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At 11:16 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting 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 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 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, and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6 and 54956.9(a).

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

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Centennial Committee member Dr. Laurie Love.

Councilmember Rhilinger gave the non-sectarian invocation.

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, October 21, 2010.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark 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 Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

City Manager Jackson stated there were no withdrawn items and noted that supplemental material was available in the back of Council Chambers for items 8E, 10B, 12C, 13A, and 19A.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Herbers provided information about in-person early voting and Vote-by-Mail ballots for the upcoming November 2 statewide election. She invited the public to check the City Clerk webpage for information links, including the Los Angeles Registrar Recorder for ballot information at www.LAVote.net and voter education information at www.smartvoter.org.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the last Commissioner Certification training of the year will be held on Wednesday, October 27. She noted that reservations are required, but the link on the City's website is no longer active and anyone who wishes to attend should call the City Manager's office no later than 10:00 a.m. tomorrow to see if space is available.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Senator Jenny Oropeza who passed away on October 20 at the age of 53.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE "RED RIBBON WEEK"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 23 through October 31 as **Red Ribbon Week** in the City of Torrance to Torrance Council of PTAs Director of Health Amy Paris and President Martha Deutsch. Ms. Paris encouraged everyone to display or wear red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week to demonstrate a strong commitment to leading a healthy life.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE "PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT MONTH"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of October as **PTA Membership Enrollment Month** in the City of Torrance to Torrance Council of PTAs President Martha Deutsch, Membership Chair Nicki Gerdes and Yasuyo Watanabe, Jill Baker and Janet Tajii of West High School PTSA. Ms. Gerdes encouraged residents to join their local PTA and presented membership cards to the Council.

Item 6E was considered out of order at this time.

6E. PROCLAMATION RE "TORRANCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION MONTH"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of November as **Torrance Education Foundation Month** in the City of Torrance to Mary Hoffman, who accepted with appreciation on behalf of the Torrance Education Foundation.

6C. RECOGNITION OF 187TH STREET NEIGHBORS

Mayor Scotto commended a group of 187th Street residents for assisting a neighbor with the maintenance of his home and presented certificates to Robin and Jim Tabar; Dan Hornback; Carol and Matt Massey; James Beley; Mike and Rose Ladre. Unable to attend were Daniel and Mike Massey.

6D. INTRODUCTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT WEB-BASED PUBLIC CRIME PIN MAP

Police Lieutenant Mark Athan and Systems Analyst Stephen Lavey gave a brief demonstration of the interactive crime pin map now available on the police department's website.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Faith Goldman, Torrance, noted that October is National Physical Therapy Month and encouraged people to become more active to combat obesity and diabetes.

7B. Bob Chiota, Sons of Italy, announced a fundraiser to be held at El Torito restaurant on Wednesday, November 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. with 25% of food sales to be donated with presentation of flyer available at www.sonsofitaly-torrance.com.

7C. Terry Ragins, Torrance Unified School District, reminded the public of the Save Our Schools campaign to help raise funds to offset major reductions in state funding, with additional information available at www.tef-sos.org.

7D. Mary Hoffman, Torrance Rose Float Association, announced a fundraiser to be held at El Paso Cantina on Wednesday, October 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., with 25% of food sales to be donated with the presentation of a flyer available in the west wing of City Hall and Torrance libraries.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. ANNUAL PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR CUSTODIAL PAPER GOODS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize an annual purchase order to Empire Cleaning Supply of Los Angeles, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$103,904.72 to furnish various custodial paper goods on an as needed basis, effective November 6, 2010 through November 5, 2011 (B2010-21).

8B. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 67341

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 67341; and
- 2) Vacate a fifteen-foot wide storm drain easement running north to south approximately 100 feet west of the easterly property line.

This Final Parcel Map creates three new lots for condominium purposes. The project consists of medical/office, professional office, and light industrial condominium buildings and will be developed in two phases. The project is subdivided by Rock-Lomita, LLC, and located at 2740 Lomita Boulevard, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Parcel Map.

8C. CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR NORTH TORRANCE LIBRARY EXPANSION

Considered separately, see page 5.

