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At 9:22 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

December 15, 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, December 15, 2015 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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, and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6 and 54956.9(d)(1).

The City Council reconvened at 7:00 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 Weideman.

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, December 10, 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.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Items 12C and 13A.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Weideman announced that the Armed Forces Day Standing Committee met earlier today to discuss the plans for the 2016 Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-86 RE GARY F. CARTER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING GARY F. CARTER OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-86. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-87 RE RODNEY STEFFLER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **RODNEY STEFFLER** OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-87. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-88 RE KEITH THOMPSON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **KEITH THOMPSON** OF THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-88. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6D. **PRESENTATION ON NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT MOBILE APPLICATION**

Police Lieutenant John Megeff gave a brief demonstration of the Torrance Police Department's new mobile application, which includes bulletins, crime reporting tools, crime maps, police directory, and links to social media.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Elaine Wilson, Daisy Lee, Maryann McFarlan, Antoinie Churg, Jim Tarr, Steven Goldsmith, Connie Sullivan, Jean Adelsman, Mayor Furey, and Councilmember Weideman spoke.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of November 17, and November 24, 2015.

8B. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director and the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission (TEQECC) that City Council accept and file the TEQECC 2014-2015 Annual Report.

8C. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 72666

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 72666; and
- 2) Accept the traffic signal easement on Lomita Boulevard. This Final Parcel Map allows for a three lot subdivision at 2740 Lomita Boulevard. This property is owned by Costco Wholesale Corporation and the Final Parcel Map substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Parcel Map.

8D. CHANGE ORDER RE DELIVERY OF TORRANCE SEASONS PUBLICATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize a 4th change order to the purchase order with Perry Mailing, Inc., of Torrance, CA (PO# 2014-396) in the amount of \$17,000.00 for a combined total not to exceed \$54,808.56 and extend the purchase order with a new term expiration date of December 31, 2016.

8E. CONTRACT RE TRANSIT ROOF REPLACEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract services agreement with Bishop Inc. of Orange, CA in the amount of \$364,208.27 with a 5% contingency of \$ 18,210 for the Transit Roof Replacement project (FEAP#895/B2015-33); and,
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$36, 421.

8F. CHANGE ORDER RE PRINTING AND DELIVERY OF TORRANCE SEASONS PUBLICATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize a 6th Change Order to the Purchase Order with iColor Printing & Mailing, Inc., of Torrance, CA (PO# 2012-323) in the amount of \$35,407.26 for a combined total not to exceed \$177,036.30 and extend the Purchase Order for a new term expiration date of December 31, 2016.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

12A. CITY COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council declare the following as City Council Dark Nights from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016: January 5, January 19, February 16, March 29, May 31 and June 7.

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

12B. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RE CONTAMINATED SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, City of Long Beach, City of Los Angeles, City of Carson, Caltrans and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District that establishes the terms and conditions for the County of Los Angeles to prepare a Contaminated Sediment Management Plan ("CSMP") for itself and participating stakeholder agencies for compliance with the Dominguez Channel and Harbors Toxics Total Maximum Daily Loads and the City's NPDES Permit and reimburses the County of Los Angeles \$31,154 for Torrance's share of the CSMP.

Public Works Director Beste reported that the preparation of this management plan is the first step in the process of dealing with contaminated sediment in the Dominguez Channel.

In response to Councilmember Rizzo's inquiry, Public Works Director Beste confirmed that \$31,154 will completely cover Torrance's portion of the cost for this study.

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

12C. ORDINANCE TO ALLOW BEEKEEPING ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance modifying the Torrance Municipal Code to allow the keeping of bees for single family residences within the City;
- 2) Determine that project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Sections 15303 and 15308 of the Guidelines implementing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
- 3) Approve an Ordinance Summary for Publication.

Mayor Furey announced that this was the time and place for discussion of the proposed Ordinance and City Clerk Poirier confirmed that the matter was properly advertised.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna reported that the Draft Ordinance has been revised in accordance with the Council's direction at the November 10, 2015 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Weideman voiced support for the Ordinance, noting that it has been revised to include his recommendation concerning minimum fence height per Section 41.10.020(2)(E).

Councilmember Ashcraft indicated that she still objects to the Ordinance due to the lack of a neighbor sign-off process, which her colleagues on the Council decided not to include.

In response to Councilmember Griffiths' inquiry, Ms. Cessna reported that a professional beekeeper will be hired if a hive becomes a public nuisance and must be removed by the City and City Attorney Fellows confirmed that the Ordinance contains provisions requiring the cost of removal to be paid by the owner of the hive.

