must be certified; and that the two-hour class is free but registration is required in order to provide the materials, with registration form available online at <http://www.torranceca.gov/CommissionerCert.htm>.

City Clerk Herbers reminded the public that an appointment will be made to the Ethics and Integrity Committee on November 10, 2009 and the deadline for submitting applications is Wednesday, November 4, 5:30 p.m. in the City Clerk's office.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-99 RE DANNY HYLANDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING DANNY HYLANDS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
CITY AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-99. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the resolution to Danny Hylands, who accepted with appreciation. Mr. Hylands commentd on the many changes during his tenure in the Parks and Recreation/Community Services Department.

6B. PROCLAMATION HONORING MICHELLE GLYMPH

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation to Michelle Glymph honoring and commending her for her outstanding achievements as a baton twirler and for her unwavering commitment to volunteerism and philanthropy. Ms. Glymph reported on her recent trip to Peru where she performed and assisted in fundraising efforts to build a new hospital.

6C. RECOGNITION OF THE 15 YEAR-OLD BABE RUTH ALL STAR BASEBALL TEAM

Mayor Scotto recognized the Torrance 15 year-old Babe Ruth All Star Baseball Team for winning the District II Southern California and Regional Championships and participating in the Babe Ruth World Series. Certificates were presented to manager Mike Duarte, coaches Don Olsen and Steve Hertzmann, team members Danny Dominguez, Michael Duarte, Koby Gauna, Brandon Gideon, Justin Hertzmann, Max Ishikawa, Johnny McGlaughlin, Colin Nelson, Miller Olsen, Shane Rodriguez, Walter Sketch, Tyrone Taylor, Daniel Timmerman, Brandon Vientos, Stephen Wetsell, and bat boy Noah Ishikawa.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Debbie Hays, Torrance, invited everyone to participate in a torch relay benefiting the Children's Miracle Network in conjunction with Children's Hospital of Los Angeles on Sunday, November 8, beginning at 8:45 a.m. at Miramar Park, with information available at www.torch-relay.org.

7B. Grant and Jett Hays, Torrance, encouraged participation in the torch relay, noting that they both benefited from medical procedures at Children's Hospital.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. AGREEMENT RE CULTURAL ARTS SPECIAL EVENT CONSULTING

Considered separately, see page 45.

8B. PURCHASE ORDER FOR CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTORS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to Power Ford Torrance of Torrance, CA in the amount of \$91,153.84 (includes sales tax, tire, and delivery fees) for the purchase of four (4) Model Year 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor (CVPI) patrol sedans (B2009-40) for the Torrance Police Department.

8C. APPROVAL OF CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the proposed class specification for Forensic Identification Specialist.

8D. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the revised class specification for Senior Forensic Identification Specialist.

8E. REVISED/RE-TITLED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR SENIOR AND SUPERVISING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the revised and re-titled class specifications for Senior Administrative Assistant and Supervising Administrative Assistant.

8F. PROPOSITION C 5% TRANSIT SECURITY FUNDS MOU

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the allocation of Proposition C 5% Security funds for the period from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012.

8G. FISCAL YEAR 2010-2012 SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

Considered separately, see pages 4 and 5.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to concur with Consent Calendar Items 8B through 8F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8G were considered separately at this time.

8A. AGREEMENT RE CULTURAL ARTS SPECIAL EVENT CONSULTING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve a contract with John Powers Consultant, in an amount not to exceed \$64,950 for special event consulting services for the period of October 20, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Councilmember Numark requested that staff meet with Homeowners Association presidents to ensure that the decision to hold all five Concerts in the Park at Columbia Park next year is in the best interest of residents.

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that staff will be meeting with Homeowners Association presidents in November and discussion will include this topic. She confirmed that Mr. Powers' contract amount includes the cost of performers.

Councilmember Brewer voiced support for holding all the concerts in one park, noting that attendance increased when this was done for the first time this year.

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

8G. FISCAL YEAR 2010-2012 SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve the Fiscal Year 2010-2012 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for submission to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

Councilmember Rhilinger thanked staff for the quick response to her questions about this document.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 FTA URBANIZED FORMULA GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize the City Manager to submit on behalf of the Torrance Transit System's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Federal Transit Administration, Urbanized Formula (Section 5307) application for \$4,967,520.

Transit Administration Manager Mills noted that a portion of grant funds will be used to purchase three alternative-fuel buses

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

12B. RESOLUTION RE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR PROPOSITION 1A SECURITIZATION OF PROPERTY TAXES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a purchase and sale agreement and related documents with respect to the sale of the seller's Proposition 1A receivable from the State; and directing and authorizing certain other actions in connection therewith.