8D. TRANSFER/ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve transfer and assignment of the elevator maintenance contract (C2008-206) as part of an asset purchase agreement between Reliable Elevators of Los Angeles and Schindler Elevator Corporation; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to sign the acquisition letter, the City Clerk to attest, and the City Attorney to approve to form.

8E. AGREEMENTS FOR VARIOUS HVAC REPLACEMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve consulting agreements totaling \$54,000 plus \$11,000 in additional engineering services with Bartef Yoosephiance & Associates for mechanical engineering services East Annex Chiller Replacement (FEAP #610), Cable Building AC Replacement (FEAP #180) and Energy Projects (FEAP #751).

8F. AGREEMENT RE CONSTRUCTION OF WELL NO. 9 WELLHEAD FACILITIES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve an amendment to the public works agreement with MG Enterprises, Inc. (C2009-208) to extend the term 6 months, through May 2, 2011, to complete the construction of Well No. 9 Wellhead Facilities in McMaster Park, I-105.

8G. APPROPRIATION/ALLOCATION OF 2009 RECOVERY ACT GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate the Recovery Act – Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity from the Southern Border of the U.S. grant in the amount of \$60,493; and
- 2) Allocate the grant award to fund the salary and benefits of a civilian services officer.

8H. AGREEMENTS RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve two fee agreements with the Law Office of Robert D. Acciani, to provide legal services in the cases of Jim McKinniss v. City of Torrance, et al., USDC Case No. CV05-08705CW and Andrew Nishimoto v. City of Torrance, et al., USDC Case No. CV09-08328 SVW (AJWx), in the total amount not to exceed \$70,000.

8I. AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with Jerold A. Goddard, Esq. to provide legal services in representing the City in defending Pitchess motions, in the total amount not to exceed \$25,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8I, with the exception of 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

8C. APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR NORTH TORRANCE BRANCH LIBRARY EXPANSION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and General Services Director that City Council approve the proposed conceptual design for expanding the North Torrance Branch Library.

Facility Services Manager Landis provided an overview of the conceptual design for the expansion of the North Torrance Branch Library, which will enclose an existing patio to create more usable space.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to approve the conceptual design. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. GRANT/LOAN AGREEMENT WITH PELICAN PRODUCTS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a grant/loan agreement with Pelican Products in the amount of \$120,000, and appropriate the funds from the Economic Development Reserve, to provide economic assistance to retain and expand the business within the city of Torrance.

Management Associate Fulton reviewed the proposal to provide economic assistance to Pelican Products in the form of a \$120,000 grant/loan to be paid back by increased revenues from the company's utility users tax and the per-head employee tax over a period of five years.

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

10B. APPEAL OF DENIAL OF ELECTRONIC READERBOARD GROUND SIGN AT 24255 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Environmental Quality Commission and the Community Development Director that City Council deny the appeal for an electronic readerboard ground sign for WALTERIA Plaza at 24255 Hawthorne Boulevard.
SNP10-00003: Michael Pickett

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna reported that the Environmental Quality Commission denied the proposed electronic readerboard ground sign for a new retail/office/residential development at 24255 Hawthorne Boulevard because it did not meet the guidelines for readerboard signs and commissioners felt that this type of sign was out of character with the urban village concept.

Each Councilmember and Mayor Scotto disclosed that they had met with the applicant Michael Pickett and reviewed his proposal.

Councilmember Barnett expressed concerns that at the same Environmental Quality Commission meeting the proposed sign was denied, another readerboard sign, which was installed without a permit, was approved thereby giving the impression that it's easier to ask for forgiveness rather than permission.

Michael Pickett, applicant, stated that the proposed electronic readerboard sign is vital to his insurance business because it would allow him to advertise ever changing interest rates for the products he offers, such as certificates of deposit and annuities. Using slides to illustrate, he contended that the proposed sign was more attractive and low-key than other readerboard signs that have been approved in Torrance and related his belief that the proposed sign was preferable to the typical cluttered ground sign used at most shopping centers. He expressed his willingness to comply with the conditions recommended by staff if the sign is approved.

In response to Councilmember Barnett's inquiry, Mr. Pickett reported that no residential neighbors have objected to the sign and several businesses on Hawthorne Boulevard have submitted letters of support.