Jim Montgomery, Torrance, voiced his opinion that the proposed Ordinance does a good job of allowing the keeping of bees while preserving the rights of neighbors and thanked everyone involved in the two-year drafting process. He related his understanding that a neighbor may object to the issuance of a beekeeping permit for any cause and suggested that neighbors be required to present a legitimate reason for their opposition, such as an allergy to bee stings. He offered statistics indicating that beekeeping was no more dangerous than having dogs.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Furey commended staff for their efforts in drafting this Ordinance.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by a 5-2 vote, with Councilmembers Ashcraft and Barnett voting no.

ORDINANCE NO. 3792

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLES 10 AND 11 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE KEEPING OF BEES FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES, ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE KEEPING OF BEES, AND ESTABLISH A REVIEW PROCESS FOR BEE KEEPING APPLICATIONS FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3792. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Ashcraft voting no.

12D. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF STREET SWEEPING VIOLATIONS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief and the Public Works Director that City Council consider:

- 1) Suspend parking enforcement for street sweeping violations during the holiday season, from December 20th - January 3rd. This will not pertain to all other violations.
- 2) Maintain weekly street sweeping operations during this period.

Police Lieutenant Underwood reported that there will be six days of street sweeping during the proposed suspension from December 20 through January 3 and that a review of records for the past three years indicates that fewer violations were issued during the two-week holiday period as compared to other two-week periods.

Councilmember Weideman asked if the suspension would compromise the City's efforts to keep debris from flowing into storm drains, which is the purpose of street sweeping parking restrictions.

Deputy Public Works Director Knapp advised that it's hard to predict what impact the suspension would have because there are many variables, including the weather and how many people decide to park on the street on street sweeping day. He noted, however, that an additional 186 tons of debris or 1800 pounds per day has been collected this year now that no parking on street sweeping day signage has been installed in approximately 50% of the City.

In response to Councilmember Griffiths' inquiry, Deputy Public Works Director Knapp confirmed that normal street sweeping operations will continue during this two-week period.

Councilmember Griffiths suggested that it was unlikely that the suspension would have a major impact because most people have become accustomed to the parking restrictions and the intent is to allow a little leeway for people who have guests over the holidays who may not be aware of the restrictions.

Councilmember Rizzo asked if the City would be vulnerable to claims that it was in violation of NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit requirements during this period.

City Attorney Fellows advised that any agency making this claim would have to demonstrate that the City's street sweeping operations became significantly less effective during this time period so he doubted this would be an issue.

Mary Ann McFarlan, Torrance, expressed concerns that her street does not have parking restrictions so piles of debris accumulate around vehicles that are not moved on street sweeping days.

Councilmember Goodrich related his understanding that potential fines for exceeding TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) are not yet in effect, and Public Works Director Beste confirmed that is the case.

Councilmember Goodrich requested that staff provide statistics regarding any difference in the amount of debris collected for the two weeks that enforcement is suspended for future reference. He asked about the impact on parking enforcement staff.

Lieutenant Underwood responded that parking enforcement staff has plenty to do during the holiday season and will not be impacted by the suspension.

Councilmember Rizzo asked if other nearby cities were suspending enforcement of these parking restrictions.

Lieutenant Underwood reported that staff did not survey other cities and Councilmember Griffiths noted that Redondo Beach has decided to do so.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Weideman voting no.

13. **HEARINGS**

13A. **PRE15-00007, WAV15-00005: 406 CAMINO DE ENCANTO – PEHA & ASSOCIATES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Community Development Director that City Council deny the appeal and adopt Resolutions approving Precise Plan of Development and Waiver on property located at 406 Camino de Encanto.

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

With the aid of slides, Planning Manager Lodan briefly reviewed the proposed project, which consists of first and second-story additions to an existing one-story single-family residence, and shared photographs taken from various vantage points in the neighborhood. He reported that the Planning Commission considered the project on September 16, 2015 and voted unanimously to approve it.

Mayor Furey disclosed that he met with proponents of the project, but did not discuss the appeal and that he walked the property and the photographs provided by staff were representative of what he saw.

Councilmember Rizzo disclosed that he met with the property owners and walked the area. Councilmember Ashcraft disclosed that she met with the property owners and visited 412, 418 and 422 Calle Miramar to view the impact, but had no discussions with their owners. Councilmember Barnett disclosed that he met with the property owners and walked around the area. Councilmember Weideman disclosed that he met with the property owners and walked the area on both sides of Palos Verdes Boulevard. Councilmember Goodrich disclosed that he met with the property owners, visited the immediate area and viewed the subject property and the premises of the appellant. Councilmember Griffiths disclosed that he met with the property owners, drove by the front/west side of the subject property, and walked the east side of Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Andrea Coene, appellant, owner of 422 Calle Miramar, voiced objections to the project, noting that the proposed second story is larger than the original house. She reported that she has repeatedly told the applicants they need to lower the lot, but was given various excuses, including it's too expensive, it could undermine the next door neighbor's property, and the sandy soil would cause the house to sink. She contended that the applicants were trying to gain an ocean view they did not pay for at the expense of other neighbors who paid a premium for their views.

