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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – DECEMBER 11, 2012**

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At 7:35 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 18, 2012 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 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 in the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park.

**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.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Dr. George Mannon, TUSD Superintendent.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger.

**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, December 6, 2012.

**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 vote.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Barnett announced that the City Council Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee will meet on Monday, December 17, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Manager 3<sup>rd</sup> floor assembly room to discuss changes in Civil Service rules.

Councilmember Brewer announced that the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will meet on Monday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room to discuss Community Services subsidies.

City Clerk Herbers announced that all candidates for municipal office are required to observe Political Reform Act requirements and invited any interested member of the public - especially those interested in seeking an elected position in the 2014 Torrance municipal election - to attend a Candidate/Treasurer Seminar at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17, in Redondo Beach City Hall. She noted that the class is free but reservations are required to ensure that materials are available and those who would like to attend should call 1.866.275.3772 to RSVP or email [seminars@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:seminars@fppc.ca.gov) as soon as possible.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Willard Snow on display in the City Clerk's office for December.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-84 RE EDWARD MACIEL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-84**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING EDWARD MACIEL UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-84. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6B. RECOGNITION OF CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS**

Mayor Scotto presented certificates of participation to the following team captains of the Centennial Birthday Bash Softball Tournament Teams:

Carl Kaemerle – Rotary Club of Del Amo  
Bob Kelchner – Lomita-Torrance Airport Rotary  
Rod Vargas – Original Rotary Club  
Otto Stiefel – Torrance Firefighters Association  
Dr. Laurie Love – Kiwanis Club of Torrance  
Chuong Vo – Torrance Police Officers Association

Mayor Scotto presented personalized engraved bats to the two winners of the tournament: Kiwanis Club and Torrance Police Officers Association.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Dr. George Mannon, Torrance Unified School District, provided an update on the rehabilitation of Torrance High School.

**7B.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, invited the public to attend a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by former City Councilman Paul Nowatka on Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m. at the Torrance Historical Museum located at 1345 Post Avenue.

**7C.** Janet Payne, Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, reported on the association's neighborhood clean-up program, which has resulted in 900 volunteer hours over the past six years.

**7D.** Mark Stephenson, resident, expressed concerns about the lack of managerial oversight of the City's payroll information system with regard to CalPERS (California Public Employee Retirement System), relating his understanding that a recent audit revealed overpayments and unauthorized disbursements. He requested that the City's payroll records from 2000-2008 be audited so that overpayments/unauthorized disbursements can be recovered. He also requested that the findings of any audit conducted by a State or U.S. government agency be publically presented during a City Council meeting.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE RAPID BUS SIGNAL PRIORITY SYSTEM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with Diversified Transportation Solutions, to assist in the implementation of the Rapid Bus Signal Priority System in an amount not to exceed \$98,394.

**8B. FISCAL YEAR 2013-2015 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve submission of the Fiscal Year 2013-2015 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Numark moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE PURCHASE OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a two-year extension to the current ten-year purchase agreement (C2002-241) with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) in the amount of \$16 - \$18 million per year for the purchase of potable water supplies, with the term extending through calendar year 2014.

Public Works Director Beste reported that staff was recommending that the existing agreement with MWD be extended for two years.

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

**15.2. OTHER**

**15.2A. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION ON CAPITAL PROJECTS IN CENTRAL TORRANCE AREA**

Public Works Director Beste provided an overview of the five divisions of the Public Works Department: Sanitation, Streetscape, Street Operations, Water and Engineering.

Engineering Manager Semaan discussed upcoming Capital Improvement Projects in central Torrance, including the Torrance Transit Regional Park and Ride Center, improvements to the Sepulveda Boulevard/Western Avenue intersection, and the undergrounding of utilities along Crenshaw Boulevard.

Engineering Manager Bilezarian reported on the recently completed Del Amo Boulevard Extension Project, the Residential Slurry Seal Program and the South Bay Measure R Highway Program.

Engineering Manager Overstreet reviewed Capital Improvement Projects underway in the central Torrance area, including the rehabilitation/ beautification of the Torrance Bridge.

**15.2B. UPDATE ON LIBRARY AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CENTRAL TORRANCE AREA**

Community Services Director Jones reported on improvements scheduled for Delthorne, Hickory, Greenwood, Pueblo, Torrance and Wilson parks.

City Librarian Theyer provided an overview of the Torrance Library Services Division's new Plan of Service.

**15.2C. PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENTATION ON CRIME TRENDS, CRIME PREVENTION, TRAFFIC AND QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES**

Police Sergeant Jenkinson, Central Torrance Area Commander, reported on crime trends and quality of life issues in the central Torrance area.

Police Sergeant Roosen, Community Affairs Division, discussed crime prevention and community outreach programs offered by the Torrance Police Department, including Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, Emergency Preparedness programs, home security inspections, and vacation security checks.

Police Chief Neu encouraged residents to alert the police if they observe suspicious activities in their neighborhood.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Public Works Director Beste provided information regarding the Los Angeles County Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure, which would increase property taxes in order to fund the improvements necessary for the treatment of storm-water runoff and the recharging of groundwater supplies.

**17B.** Councilmember Numark thanked staff for their informative presentations and for setting up this off-site meeting.

**17C.** Councilmember Sutherland suggested that this evening's format be used for a City Council meeting at City Hall once a year and thanked staff for their efforts.

**17D.** Councilmember Barnett echoed thanks to staff.

**17E.** Councilmember Brewer announced that the South Bay Ballet will be performing the "Nutcracker" on December 14, 15 and 16 at the El Camino Marsee Auditorium, with additional information at 310.329.5345.

**17F.** Councilmember Furey thanked staff for their efforts. He offered an Irish blessing in honor of the Notre Dame's No 1 ranking in football.

**17G.** Mayor Scotto reported that Central Torrance's U-10 soccer team, coached by City employee Jason Minter, won a regional tournament last weekend.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

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 February 5, 2013