Mary Lou Schatan, owner of a business at 24405 Hawthorne Boulevard, stated that she supports the proposed sign and believes the new development will be an attractive addition to the area.

Councilmember Rhilinger voiced support for the proposed sign, stating that she thought both the development and the sign were well designed and understood how advertising changing interest rates was important to Mr. Pickett's business. She echoed concerns about the readerboard sign that was approved after the fact and stressed the need for consistency when considering applications for readerboard signs.

Mayor Scotto wanted to dispel the idea that it's easier to ask for forgiveness rather than permission, noting that there have been cases where the Council has required the removal of un-permitted construction.

Councilmember Furey voiced support for the readerboard sign, citing the fact that so many people who are directly affected support the sign and relating his belief that the design blends well with the architecture of the building.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to approve the appeal and grant the request for an electronic readerboard ground sign, adding the conditions recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Centennial Committee that City Council accept and file the third quarterly report for the Centennial Committee covering the period of July 2010 through September 2010.

Laurie Love, chair of the Centennial Committee, briefly reported on the committee's progress in planning for Torrance's centennial celebration per written material of record. She reported that Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital and Torrance Memorial Hospital have already agreed to sponsor the event and additional corporate sponsors are being sought. Centennial Committee shirts were presented to the Council.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Scotto ordered that the report be accepted and filed.

12B. APPOINTMENT TO SOUTH BAY BICYCLE MASTER PLAN BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that the Mayor appoint a council member to the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee of the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan.

With the concurrence of Council, Mayor Scotto appointed Councilmember Numark to the committee.

12C. FORMATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE HELICOPTER LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve the formation of a subcommittee to re-open and examine the current helicopter letter of agreement between helicopter operators at Torrance Airport and FAA Control Tower.

Facilities Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that at the Airport Commission's request, staff has conducted a series of helicopter roundtable meetings to discuss concerns about helicopter operations; that the Commission was now recommending that a subcommittee be formed to examine the current helicopter letter of agreement to see if any changes are warranted; and that the subcommittee will present their findings to the Airport Commission and the City Council by December 2010.

Councilmember Sutherland stated that he has heard many positive remarks about the roundtable meetings and commended staff for their efforts.

Pete Elmore, Torrance, offered to serve on the subcommittee, noting that he has 40 years of experience in the aviation business dealing with these types of issues.

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

The City Council took a brief recess from 8:58 p.m. to 9:18 p.m.

12D. FUNDING FOR RESTORING SUNDAY LIBRARY SERVICE HOURS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve replacement funding of \$48,000 for Sunday library hours.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that since budget modifications were approved on October 12, 2010, the Police Department received a Recovery Act Grant to provide funding for a Police Services Officer for the remainder of the 2010-11 fiscal year and staff was recommending that \$48,000 allocated for this position be used to provide one-time funding to restore Sunday library hours in accordance with the Council's direction.

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

12E. ETHICS AND INTEGRITY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council review the Ethics and Integrity Committee meeting schedule and determine if the Committee should defer regularly scheduled business meetings until the Committee is repopulated on February 1, 2011.

Keith Montoya, chair of the Ethics and Integrity Committee, reported on the committee's progress and offered to provide a summary of action taken to this point so the committee can pick up where it left off when new members are appointed in February.

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

13. HEARINGS

13A. ORDINANCE EXTENDING MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF PERMITS/ LICENSES FOR NEW MASSAGE AND ACUPUNCTURE ESTABLISHMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt an Ordinance extending a moratorium on the issuance of any permits or licenses for new massage and acupuncture establishments and 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 Associate Kevin Joe reported that staff was recommending that the moratorium on the issuance of permits or licenses for new massage and acupuncture establishments enacted on September 14, 2010 be extended to September 14, 2011 pursuant to California Government Code §65858 to allow time for staff to prepare a zoning ordinance in order to better regulate massage establishments and to help stem their proliferation.

