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At 7:56 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for a City Council Workshop on Public Safety Reorganization, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**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 6:36 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Brewer.

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) 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(a) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:10 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember Brewer. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Community Services Director Jones.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger.

The Riviera Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus led by Mrs. Laura Savitz sang holiday songs.

**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 8, 2011.

**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 Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee had met earlier to review the 1st Quarter Budget and an item will be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

Councilmember Furey announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager Assembly room to discuss landscape design concepts for the Henrietta and Entradero Basins, the Downtown Torrance Farmers Market, and landscape design updates for Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilmember Numark announced that a Menorah Lighting Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 20, at 5:00 p.m. in front of City Hall officiated by Rabbi Gary Spero of Congregation Beth Torah.

Councilmember Rhilinger announced that a City Council workshop on public safety reorganization will be held on Tuesday, December 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Clerk Herbers announced that information has been mailed to those currently eligible to submit applications for Commission appointments to be made at the Council meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2012 and the deadline for applications is Wednesday, January 18, 2012.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired city employee Darleen Potter who passed away December 6.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-96 RE JAMES PACKARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-96**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE SERGEANT JAMES PACKARD UPON HIS RETIRMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-96. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

*To be presented at a later date.*

6B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-97 RE WALTER DELSIGNÉ**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-97**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER WALTER DELSIGNÉ UPON HIS RETIRMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-97. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6C. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-98 RE RICHARD CARR**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-98**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE SERGEANT RICHARD CARR UPON HIS RETIRMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhlinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-98. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

*To be presented at a later date.*

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Ana Espinoza, San Pedro, claimed that she has been harassed since filing a complaint that she was sexually assaulted by a Torrance Police Officer.

**7B.** Janet Payne, Centennial Committee, announced that the Centennial Committee had a complete sell out of the "Lights, Camera, Action" postcards at the Christmas Boutique over the weekend and distributed copies for the Mayor and Council. She noted that the postcards will be available for purchase at the Community Services counter at City Hall and at the Torrance Historical Society museum.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. AGREEMENT RE LAS CONCHAS TENNIS FACILITY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve a two year extension to the concessionaire agreement with South Bay Tennis Center (C2008-243) for the lease and full operation of the Las Canchas Tennis Facility.

**8B. CHANGE ORDER RE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Public Works Director that City Council authorize a change order with Mutual Propane of Gardena (PO#2011-660) to increase the purchase order by \$49,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$88,000 for purchase of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) on as needed basis.

**8C. APPROPRIATION FOR FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve an appropriation of \$35,000 from the Airport Aeronautical fund balance, to be used for facility maintenance, and the purchase of electrical equipment in the Air Traffic Control Tower.

**8D. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES**

Considered separately, see page 4.

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

**8D. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve an amendment to the contract with The Fransen Company (C2010-239) to provide economic development services, extending the term from February 29, 2012 to December 15, 2012 and appropriate \$60,000 to the contract from the Economic Development Reserve.

At Councilmember Numark's request, Assistant City Manager Giordano and Community Development Director Gibson briefly reviewed the areas the consultant will be focusing on during the term of the contract, noting that the revitalization of the Del Amo Fashion Center mall will be the primary focus and a study of the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor will also be conducted.

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

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 84 GRANT FUNDING TO UPDATE ZONING ORDINANCE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution to apply for Round 2 of Proposition 84 grant funding in order to update the City of Torrance Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Manager Lodan reported that staff would like to apply for Proposition 84 grant funding in order to complete a comprehensive update of the City's Zoning Ordinance in order to carry out the goals and objectives of the 2008 Strategic Plan and 2009 General Plan.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-101**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-101. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

**13. HEARINGS**

**13A. ORDINANCE AMENDING TMC REGULATING CHURCH USES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance amending Section 95.3.6 of the Torrance Municipal Code regulating church uses; and
- 2) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

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 this matter was being brought forward at the direction of the City Attorney because certain existing provisions in the Torrance Municipal Code governing church uses may be considered discriminatory and in violation of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Person Act (RLUIPA). He advised that staff was recommending that the following requirements be eliminated to be in line with RLUIPA.

1. There shall be a required twenty (20) foot front, side and rear yard setback for church property.
2. Construction of a church in a residential area shall not be permitted unless parking facilities and ingress and egress of automobiles does not disturb the residential character.
3. The minimum lot area shall be one (1) acre. The narrowest dimension shall be a minimum of one hundred (100) feet.

Councilmember Sutherland expressed concerns about the elimination of No. 2.

Planning Manager Lodan advised that the issues of parking and ingress/egress would be addressed by a new provision requiring that all church uses obtain a Conditional Use Permit regardless of the zoning.

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 3754**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 95.3.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CHURCH USE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3754. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

**16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3754**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3753**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3753. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Barnett, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff look into the possibility of installing signage recognizing El Prado Park as the first park in the City of Torrance.

17B. Councilmember Furey announced that the Torrance Theatre Company will be presenting *Seven in One Blow, or the Brave Little Kid* and *Partridge in a Pear Tree* this weekend at the Torrance Theatre Company located at 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, with additional information available at 424.243.6882.

**17C.** Councilmember Furey announced that the Torrance Education Foundation "Celebrate Education" dinner will be held on Friday, March 23, 2012, which will include the raffle of a 2012 Lexus Hybrid donated by Toyota Motor Sales USA, with additional information available at [www.torranceeducationfoundation.org](http://www.torranceeducationfoundation.org).

**17D.** Mayor Scotto thanked the Riviera Elementary School Chorus for their performance.

**17E.** Torrance Youth Council members Candace Wu, Diana Im and Gloria Kang reported on Winter Boutique at Wilson Park that was hosted by the Youth Council on Sunday, December 4, and thanked all who participated.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:56 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for a City Council Workshop on Public Safety Reorganization, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager Assembly Room.

***Adjourned in Memory of  
Darleen Potter***

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 7, 2012