Budget Manager Dulaney reported that this action will allow the City to receive the property tax allocation borrowed by the State as scheduled.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND
RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE OF THE
SELLER'S PROPOSITION 1A RECEIVABLE FROM THE STATE; AND
DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-98. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12C. RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING SALARY RANGE FOR FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Memorandum of Understanding Resolution No. 2007-56 for the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) to implement the proposed salary range for Forensic Identification Specialist.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that this position is being civilianized to allow the Police Department to have more officers in the field.

Police Chief Neu advised that six police officers will be returned to the field in conjunction with this reorganization.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-56 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION (TPSA)

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-100. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12D. RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING SALARY RANGES FOR SUPERVISING ADMINISTRATIVE AND SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Memorandum of Understanding Resolution No. 2007-56 for the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) to implement:

- 1) The salary ranges for Supervising Administrative Assistant and Senior Administrative Assistant; and
- 2) Premiums for Microsoft Office certifications for the Supervising Administrative Assistant and Senior Administrative Assistant.

Funding: The cost to implement the salary adjustment and premiums is \$25,335. Funds are available in the Wage Reserve.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that a study revealed a need to update these classifications and in addition, a premium was being added for Microsoft Office certifications.

Councilmember Sutherland stated that he was opposed to the premium for Microsoft Office certifications because he believes being familiar with computer programs such as Word and PowerPoint is already part of the job. He noted that once premiums are given, they cannot be taken away and some employees are receiving premiums for skills they no longer use.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Sutherland dissenting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-56 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION (TPSA)

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-101. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Sutherland dissenting.

12E. APPROPRIATION OF 2009 RECOVERY ACT EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate the 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant award in the amount of \$351,425;
- 2) Establish a trust fund for the deposit of grant monies; and
- 3) Allocate the grant award to the "Civilians in Support of Cops" program, to fund salaries, benefits, uniforms and equipment, and training for two, new, civilian Services Officers.

City Manager Note: Receipt of this Grant provides the City the ability to continue to manage essential policing duties and costs in a down economy, while providing an opportunity to increase sworn strength in the field.

Business Manager Anderson reported that the grant will fund two new civilian Services Officers positions for a period of two years.

Mayor Scotto commended staff for obtaining this competitive grant.

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

12F. SETTING OF HEARING DATE RE INCREASE IN SANITATION SERVICES FEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council set a date of January 12, 2010 for a public hearing on a proposed fee increase to maintain and enhance citywide sanitation services.

With the aid of slides, Sanitation Services Manager Knapp reviewed the public hearing process for the proposed fee increase and discussed the need to increase fees for sanitation services to cover increasing costs for fuel, vehicles and waste disposal; to comply with new legislation; and to expand the Green Waste Program.

City Clerk Herbers noted that the phone number for the City Clerk's office is incorrect in the public notice contained in the staff report and will be corrected prior to being sent out to property owners.

Councilmember Numark recommended posting detailed information regarding the purpose of the increase on the City's website so residents could review it prior to the hearing and listing the website address on the first page of the public notice.

Don Clouch, Torrance, doubted that over 50% property owners would protest the fee increase as required to defeat it; requested that a protest form be included along with the public hearing notice to be sent to all property owners; and voiced his opinion that this process was an effort to circumvent Proposition 13.

Mayor Scotto noted that the Council has the ability to change the amount of the increase or reject it entirely based on public input so a protest of over 50% of property owners was not necessarily required to defeat it.

Councilmember Furey expressed support for including a form in the public notice that residents could use to protest the proposed increase.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the staff recommendation and directed staff to include a protest form in the public notice and the website address where property owners may obtain additional information. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The City Council briefly recessed from 9:01 p.m. to 9:14 p.m.

13. HEARINGS

13A. LOT09-00002: COTTONE AND SON'S – SEASONAL SALES LOT PERMIT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution denying the appeal and upholding the approval of the Seasonal Sales Permit to allow sale of pumpkins and Christmas trees with a small animal petting zoo and pony ride with a maximum of ten animals on property located in the HBCSP-DA1 Zone at 3525 Carson Street:

LOT09-00002: COTTONE AND SON'S

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Planning Manager Lodan reported that Cottone and Son's was appealing a condition limiting the number of animals on-site at the seasonal sales lot to 10 instead of the 30 requested, which was imposed by the Community Development Director due to problems associated with animal care at the site last year. He noted that the Planning Commission upheld this condition on October 7, 2009 by a vote of 5-1.

Jacob Paz, representing Cottone and Son's, stated that he submitted paperwork from Superior Court indicating that all citations issued regarding the care of animals at last year's pumpkin lot were dismissed because there was no case. He noted that his family has run this type of business for 53 years; reported that the pony rides and petting zoo are very popular with children; and urged the Council to approve the 30 animals as requested.

Tom Cottone, representing Cottone and Son's, reported on a recent incident where he and Jacob assisted the Torrance Police Department by rounding up horses found on City streets in the middle of the night even though they were not their horses. He emphasized that he and Jacob live on the family farm and know how to care for animals.