City Attorney Fellows advised that his staff has identified a number of scenarios that the Council might wish to consider granting exemptions from the moratorium: 1) Applications for massage/acupuncture establishments that were pending at the time the moratorium was enacted; 2) Applications for businesses where massage is incidental to the primary business; 3) Businesses for which land use entitlements have been approved, but business license applications have not been submitted; 4) Cases where business owners have made substantial improvements to their facilities in anticipation of business license approval; 5) Relocation of existing massage businesses; and 6) Sale or transfer of existing massage businesses. He noted that Supplemental #2 lists nine massage/acupuncture businesses that fall into the above categories and should the Council decide to grant exemptions, staff will return with an ordinance to implement them.

Responding to questions from the Council, City Attorney Fellows reported that there may be other businesses affected by the moratorium in addition to the nine listed in Supplemental #2.

Sung W. Kim, owner of Riviera Health Spa, 3601 Lomita Boulevard, requested that the Council grant an exemption for her business. She explained that her application for a massage establishment license was scheduled to be approved at the License Review Board meeting on 9/7/2010 but she failed to receive notification of the hearing because construction interfered with mail delivery. She noted that massage is incidental to the business and that the spa is currently operating, but does not offer any massages.

Sequita Howard, owner of Body Oasis Day Spa, 23829 Hawthorne Boulevard, reported that she was in business for nine years in Redondo Beach and Lomita before she recently relocated to Torrance after receiving assurance from the City's Business License Division that the facility met requirements for allowing massages; that the moratorium was enacted while her application for a Massage Establishment License was going through the approval process; and that not being able to offer massages would severely limit her ability to operate a successful business.

Rachel Tobin, Torrance, urged the Council to grant Body Oasis Day Spa an exemption, noting that she has been a customer of the spa since it first opened in Redondo Beach. She stated that she appreciates the Council's efforts to keep illegitimate massage operations out of Torrance, however, Body Oasis Day Spa is not one of them.

Ellen Gauba, massage technician/aesthetician for Body Oasis Day Spa, reported that she has worked for Sequita Howard for seven years and not being able to perform massages at the new facility has resulted in financial hardship.

Michael Duff, attorney representing Shanya Massage, 1730 Sepulveda Boulevard, requested that the Council grant an exemption for his client, noting that his client has invested \$50,000 in improvements to the facility and signed a long-term lease. He explained that his client was scheduled to appear before the License Review Board on September 7, 2010 for final approval of a Massage Establishment License but arrived nine minutes late due to a misunderstanding concerning the location of the meeting.

Randy Garcia urged the Council to grant an exemption for Shanya Massage, voicing his opinion that it was unfair to deny a legitimate business the opportunity to operate after so much money has been spent on renovations and the lease.

Tony Dong, representing Elegant Massage Inc., 3881 Pacific Coast Highway, requested that an exemption be granted for this business. He reported that the business owners, Mr. and Mrs. Huang, spent their life savings on improvements to the facility and entered into a 5-year lease, but the moratorium was enacted while their business license application was pending.

Bonnie Gilles, representing Total Woman Gym and Day Spa, Westlake Village, explained that the company received approval in July 2010 to build a 10,000 square-foot gym and day spa in the Torrance Towne Center and there was no mention that a moratorium on massage establishments was being considered at that time. She requested that an exemption from the moratorium be granted, noting that over 700 memberships have been pre-sold.

Jack Liu, Rolling Hills Estates, voiced objections to the extension of the moratorium. He explained that his friend, who is a single mother, has suffered great financial losses due to the initial 45-day moratorium because she invested her life savings in a massage business at 24474 Hawthorne Boulevard, which had not made it through the approval process at the time the moratorium was enacted. He noted that his friend currently is working somewhere else seven days a week and still not earning enough to pay the expenses for the vacant business.

Jennifer Kim, owner of Calle Mayor Acupuncture, 4441 Calle Mayor, stated that she has operated a legitimate acupuncture business at this location for 15 years and supports the extension of the moratorium, however, she would like to be able to sell her business if she decides to retire.

Li Yu Jing, Torrance, urged the Council to allow an exemption for Elegant Massage Inc., 3881 Pacific Coast Highway, explaining that Mr. and Mrs. Huang signed a five-year lease for the property back in April and spent their life savings on improvements before there was any mention of a moratorium. She offered her assurance that they intend to run a legitimate business.

City Attorney Fellows commented that the City's approval process for massage/acupuncture businesses focuses to a large extent on the nature of the facilities and requires prospective operators to enter into leases and make expensive improvements prior to applying for a business license.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmembers expressed support for extending the moratorium and a brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of granting exemptions under certain circumstances.

