

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 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.

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 – Potential Litigation, and 18C) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6, 54956.9(b)(3)(B) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:32 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Sutherland.

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, February 5, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer 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 Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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 **WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS** – None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West will be performing a free concert on Wednesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Armstrong Theatre, with additional information available by calling the box office at 310.781.7171.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the City Council Public Safety Committee would meet on Wednesday, February 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly room to discuss Los Angeles County regional interoperability.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former city employee Johanna Alving, who passed away on January 30, and former Transportation Director Art Horkay, who passed away on February 7.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK”**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of February 15 through February 21, 2009 as "**National Engineers Week**" in the City of Torrance to Ted Semaan, Transportation Planning/Engineering Permits & Records Manager, and Beth Overstreet, Engineering Manager.

6B. **PROCLAMATION RE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEADERSHIP TORRANCE PROGRAM**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation commending the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Torrance program for 25 years of dedicated service to Sue Moylan, TACC Executive Board, Vice-Chair of Leadership Torrance; Pat Sandt, President, Leadership Torrance Alumni Association; and Lynn Cardarelli, Vice President, Leadership Torrance Alumni Association.

6C. **PRESENTATION OF CHECK FROM WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Rob Katherman, Water Replenishment District Board of Directors Vice-President, presented a ceremonial check to Mayor Scotto for \$40,000 from the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to the City of Torrance for the implementation of high priority water conservation programs.

7. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

7A. Debbie Hays, Torrance Elementary PTA, announced that there would be snow at Torrance Elementary next week as part of a "Take Your Family to School Week" thanks to a grant from the National PTA, noting that the school was one of six schools chosen in California to receive the grant.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of December 9, December 16, and December 23, 2008.

8B. PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR XEROGRAPHIC AND SPECIALTY OFFICE PAPER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a purchasing agreement to Spicers Paper, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for xerographic paper as a cooperative purchase with the County of Los Angeles (County agreement #43814) for the term February 11, 2009 through February 10, 2010; and
- 2) Award a purchasing agreement to Liberty Paper of Los Angeles, CA in an amount not to exceed \$52,600 for specialty office paper (B2009-01) for the term February 11, 2009 through February 10, 2010.

8C. CHANGE ORDER RE TORRANCE BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate Water Enterprise Operations Funds in the amount of \$39,301.07 to the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation Project, T-43/44; and
- 2) Approve Change Order No. 2 to the public works agreement with Sully-Miller Contracting Co. (C2008-180) in the amount of \$39,301.07 for the lowering of an existing shallow-depth 12-inch water main encountered during construction of the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation, T-43/44.

8D. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE DANCE AND EXERCISE CLASSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve an amendment to the contract with Regina Klenjoski Dance Company (C2007-072) increasing the contract by \$63,833 for a new not to exceed amount of \$256,543 for youth and adult dance and exercise classes and bi-annual kids showcase performances.

8E. APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 1B GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director and the Community Development Director that City Council authorize staff to submit an application to the California Transportation Commission for Prop 1B grant funds from the State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) to leverage collected developer impact fees (DIF) for design and construction of Capital improvement projects. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$346,514.

8F. PURCHASE ORDER FOR AQUEOUS SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council accept the proposal submitted by Basic Chemical Solutions in Santa Fe Springs, CA and authorize the issuance of a purchase order with this firm to furnish and deliver aqueous sodium hypochlorite solution, in the amount not to exceed \$115,360.43 (sales tax included). This will be for a one year period effective February 10, 2009 through February 9, 2010.

8G. ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a partnership letter agreement with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to accept funding in the amount of \$40,000 for supplemental rebate incentives to implement certain region-wide high priority water conservation programs currently sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the City of Torrance.

8H. AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL LICENSING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council approve renewing agreement with PetData, Inc, for animal licensing services in the amount of \$36,500 (offset by revenue). The initial term of this agreement shall commence on March 1, 2009 and shall expire on February 28, 2010.

8I. AGREEMENT FOR COMPREHENSIVE WATER RATE/ CAPITAL FUNDING STUDY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants to provide a comprehensive water rate and capital funding study in the amount of \$84,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8I. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. FIRST QUARTER 2008-2009 BUDGET UPDATE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee that City Council:

- 1) Accept and file the First Quarter 2008-2009 Budget Update; and
- 2) Concur with staff's recommendation for 2007-2008 fiscal year end carryover allocation.