Judy Brunetti, Riviera Homeowners Association, expressed concerns that the large balcony over the garage and wrap-around walkway, which totals 517 square feet, has the potential of greatly impacting neighbors because it's large enough for parties and outdoor furniture could create more view blockage. She maintained that other property owners on Camino de Encanto will seek to do the same thing if this project is approved thereby ruining the views and property values of many residents of Village Palos Verdes.

Carma Hardin, 443 Camino de las Colinas, asserted that the City's notification process was flawed because it included properties not affected by the project and omitted properties that are. She explained that the view impact at Village Palos Verdes, which is not apparent at street level, becomes more pronounced when looking in a southwesterly direction from the upper levels of condominium units and the project's silhouette is clearly visible from this vantage point. She expressed concerns that the Council would be setting a precedent by approving this project and called for the Council to protect the interests of Village Palos Verdes homeowners by enforcing the Hillside Ordinance.

Community Development Director Gibson explained that properties within a 500-foot radius receive notification of a project and this was expanded from the legally required 300-foot radius at the direction of the Council a few years ago.

Councilmember Ashcraft wanted to clarify that she went inside the units at 412, 418 and 422 Calle Miramar and was shown around by the property owners.

Craig Reidt, 410 Camino de Encanto, stated that he lives immediately south of the project and supports it 100%.

Tony Lagnese, 418 Calle Miramar, stated that the proposed project would block approximately 50% of the view from his home, although the view is currently blocked by a tree and expressed concerns that approving this project may encourage others seeking to build an addition to plant fast-growing, view-blocking trees. He noted that he is currently building an addition at 233 Via Los Miradores and chose a semi-subterranean design in order to avoid impacting neighbors' views and preserve the character of the neighborhood.

Burton Erickson, 218 Paseo de Suenos, voiced support for the project, relating his belief that it is attractive and reasonable.

Michael Bahe, 456 Palos Verdes Boulevard, expressed concerns about overgrown vegetation on the west side of Palos Verdes Boulevard that obstructs original views at Village Palos Verdes. He reported that he has worked with some residents on Camino de Encanto in an effort to have overgrown trees trimmed and in some cases has paid for the trimming.

Mike Lytle, 424 Camino de Encanto, reported that he recently trimmed trees along the rear of his property, which were planted by the previous owner, to restore ocean views at Village Palos Verdes. He voiced his opinion that anyone seeking to remodel in this area should be required to maintain the height of the existing residence so that the view, light, air and privacy of neighbors are not impacted. He expressed concerns that a proposed project at 423 Camino de Encanto would block a major portion of the view from his second floor, which was built before he purchased the property.

Jill Tomkiewicz, 412 Calle Miramar, stated that the proposed second story would block the view from her condominium and suggested that this blockage can be corrected by simply grading the lot down.

Brian Moreno, legal counsel for Village Palos Verdes Homeowners Association, expressed concerns that approving the proposed project would lead other property owners on Camino de Encanto to seek approval of a second story thereby blocking views at Village Palos Verdes. He noted that TMC Section 91.41.10 requires that a project not have a detrimental impact on the surrounding community.

Larry Peha, project architect, disputed that idea that approving this project would set a precedent because each project in the Hillside area is considered on a case-by-case basis. He noted that no photographs have been submitted that show any view blockage.

Councilmember Weideman asked if consideration was given to grading the lot down to expand the house instead of adding a second story.

Mr. Peha explained that the project utilizes a good portion of the existing building footprint, slab foundation and plate heights, which would not be possible if the lot is graded down. He emphasized that the project was designed to preserve the view corridor for Village Palos Verdes condominiums.

Councilmember Griffiths questioned whether there is an ocean view from the existing house and if there would be an ocean view from the proposed second story.

Jerry McBride, owner of the subject property, reported that there is no ocean view at this time and while there would be an ocean view from the new second story, that is not the project's primary purpose. He suggested that the need to go semi-subterranean has been mitigated by the project's low profile and expressed concerns that grading his lot down could undermine his neighbor's foundation. He noted that both Planning staff and the Planning Commission determined that the view impact from this project was not significant. He pointed out that the project enjoys the support of 11 of his neighbors, including those on either side. He stated that he was willing to trim the tree in his backyard, however it provides privacy for his property since balconies at Village Palos Verdes overlook his backyard. He contended that the well-designed project would only increase property values in the neighborhood.

In response to Councilmember Rizzo's inquiry, Planning Manager Lodan reported that the project originally had an FAR of 0.55 and was subsequently reduced to 0.52 by eliminating volume space over the staircase.

