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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

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At 7:50 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Cultural Arts Commission in the West Annex Commission Room, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

February 8, 2011

**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 5:34 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Numark.

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, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6.

The City Council reconvened at 7:03 p.m. No action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Youth Council member Peter Vo.

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, February 3, 2011.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland 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 Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS - None.**

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Scotto relayed Councilmember Numark's request for an excused absence from the meeting; hearing no objection, he so ordered.

Mayor Scotto announced that the 2010-2011 Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee will meet Monday, February 14, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Assembly Room.

Councilmember Brewer announced that a joint meeting with the Cultural Arts Commission and the City Council will be held on Tuesday, February 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the Los Angeles County Registrar has mailed sample ballots for the February 15 Special Election for the 28<sup>th</sup> District Senate seat and today was the last day to request vote-by-mail ballots. She noted that polling place information can be found at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) or on the back cover of the sample ballot and that polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-19 RE DANA LUKAS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-19**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING DANA LUKAS UPON HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-19. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-20 RE EDWARD WEBB**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-20**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER EDWARD WEBB UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-20. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6C. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-21 RE ABE CATABAY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING ABE CATABAY UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-21. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6D. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FOR IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBIA PARK**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept a donation of irrigation parts and materials from the American Youth Soccer Organization Region 16 and the United States American Ladies Soccer Organization valued at approximately \$20,600 for improvements to the sports field irrigation system at Columbia Park.

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

Jose Serrano, AYSO Regional Coordinator, and Linda Finn Valentine, USALSO representative, reported that their organizations have joined together to buy the parts and materials necessary to improve the irrigation system for sports fields at Columbia Park, with the installation to be completed by City staff.

Mayor Scotto expressed appreciation for this generous donation.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**7A.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, reported that retired turkey farmers Mel and Betty Vaccaro will recount their experiences operating the Mira Loma Turkey Ranch on the site that is now West High and Victor Elementary School, on Sunday, February 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the Historical Museum, 1345 Post Avenue.

**7B.** Janet Payne, Torrance, encouraged the public to attend the Torrance Theatre Company's presentation of *Over the River and through the Woods* on weekends during the month of February at 1316 Cabrillo Avenue.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of December 7, December 14, and December 21, 2010.

**8B. APPROVAL OF GRANT/TORRANCE SISTER CITY 2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a grant in the amount of \$1,500 to the Torrance Sister City Association for 2011; and
- 2) Accept and file the Torrance Sister City Association 2010 Annual Report.

**8C. TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION TO TORBOTS ROBOTICS TEAM**

Considered separately, see below.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

Consent Calendar Item 8C was considered separately at this time.

**8C. TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION TO TORBOTS ROBOTICS TEAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Torrance Youth Council and Community Services Director that City Council appropriate \$2,000 from the Youth Council Donation Account for a grant to the TorBots Robotics Team.

Jacqueline Bornino, TorBots Robotics Team, expressed appreciation for the Youth Council's donation.

Councilmember Sutherland commended both the TorBots Robotics Team and the Youth Council for their efforts.

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

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Centennial Committee that City Council accept and file the Centennial Committee quarterly report covering the period of October through December 2010.

Laurie Love, chair of the Centennial Committee, and Dee Hardison, Committee member, reported on the Committee's progress per written material of record.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**12B. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL LIST OF CENTENNIAL EVENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Centennial Committee that City Council approve the partial list of Centennial events.

Laurie Love, chair of the Centennial Committee, reported that 30 applications have been submitted for Centennial events and it is the Committee's hope that there will be a wide variety of events so that everyone can participate in the celebration. She noted that the kick-off event will be a light show on November 6, 2011 and the final event will be a Harvest Festival on October 27, 2012.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sutherland moved to approve the list of events. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**12C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATIONS TO TORRANCE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Centennial Committee that City Council:

- 1) Accept a \$25,000 donation from Providence Health Services;
- 2) Accept a \$5,000 donation from Torrance Health Association;
- 3) Accept a \$25,000 donation from ExxonMobil; and
- 4) Appropriate \$55,000 total donation to the Torrance Centennial Committee Budget (FEAP #739).

Mayor Scotto thanked the above businesses for donating to the Centennial Committee and encouraged other businesses to support this effort.

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

**12D. AUTHORIZATION TO EXAMINE SALES AND USE TAX RECORDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director and the City Attorney that City Council adopt a Resolution granting Robert E. Cendejas, Attorney, access to examine City of Torrance sales and use tax records of the California State Board of Equalization.

Audit Manager McDonough advised that the adoption of the proposed Resolution is necessary in order to allow the City's consultant access to the confidential sales and use tax records of the California Board of Equalization.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF SALES AND USE TAX RECORDS

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-22. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Sutherland thanked the volunteers who spent 4000 hours decorating Torrance's 2011 Rose Parade float.

**17B.** Councilmember Sutherland offered a reminder that February 14 is Valentine's Day.

**17C.** Councilmember Barnett encouraged the public to attend the Torrance Theatre Company's presentation of *Over the River and through the Woods* on weekends during the month of February at 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, with additional information at [www.torrancetheatrecompany.com](http://www.torrancetheatrecompany.com) or 424.243.6882.

**17D.** Councilmember Barnett congratulated the Youth Council on the Youth Forum held earlier in the day.

**17E.** Councilmember Brewer noted that he along with Councilmembers Barnett and Furey attended the change of command ceremony at Fort Irwin for outgoing General Abrams and incoming General Ferrell on February 7, in appreciation for the support shown to the City's annual Armed Forces Day Parade. He reported that they also met with Commanding General James Thurman, who has agreed to serve as Grand Marshal of this year's parade. He noted that Torrance's parade is one of only two events officially sanctioned by the Pentagon in the entire nation.

**17F.** Councilmember Brewer reported on his attendance at the Independent Cities Association meeting held in Santa Barbara the past weekend.

**17G.** Mayor Scotto announced that Shawn Parr has agreed to serve as the Celebrity Grand Marshal for this year's parade.

17H. Councilmember Rhilinger echoed congratulations to the Youth Council on the Youth Forum, stating that she was very impressed by the speakers.

17I. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the Torrance Fire Fighters Association will be holding their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner benefiting the Alisa Ann Ruch California Burn Foundation on Saturday, March 12, from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

17J. Mayor Scotto reported that at a meeting with the Torrance Rose Float Association last weekend, float designer Raul Rodriguez indicated that he would like input from the Centennial Committee on the design of the 2012 Rose Parade float.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Cultural Arts Commission in the West Annex Commission Room, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on March 22, 2011