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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 27, 2015**

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October 27, 2015

**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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Goodrich, Griffiths, Rizzo and Mayor Furey.

Absent: Councilmember Weideman.

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

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 the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and 18C) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6, 54956.9(d)(1) and 54956.8.

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Rizzo.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Ashcraft.

**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 22, 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 Councilmember Weideman).

4. **WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS** – None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Furey reported on his recent visit to China representing the City of Torrance on a governmental operations and business development trip. He noted that he met with the Secretary General of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries in Beijing to discuss establishing a Friendly City relationship with a number of possible cities/districts in China and he also toured three other Chinese cities, visiting businesses and schools. He thanked Steven Tsao, a local businessman, for accompanying him to China at his own expense, Michael Smith and CitiCable staff for preparing a video and PowerPoint presentation to introduce Torrance to his Chinese hosts, and Mayor Pro Tem Rizzo for chairing last week's City Council meeting and attending various community events on his behalf during his absence.

Councilmember Ashcraft announced that the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee met earlier today to discuss the regional interoperability radio framework and transitioning to a new records management system and this matter will be discussed at the November 10, 2015 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to discuss 2015-16 First Quarter budget review.

City Clerk Poirier offered a reminder that the Torrance Unified School District election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Fire Chief Racowski reported on the October 23 incident that occurred at the ExxonMobil refinery, reviewing the timeline and the City's response.

City Manager Jackson discussed how the City's community alert system functioned during the October 23 incident and possible improvements.

Mayor Furey relayed his wife's suggestion that a drill like the Great Shakeout earthquake drill be conducted to inform residents how to respond when an incident occurs at the refinery and about sheltering in place.

Councilmember Griffiths stated that he was pleased the Community Alert Siren was activated on October 23 as he was critical when this was not done for the February 2015 incident, however it's been brought to his attention that many people who work in Torrance, but do not live here, do not know what to do when the siren sounds. He recommended that the City mount a campaign to make sure businesses surrounding the refinery have this information.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL RIDESHARE MONTH"**

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring October 2015 as **National Rideshare Month** in the City of Torrance to Kim Fuentes, Rideshare Coordinator, and Carolyn Chun, Senior Planning Associate.

**6B. PROCLAMATION RE "UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERANS WEEK CELEBRATION"**

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring November 5 -11, 2015 as **United States Military Veterans Week Celebration** in the City of Torrance to Torrance representatives from the Vietnam Veterans of America South Bay: Bob Chiota, Dick Cunningham, Ray Frew, Kirk Gillette, Steve Mandel, Ed Sakihama, Jon Warhank and Milton Herring.

**6C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATIONS FROM EXXONMOBIL**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Accept and appropriate a \$10,000 donation for the CERT Program;
- 2) Accept and appropriate a \$10,000 donation for the John J. Neu Leadership Academy;
- 3) Accept and appropriate a \$5,000 donation for the ExxonMobil STEM Kit for City of Torrance Libraries; and
- 4) Accept and appropriate a \$1,000 donation to supplement the North Torrance Public Library's ExxonMobil Math and Science Homework Center.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to accept and appropriate the donations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Weideman).

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

Debbie Hays, Margaret Lindsey, Steve Goldsmith, and Janet Payne spoke.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. CHANGE ORDER RE SPECIALIZED DATABASES AND REFERENCE RESOURCES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize a change order to purchase order 2016-166 with EBSCO, Inc. of Birmingham, AL in the amount of \$4,120 for a new not to exceed total \$50,928 for the Torrance Library System for fiscal year 2015-2016.

**8B. FEE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a first amendment to the fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore of Los Angeles, CA (C2015-062) to provide legal services re Civil Service Appeal of Personnel Matter #A15-000240, for an additional \$20,000, for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$80,000.

**8C. FEE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a first amendment to the fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore of Los Angeles, CA (C2015-075) to provide legal services pertaining to Freida King-Girod, et al. v. City of Torrance, et al., for an additional \$350,000, for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$380,000.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Weideman).

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. ORDINANCE RE CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an ordinance amending Article 8 of Chapter 3 of Division 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code that address construction and demolition recycling requirements to comply with the State Green Building Code; and
- 2) Approve and ordinance summary for publication.

Public Works Director Beste reported that that the ordinance requires all permitted construction projects, both residential and commercial, to recycle 50% of construction/demolition materials in compliance with the State Green Building Code.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 3788**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARITICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING REQUIRMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION PROJECTS

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3788. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Weideman).

**12B. ORDINANCE RE EQUAL ACCESS TO RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an ordinance amending Articles 6 and 7 of Chapter 3 of Division 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code that address residential homes not included in State law for mandatory recycling access; and
- 2) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

Public Works Director Beste reported that the ordinance provides that all multi-unit residential complexes have access to curbside recycling in compliance with Assembly Bill 341, noting that staff will work with private waste haulers to implement the ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 3789**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDING ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 4 (COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE REPORTING) AND ARTICLE 7 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 4 (WASTE DIVERSION, RECYCLING AND GRAFITTI)

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3789. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Weideman).

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Ashcraft, Councilmember Barnett, Councilmember Griffiths, and Councilmember Rizzo spoke.

Mayor Furey requested City Council concurrence to ratify an excused absence for Library Commissioner Allen Ravine from a Library Commission meeting due to Rosh Hashanah, noting that apparently this is necessary according to the City Charter.

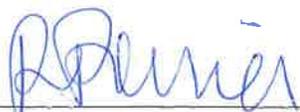
**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

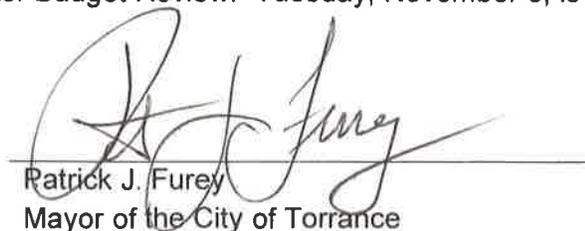
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Attest:



Rebecca Poirier  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance



Patrick J. Furey  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on December 8, 2015