Responding to questions from the Council, Mr. Paz and Mr. Cottone reported that they have had animals at their pumpkin sales lot for many years without incident and last year was the first time they had a sales lot at this location.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan clarified that court cases connected with the incident last year were dismissed because Jacob Paz was not of legal age when cited and Tom Cottone was not on the application for the Seasonal Sales Lot Permit. He related his understanding that Mr. Cottone was fined \$200 in conjunction with this incident.

Referring to the Incident Report (agenda material), Councilmember Furey noted that 26 animals were found unattended at the pumpkin sales lot on November 3, 2008 and it was almost three hours before contact was made and someone came to care for the animals.

Mr. Paz explained that he hired someone familiar with livestock to care for the animals while he went to school, however, she left without telling him because her mother needed medication.

Councilmember Rhilinger noted that a report from a veterinarian who recently examined the animals to confirm that they were in good health (supplemental material) mentions that one pony with ligament problems was to be used for display only. She questioned why a pony that cannot be used for pony rides was brought to the pumpkin patch.

Mr. Paz reported that the pony was recently rescued and needs special care that can't be provided by workers at the farm.

In response to Mayor Scotto's inquiry, Mr. Paz explained that the animals do not affect the business's revenues, however, he feels it is important to have them at the sales lot because it provides a rare opportunity for children to interact with farm animals.

Responding to questions from the Council, Community Development Director Gibson confirmed that staff would consider allowing more animals next year if there are no problems this year and related his belief that the 10-animal maximum was a reasonable compromise given the incident that occurred last year.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmember Sutherland indicated that he favored erring on the side of caution and limiting the number of animals to 10 this year.

Councilmember Numark noted that animal control has recommended a ratio of one caregiver for every 10 animals and proposed that the number of animals not be limited as long as this ratio is maintained.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to approve the appeal and approve the Seasonal Sales Lot Permit, as requested, with the modification that the number of animals shall not be limited as long as a ratio of one caregiver for every ten animals is maintained. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer, and discussion continued.

Councilmember Rhilinger suggested amending the motion to specify that caretakers shall not include sales staff. She noted that TMC §91.2.167 specifies that a petting zoo shall have no more than 30 animals.

Councilmember Brewer proposed amending the motion to state that the 1:10 ratio shall be maintained during business hours only.

Councilmember Numark amended his motion as follows:

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to approve the appeal and approve the Seasonal Sales Lot Permit, as requested, with the condition that one caretaker be provided for every 10 animals at all times up to a maximum of 30 animals. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to deny the appeal and approve the Seasonal Sales Lot Permit as conditioned, limiting the total number of animals on-site to 10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by a 5-2 vote, with Councilmembers Brewer and Numark dissenting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DENYING AN APPEAL AND UPHOLDING THE APPROVAL OF A
SEASONAL SALES PERMIT AS CONDITIONED AS PROVIDED FOR IN
DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL
CODE TO ALLOW THE SALE OF PUMPKINS AND CHRISTMAS TREES
WITH A SMALL ANIMAL PETTING ZOO AND PONY RIDE WITH A
MAXIMUM OF TEN ANIMALS ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE
HBCSP-DA1 ZONE AT 3525 CARSON STREET (APN 7366-019-124)
LOT09-0002: COTTONE AND SONS

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-102. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by a 5-2 vote, with Councilmembers Brewer and Numark dissenting.

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 9:57 p.m. to 9:58 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS # 2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland offered safety tips for Halloween taken from an article in the *Daily Breeze*.

17B. Councilmember Brewer announced an Open House at the renovated Henderson Library on Thursday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

17C. Councilmember Brewer requested that staff look into reader board signs that have been covered with canvas along Hawthorne Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard, as well as the canvas sign on Macy's, relating his understanding that they do not comply with the Code.

17D. Councilmember Furey thanked Toyota Motor Sales, USA, for providing a new Prius to be raffled off to benefit the Torrance Education Foundation for the sixth year in row, noting that tickets will go on sale after the first of the year.

17E. Councilmember Rhilinger commented on her recent experience with jury duty.

17F. Mayor Scotto reminded drivers to be careful on Halloween.

17D. Councilmember Furey thanked Toyota Motor Sales, USA, for providing a new Prius to be raffled off to benefit the Torrance Education Foundation for the sixth year in row, noting that tickets will go on sale after the first of the year.

17E. Councilmember Rhilinger commented on her recent experience with jury duty.

17F. Mayor Scotto reminded drivers to be careful on Halloween.

17G. Mayor Scotto apologized to residents who were inconvenienced by a free flu shot clinic recently held in Redondo Beach and encouraged those interested in obtaining a flu shot to visit the website www.findaflushot.com or call the L.A. County Health Department at 800.427.8700.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:05 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to continue consideration of items listed under Executive Session.

At 11:53 p.m., the City Council reconvened. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:53 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting in the Council Chamber. The City Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto
Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers
Sue Herbers,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on January 12, 2010