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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – MAY 10, 2011

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At 8:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

May 10, 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 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 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.

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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 7:01 p.m. No action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Commission on Aging Chairwoman Kimmel-Dagostino.

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, May 5, 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.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Agenda Item 12A was withdrawn and deferred to the May 24 City Council meeting and a proclamation was added as item 6G.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brewer announced that the 52nd Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration, which pays tribute to the United States Army, will be held on May 20 through May 22, with exhibits on display at Del Amo Fashion Center, a free concert by 40th Infantry Division Band of the California Army National Guard on Friday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the James Armstrong Theatre, and the parade along Torrance Boulevard on Saturday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m.

City Clerk Herbers reminded voters that May 17 is the special election for the 36th Congressional District seat and polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information on this special election visit www.LAvote.net or for candidate information and upcoming candidate forums visit www.SmartVoter.org.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the watercolors of Torrance Artist Guild member Bobbie Davison on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of May.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-47 RE POLICE DETECTIVE DENNIS BRADY

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE DETECTIVE **DENNIS BRADY**
AS THE RECIPIENT OF A SUSTAINED SUPERIORITY AWARD

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-47. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-48 RE POLICE OFFICER PHILLIP SALAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER **PHILLIP SALAS**
AS THE RECIPIENT OF A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-48. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-49 RE POLICE OFFICER JAMES WALKER

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER **JAMES WALKER**
AS THE RECIPIENT OF A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-49.
The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6D. PROCLAMATION RE “BIKE COMMUTE WEEK”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of May 16 through May 20 as **Bike Commute Week** in the City of Torrance to Planning Associate Jill Crump, Rideshare Coordinator Kim Fuentes, and Transit Administration Manager Jim Mills.

Ms. Crump encouraged residents to participate in Bike Commute Week by riding their bicycles to work on Thursday, May 19, 2011, noting that the City will be offering a light breakfast in front of City Hall between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., with a T-shirt giveaway to the first 50 people.

6E. PROCLAMATION RE “OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of May 2011 as **Older Americans Month** in the City of Torrance to Commission on Aging Chairwoman Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino.

6F. RECOGNITION OF 2011 OLDER AMERICANS AWARD RECIPIENT

Mayor Scotto presented a plaque to Dee Hardison as recipient of the 2011 Older Americans Award and highlighted her long history of community service.

6G. PROCLAMATION RE “FIRE SERVICE DAY”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, May 14, as **Fire Service Day** in the City of Torrance to Fire Prevention Specialist/ Public Education Officer Laura Bednar.

Officer Bednar invited residents to visit their local fire stations on May 14, noting that there will be station tours and apparatus displays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Richard Whitehorse, Arts Council of Torrance, announced that the Arts Council will be presenting student art awards on June 4, 10:30 a.m., at the Doubletree Hotel.

7B. Scott Trimmingham, resident, voiced objections to the proposed Walmart store on Hawthorne Boulevard, contending that it would weaken the local economy.

7C. Antonie Churg, resident, also expressed opposition to the proposed Walmart store and suggested that the City should encourage alternative energy and high tech firms to locate in Torrance.

7D. Martha Madison, resident, submitted a petition in opposition to the proposed Walmart store.

7E. Avery Marshall, resident, thanked the Council for maintaining Sunday service hours at the Katy Geissert Library.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of March 22, and March 29, 2011.

8B. TRAFFIC COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Considered separately, see below.

8C. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE INSTALLATION/ MAINTENANCE OF TRANSIT STREET FURNITURE AND TRASH RECEPTACLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a contract amendment with Graffiti Protective Coating, Incorporated (C2008-126) for a one-year extension for the installation and maintenance of Transit street furniture and trash receptacles, at a cost not to exceed \$76,332 annually; and
- 2) Approve payment of \$37,264 for additional work provided in the agreement.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

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

8B. TRAFFIC COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Traffic Commission and the Community Development Director that City Council approve the Traffic Commission Work Plan and its prioritization as recommended by the Commission at the May 2, 2011 meeting.

At the request of Charles Deemer, resident, Transportation Planning Manager Semaan provided clarification regarding the scope of the Sepulveda Corridor Traffic Analysis, one of the Traffic Commission Work Plan goals.

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

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING VAR11-00001, WAV11-00002: 1108 SARTORI AVENUE – CHRIST OUR SAVIOR ANGLICAN CHURCH

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt Resolutions reflecting City Council decision at the April 26, 2011 meeting to approve a Variance to allow a church use with less than the required lot size, in conjunction with a Waiver of required setbacks on property located in the C1 Zone at 1108 Sartori Avenue. **VAR11-00001, WAV11-00002: Christ Our Savior Anglican Church (Sartori Capellino LLC)**

Community Development Director Gibson reported that the Resolutions reflect the City Council's action on April 26, 2011.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW A CHURCH USE WITH LESS THAN THE REQUIRED LOT SIZE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE C1 ZONE AT 1108 SARTORI
VAR11-00001, CHRIST OUR SAVIOR ANGLICAN CHURCH (SARTORI CAPELLINO LLC)

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-50. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DENYING AN ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL AND APPROVING A WAIVER AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW A CHURCH USE WITH LESS THAN THE REQUIRED FRONT AND SIDE SETBACKS ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE C1 ZONE AT 1108 SARTORI AVENUE
WAV11-00002: CHRIST OUR SAVIOR ANGLICAN CHURCH (SARTORI CAPELLINO LLC)

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-51. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. DEVELOPMENT OF MIXED-USE WORKFORCE HOUSING AT 1640 CABRILLO AVENUE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council authorize and approve the City of Torrance to enter into an exclusive negotiation period with Meta Housing Group for the development of mixed-use workforce housing at 1640 Cabrillo Avenue in accordance with the 5-Year Implementation Plan for the Downtown Redevelopment Project area.