Finance Director Tsao provided a brief summary of the First Quarter 2008-2009 Budget Update per written material of record.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with staff recommendation to accept and file the first quarter budget update and approve the allocation of carryover in the amount of \$6,026,501 as follows: Program Contingencies \$519,919; Balancing Strategies \$2,280,263; Litigation, \$97,460; Proposition A exchange \$528,859; and Capital Projects \$2,600,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12B. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR FLUORIDATION TREATMENT FACILITIES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution and authorize entering into an agreement with the First 5 LA organization for acceptance of up to \$124,120 in reimbursement grant funding from this organization for the installation of fluoridation treatment facilities at local groundwater and groundwater desalter water sources. This will provide a consistent and uniform level of fluoride treatment throughout the municipal service area.
- 2) Appropriate \$124,120 from the Water Enterprise Fund balance for these fluoridation treatment facilities installations.

Sr. Administrative Analyst Schaich reported that the grant from First 5 will allow the City to fluoridate the local water supply, noting that water imported from the Metropolitan Water District is already flouridated.

Don Rose, Public Affairs Manager for First 5 LA, commended the City for taking action to improve the oral health of children.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE LOS
ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST PROPOSITION 10
COMMISSION (AKA FIRST 5 LA) ORGANIZATION FOR THE INSTALLATION
OF FLUORIDATION TREATMENT FACILITIES AT LOCAL WATER SUPPLY
SOURCES THAT SERVE THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM AND APPROVAL
OF THE AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH FIRST 5 LA

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-12. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12C. ETHICS AND INTEGRITY COMMITTEE BUDGET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council appropriate \$10,000 from the Program Contingency Reserve to establish a budget for the Ethics and Integrity Committee for the balance of fiscal year 2008-2009.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine advised that the proposed budget will cover the cost of the new Ethics and Integrity Committee until the next budget cycle.

Councilmember Furey stated that he was pleased that this Council has established a permanent Ethics and Integrity Committee, which he believes is an important element to ensure government transparency.

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

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:06 p.m. to 8:09 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Brewer announced a Fire Prevention Fraud Awareness seminar for local businesses sponsored by the Police and Fire Departments on Wednesday, February 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Toyota Meeting Hall.

17B. Councilmember Brewer invited Torrance businesses to apply for the City of Torrance's Second Annual Torrance Advantage Awards sponsored by the Torrance Office of Economic Development and the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. He noted that applications are due February 26 and the awards ceremony will be held on March 26, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel, with additional information available at www.tornet.com/TAA.htm or 310.618.5807.

17C. Councilmember Brewer commended Community Development Department staff for the renovation of the first floor of the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

17D. Councilmember Furey announced that the Torrance Education Foundation will raffle a 2009 Toyota Prius Hybrid donated by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A on Saturday, April 18, at the Celebrate Education dinner at the Torrance Marriott, with additional information available at www.torranceeducationfoundation.org or 310.972.6418.

17E. Councilmember Numark also commended Community Development staff for the renovation of the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library and encouraged the public to take advantage of this facility.

17F. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that Southern California Edison and the South Bay Environmental Services Center were sponsoring a free lamp exchange on February 21 and 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the South Bay Galleria, at which halogen torchiere or incandescent lamps may be exchanged for a new energy efficient fluorescent lamp, with additional information available at www.scelampexchange.com or

800.865.6483. She noted that there will also be recycling bin for used compact fluorescent light bulbs at this event.

17G. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments 10th Annual General Assembly will be held on Friday, February 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Carson Community Center, 801 East Carson Street. She noted that the event is free, but reservations are required, with additional information available at www.southbaycities.org or 310.377.8987.

17H. Councilmember Sutherland commented on the state budget stalemate.

17I. Mayor Scotto encouraged public use of the library and commended staff for making it user friendly.

17J. City Manager Jackson shared memories of former Transportation Director Arthur Horkay.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, February 17, 2009 will be a Council dark night.**

***Adjourned in Memory of
Johanna Alving and Art Horkay***

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 24, 2009