

**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, November 24, 2009 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, 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 City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code §54956.8.

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 Boy Scout Troop #658.

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, November 19, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Agenda Item 18A - Real Property Negotiations sub item #1 was withdrawn.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brewer announced that a Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee meeting would be held Monday, December 7, at 4:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly Room to discuss the possibility of mail-in ballot election and change of election date.

Fire Chief Racowski announced that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly siren alert testing Wednesday, December 2, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Fire Chief Racowski reviewed precautions for deep frying turkeys, noting that information is available on the Fire Department webpage at www.TorranceCa.Gov/tfd.

Councilmember Furey announced that the next General Plan/Environmental Impact Report workshop would be held Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Herbers reported that protest letters regarding the proposed sanitation fee increase can be delivered to the City Clerk's office by mail or in person, but no electronic method (email or fax) will be accepted. She noted that all mailed protests must be received by 5:30 p.m. on January 12, 2010 or they will not be counted; and that protests may be personally delivered to the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and will be accepted until the end of the public hearing at the January 12, 2010 City Council meeting.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Cultural Arts Commissioner Betty Kohler, who passed away on November 19 and Marie Crimi Roser, founder of the Roser Foundation, who passed away on November 19.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-115 RE TERRY WAYNE TOKIE

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING POLICE OFFICER **TERRY WAYNE TOKIE** UPON HIS
RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-115. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Bonnie Mae Barnard, Save Historic Old Torrance, invited staff and the public to attend Save Historic Old Torrance's 4th annual Christmas Grand Tea to be held on Saturday, December 5, at the Zamperini house, 2028 Gramercy Avenue, with information available at www.savehistoricoldtorrance.com. She also invited everyone to attend the Heritage Square Designer Holiday Home Tour, on weekends November 27 through January 3, with information at www.heritagesquare.org.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of September 1, September 15, and September 22, 2009.

8B. APPROPRIATION/ALLOCATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS FOR FORENSIC LAB AND FIELD EQUIPMENT STORAGE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council appropriate and allocate \$50,000 of asset forfeiture funds for the planning and design of two capital improvements to the Police facility:

- 1) Reallocation and renovation of existing space to update the aging crime lab into a modern police forensics lab. Expenditure: \$35,000.; and
- 2) Addition of a structure within the Police compound for field equipment storage. Expenditure: \$15,000.

8C. PURCHASE ORDER FOR 2010 TOYOTA CAMRY SEDANS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize issuance of a purchase order to Penske Toyota of West Covina, CA in the amount of \$48,593.10 including sales tax and tire fees, to furnish two (2) 2010 Toyota Camry LE 4-Door Sedans (B2009-45).

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION RE "BRAG ABOUT YOUR BAG" CAMPAIGN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council adopt a Resolution proclaiming the "Brag About Your Bag" campaign by the County of Los Angeles in an effort to educate the public on the environmental problems resulting from single use plastic bags.

Waste Management Coordinator Sherman reported on Los Angeles County's "Brag About Your Bag", noting that Torrance will participate by distributing reusable canvas bags in exchange for five single-use plastic bags on Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Albertson's located at 21035 Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilmember Numark reported that Von's has also agreed to distribute reusable canvas bags to residents.

Councilmember Sutherland voiced support for this campaign and related his belief that educating the public was a better approach than trying to ban plastic bags.

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. 2009-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
TO JOIN THE BRAG ABOUT YOUR BAG CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-116. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Numark encouraged everyone to participate in the 30th annual Turkey Trot, a three-mile fun run held on Thanksgiving Day, which begins at 8:00 a.m. in the Sam's Club parking lot on Skypark Drive, with check-in between 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

17B. Councilmember Rhilinger extended wishes for a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

17C. Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Torrance Chorale and Orchestra will be presenting *Joys of the Season* on Friday, December 11, and Saturday, December 12, at the Armstrong Theatre.

17D. Councilmember Sutherland wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and encouraged people to help those who are less fortunate.

17E. Councilmember Barnett also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

17F. Councilmember Brewer asked staff look into the removal of signs from the abandoned Sunrise Senior Living project on Hawthorne Boulevard at Rolling Hills Road.

17G. Councilmember Brewer also requested that staff look into the removal of grading equipment and a portable toilet on an inactive construction site on Via Valmonte.

17H. Councilmember Brewer wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

17I. Councilmember Furey echoed wishes for a happy Thanksgiving.

17J. Councilmember Furey reported that he recently attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the Water Replenishment District, which is committed to providing high quality ground water through innovative, cost effective and environmentally sensitive basin management practices, and commended the district's efforts to cope with the on-going water shortage.

17K. Councilmember Furey announced that for the sixth year in a row, Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc. has agreed to provide a Toyota Prius to be raffled off at Torrance Education Foundation's Celebrate Education dinner to be held on May 8, 2010. He noted that raffle tickets will be \$20 and the proceeds will benefit Torrance Education Foundation programs and many organizations within the Torrance Unified School District.

17L. Mayor Scotto reported that the mayor of Rolling Hills Estates has requested that Torrance participate in an advisory committee for the L.A. County Sanitation Landfill in Palos Verdes and with the concurrence Council, requested that staff prepare an agenda item on this topic.

17M. Mayor Scotto wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and expressed appreciation for City staff and the many volunteers in Torrance.

17N. In response to recent newspaper articles, Public Works Director Beste offered clarification regarding the proposed increase in sanitation fees and reported that an algae problem at the County-owned Walteria Sump was being addressed.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**
At 7:31 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 8, 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, December 1, 2009 will be a Council dark night.**

***Adjourned in Memory of
Betty Kohler and Marie Crimi Roser***

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 26, 2010