Councilmember Rizzo asked if there was any way to further reduce the FAR so it is closer to 0.50, the threshold over which projects in the Hillside area require an additional level of review.

Mr. Peha responded that he could probably find a way to do so, but it would not change the bulk or mass of the house.

Councilmember Griffiths asked about the ramifications should the Council decide to require the project to be graded down to mitigate view impact.

Community Development Director Gibson advised that the project would have to be completely redesigned and resubmitted.

Councilmember Griffiths expressed concerns that the large tree in the backyard is obstructing the silhouette and this obstruction, which is temporary because the tree can be trimmed or removed, is making it difficult to determine the true impact of what would be a permanent obstruction.

Mr. McBride responded that the silhouette is visible from certain vantage points and the only thing it is obstructing is other rooftops and trees. He stated that ocean views at Village Palos Verdes are oriented to the south of his property and would not be impacted by the project as evidenced by the photograph submitted by the property owner at 422 Calle Miramar (staff report – page 11). He related his belief that the view impact would be minimal, emphasizing that the project is only 4 feet taller than the existing single-story house. He maintained that even if his tree was cut down, there would be trees beyond it blocking ocean views at Village Palos Verdes.

Pat Lagnese, 418 Calle Miramar, referring to a photograph taken from his residence, asserted that the rooftops beyond Mr. McBride's house are just below the horizon and the silhouette extends above it. He expressed concerns that others who wish to build view-blocking second stories may plant trees to obscure the silhouette if this project is approved.

Mayor Furey noted that the tree in question has been there for some time.

Glenn Tomkiewicz, 412 Calle Miramar, stated that the proposed project would block ocean views from the first and second floor of his home, which he demonstrated by putting masking tape on his patio doors when Councilmember Ashcraft visited.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Weideman stated that he thought the project was a little too big and he did not like the balcony therefore he would be voting to uphold the appeal. He noted that the Council's decisions are not precedent setting because each project is considered on a case-by-case basis.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to uphold the appeal and deny the project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed as reflected in the following roll call vote:

YES: Councilmembers Griffiths, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey
NOES: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett and Goodrich

Resolutions reflecting the Council's action to be brought back for approval at the next Council meeting.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Referring to his earlier comments, Councilmember Weideman noted that the Council cannot engage in a dialogue with speakers during Oral Communications since only matters on the agenda may be discussed therefore he found Mr. Tarr's question objectionable and felt compelled to make a comment.

17B. Councilmember Ashcraft noted that Margie Werner, Staff Assistant to the City Council, is retiring and will be greatly missed.

17C. Councilmember Barnett echoed comments on Ms. Werner's retirement.

17D. Councilmember Goodrich reported that he's been approached by several businesses at Torrance Airport who have expressed an interest in holding private events in hangars, including fundraisers for non-profit organizations, corporate parties, birthday parties and weddings, however current regulations prohibit such uses unless the Council gives special permission. With the concurrence of Council, he requested that staff return with an agenda item to review the current policy and give consideration to amending it to allow for such uses, with the item to include a procedure for allowing administrative approval of an event, associated permit fees, and address security services inclusive of alcohol use.

17E. Councilmember Goodrich reported that he and Mayor Furey recently met with representatives of CicLAvia, the Chamber of Commerce and the South Bay Bicycle Coalition and learned about the potential for a public street fair, with Metro as a possible funding source. With the concurrence of Council, he directed staff to explore the feasibility of such an event along with funding options.

17F. Councilmember Griffiths reminded staff of an earlier request for information regarding the fee structure for street sweeping parking violations.

17G. Councilmember Griffiths questioned how the Council's decision not to enforce street sweeping parking restrictions for a two-week period (Item 12D) would be publicized; and City Manager Jackson reported that staff will issue a press release.

17H. Councilmember Griffiths noted that Ms. Werner has been a tremendous asset to the Council for many years and will be greatly missed.

17I. Councilmember Rizzo echoed comments on Ms. Werner and wished her well in her retirement.

17J. Mayor Furey reported that Ms. Werner was tremendously helpful to him both as mayor and former councilmember and he had the honor of having lunch with her earlier today along with two former mayors under whom she served.

17K. Mayor Furey commended Fire Chief Racowski and the Fire Department for their efforts in fighting three major fires within a week and minimizing the damage to surrounding structures.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier, see page 1.

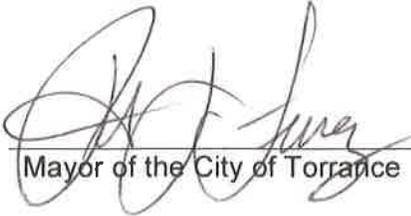
19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:22 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:



Rebecca Poirier
City Clerk of the City of Torrance



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on January 5, 2016