Councilmember Brewer favored allowing the transfer, sale or relocation of existing massage/acupuncture businesses that have been operating without violations, but felt that any relocation should have to comply with spacing requirements, i.e. not within a certain distance of schools, to be included in the new zoning ordinance.

Councilmember Numark proposed that exemptions be granted for the following categories: 1) People who submitted applications for massage or acupuncture establishment business licenses prior to the moratorium, and 2) People who obtained land use entitlements/building permits for massage-related businesses prior to the moratorium. He also proposed that the transfer, sale or relocation of existing businesses be subject to the approval of the License Review Board.

Councilmember Rhilinger suggested that an exemption also be granted for businesses where massage is an ancillary activity - the Body Oasis Day Spa, the Riviera Health Spa, and the Total Woman Gym & Day Spa, but it was pointed out that these businesses were already covered under the two categories proposed by Councilmember Numark.

Councilmember Furey expressed concerns that there may be people who have entered into long-term leases or purchased property with the intent of operating a business that includes massage without being aware of the moratorium and suggested that they be granted an exemption if they can validate this. He proposed including the caveat that the sale or transfer of an existing business may not be incidental to any enforcement action.

Mayor Scotto related his experience that it was unlikely for someone to purchase a property or enter into a long-term lease without first confirming with the city that the intended use was permissible at that location. With regard to the sale, transfer or relocation of a business, he proposed that a distinction be made between businesses that have been cited for minor facility-related violations and businesses that have been cited for lewd conduct or criminal activity.

Councilmember Numark suggested that the License Review Board be given the discretion to decide whether the transfer, sale or relocation of an existing business should be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

Councilmember Sutherland expressed concerns that someone seeking to operate an illicit business could purchase an existing legitimate business thereby defeating the purpose of the moratorium.

City Attorney Fellows explained that any new applicant would be subject to the existing business license application process, which includes fingerprinting and background checks. He recommended that the License Review Board make the final decision with regard to exemptions, with no appeal rights to the City Council, and the Council agreed with this recommendation.

Community Development Director Gibson advised that staff will be working on drafting an ordinance during the moratorium that will create zoning standards, land use entitlement procedures and location standards/spacing requirements for massage businesses, which will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and then forwarded to the City Council for approval.

City Attorney Fellows noted that staff will return with an ordinance on November 2, 2010 establishing the exemptions as discussed.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation to extend the moratorium to September 14, 2011. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3732

AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ITERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR MASSAGE AND ACUPUNCTURE ESTABLISHMENTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIN 65858 AND SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE X1 OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3732. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to approve an ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland stated that when the Council took positions on propositions on the November 2 statewide ballot, he had voted “no” on the motion to support Proposition 23, but he subsequently learned that information he had based his decision on was false or overly exaggerated and even though the vote was only advisory, he would like to change his vote to “yes.”

17B. Councilmember Barnett congratulated the Friends of Madrona Marsh on their fundraising event “Moonlight Magic” held the previous weekend.

17C. Councilmember Barnett encouraged the public to attend the annual Halloween Carnival at Wilson Park, on Sunday, October 31, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a costume parade at 6:30 p.m.

17D. Councilmember Brewer commended the Friends of Madrona Marsh for the Moonlight Magic event.

17E. Councilmember Furey echoed comments on the Moonlight Magic fundraiser.

17F. Councilmember Furey announced that the Torrance Police Department will be offering a class on identifying drug influence in teens on Wednesday, November 10, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Police Department, 3300 Civic Center Drive, with additional information available at 310.618.6391.

17G. Councilmember Numark echoed comments on the Moonlight Magic fundraiser and encouraged everyone to vote on Election Day November 2.

17H. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that Seth Shostak, the author of *Confessions of an Alien Hunter: A Scientist's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence*, will discuss the ongoing scientific search for extraterrestrial life on Saturday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Community Meeting Room.

17I. Mayor Scotto commended the Friends of the Madrona Marsh for the Moonlight Magic event.

17J. Mayor Scotto encouraged everyone to vote in the November 2 election.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:16 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting 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 December 7, 2010