Item 12A was withdrawn and deferred to the May 24 City Council meeting.

12B. CITY COUNCIL DARK NIGHT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council declares June 14, 2011 as a City Council Dark Night.

Management Associate Barthe-Jones reported that staff was recommending that June 14, 2011 be a City Council dark night so that the Mayor and Councilmembers can travel to Kansas City to represent Torrance in the annual All American City competition.

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

12C. RESOLUTION RE TORRANCE POLICE COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by the Torrance Police Commanders Association (TPCA) for the period of May 10, 2011 to December 31, 2013, and repealing Resolution 2009-25.

Assistant City Manager Giordano reported that the proposed Resolution extends the contract for the Torrance Police Commanders Association until December 31, 2013 and it provides that new employees hired after January 1, 2012 will contribute the 9% employee portion to the PERS retirement system and includes no pay raises or premium adjustments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
SETTING FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE COMMANDERS
ASSOCIATION (TPCA) AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-25

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-52. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

12D. RESOLUTIONS RE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by the Torrance Police Officers Association (TPOA) for the period of May 10, 2011 to December 31, 2013, and repealing Resolution 2009-17; and
- 2) Adopt a California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) Resolution to reduce Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC) for employees represented by TPOA.

Assistant City Manager Giordano reported that the proposed Resolution extends the contract for the Torrance Police Officers Association until December 31, 2013 and provides that new employees hired after January 1, 2012 will contribute the 9% employee portion to the PERS retirement system and includes no pay raises or premium adjustments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (TPOA), AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-17

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-53. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPLEMENTING GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 20636(C)(4) PURSUANT TO SECTION 20691 RELATING TO EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) FOR TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (TPOA)

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-54. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

12E. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE INSTALLATION OF NEW BUS FAREBOXES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a contract amendment with Cubic Transportation Systems, Incorporated for the installation of new fareboxes on Transit buses, at a cost not to exceed \$1,208,777.

Transit Administration Manager Mills advised that the new fareboxes will eventually allow users to pay for fares throughout the region using a single debit card, noting that funding for this project is available through federal grants.

In response to an inquiry from Charles Deemer, resident, Transit Administration Manager Mills reported that the new fareboxes will recognize the denomination of all US coins and bills and are expected to last approximately 12 years.

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

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Barnett announced that the Torrance Sister City Association will be holding a series of “Help Us Help Japan” fundraising events in conjunction with local restaurants and the next one is scheduled for May 11 at Sammy’s Wood-fired Pizza, with flyers and additional information available at www.TorranceSisterCity.org.

17B. Councilmember Barnett reported that he along with Councilmember Furey attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Toyota of Torrance at which it was announced that this would be first LEED certified dealership.

17C. Councilmember Barnett congratulated TUSD on the groundbreaking for improvements at Fern Elementary School.

17D. Councilmember Brewer announced that tickets for the free concert by the 50th Infantry Division Band of the California Army National Guard, on Friday, May 20, will be available starting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, at the Armstrong Theatre box office and encouraged people who are interested in attending to get there early.

17E. Councilmember Brewer congratulated Assistant City Manager Giordano and staff for securing a grant from the MTA for the new Transit Center.

17F. Mayor Scotto noted that Armed Forces Day Parade Celebrity Grand Marshall Shawn Parr will be attending the concert on Friday and the luncheon on Saturday.

17G. Police Chief Neu reported that the Grand Marshall of the parade will be Army General Robert W. Cone.

17H. Councilmember Furey announced that the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held at South High on Saturday, May 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m., noting that 664 participants have signed up and \$90,000 has been pledged.

17I. Councilmember Numark announced that a “Seniors, Don’t Be Scammed” seminar focusing on identity theft will be presented on Tuesday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m. at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

17J. Councilmember Rhilinger reported on her attendance at the presentation of the Youth Council's "Beat the Odds" scholarships, noting that six scholarships were presented to high school seniors who have overcome huge obstacles.

17K. Mayor Scotto encouraged residents to attend the State of the City luncheon hosted by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel.

17L. Mayor Scotto announced that a fundraiser for victims of the Japan earthquake/tsunami will be held on June 12 at the Armstrong Theatre at 6:00 p.m., with additional information available at 310.782.6926.

17M. Mayor Scotto echoed congratulations to Assistant City Manager Giordano and staff for obtaining an \$18 million grant for the new Transit Center.

17N. Mayor Scotto noted that he attended the opening of a new hydrogen filling station on 190th Street, which is the only one in the world supplied by an active hydrogen pipeline.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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 June 28, 2011