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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – MARCH 1, 2011

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At 8:07 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for a closed personnel hearing, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

March 1, 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, March 1, 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, and 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6 and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:02 p.m. No action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Economic Development Manager Fulton.

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 24, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that Agenda Item 12B has been withdrawn.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Racowski announced that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly siren alert testing on Wednesday, March 2, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the Naming of Public Facilities Committee will meet on Friday, March 4, at 2:30 p.m. in the City Manager Assembly Room.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and the public to view the photographs of Torrance Artist Guild member and Torrance employee Allan Stansbury on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of March.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of City of Torrance employee Mark Smith, who passed away February 9.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RECOGNITION OF CITY OF TORRANCE AS MOST BUSINESS FRIENDLY CITY FINALIST

Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation representatives Barbara Voss and Robert Swayze, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, presented a commendation to Mayor Scotto honoring the City of Torrance as a Most Business Friendly City finalist.

6B. PRESENTATION RE TORRANCE TRANSIT GOOGLE

Transit Manager Mills presented a live demonstration on the use of the new Google Transit program.

6C. PRESENTATION RE EMAIL NOTIFICATION SERVICE

Acting City Librarian Theyer gave a brief Powerpoint presentation on the use of the new email notification service available for patrons of Torrance Library.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Monica Stephens, Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes, announced that a fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, March 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at El Paso Cantina located at 2404 W. Sepulveda Boulevard, with each flyer presented 25% of food total to benefit the organization.

7B. Candace Wu and Peter Vo, Youth Council members, announced that the Youth Council's 12th Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 2, from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the ATTiC located at 2320 West Carson Street.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of January 4, January 11, and January 25, 2011.

8B. FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore to provide legal services to the City pertaining to police personnel matter #009631, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.

8C. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF TORRANCE LIBRARY

Considered separately, see below.

8D. DONATION OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Considered separately, see below.

8E. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE WESTERN AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a first amendment to consulting services agreement with RBF Consulting (C2010-062) extending the term an additional six months, through September 16, 2011, for engineering services for Western Avenue Water Main Replacement and Street Rehabilitation, CIP No. I-107.

8F. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE WATER SYSTEM HYDRAULIC MODEL ANALYSIS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a second amendment to consulting services agreement with Tetra Tech Inc. (C2008-052), extending the term an additional 12 months for as needed Water System Hydraulic Model Analysis and increase the original fee schedule by \$8,157 for a total not to exceed amount of \$48,132.81.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8B, 8E and 8F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Calendar Items 8C and 8D were considered separately at this time.

8C. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF TORRANCE LIBRARY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept a donation of a two-year subscription to "Boopsie" from the Friends of the Torrance Library for the creation of a smartphone application for the Torrance Public Library.

Councilmember Sutherland thanked the Friends of Torrance Library for this donation and their ongoing support of the library.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to accept the donation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

8D. DONATION OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council approve an agreement with El Camino Community College District for the donation of old Fire Department self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

Fire Chief Racowschi reported that the Fire Department's self-contained breathing apparatus has been upgraded and staff was recommending that the old equipment be donated to El Camino Community College for the training of future firefighters.

Craig Neumann, El Camino College Industry and Technology Division Faculty Coordinator, thanked the City of Torrance for the donation.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve the donation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. SETTING OF HEARING DATE FOR EMPLOYEE TERMINATION APPEAL HEARING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council set a hearing date of Tuesday, March 8, 2011 to conduct the hearing on the appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision sustaining the termination of Armando Trejo.

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

12B. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution supporting the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in their efforts to promote clean and energy-efficient motor vehicles, energy independence, and zero emission vehicles technologies, and
- 2) Authorize the City Clerk to file the Resolution with the California Air Resources Board.

Item was withdrawn.

12C. AD HOC FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee that City Council receive the Committee report and approve the recommended 2011 Federal Priority Projects by the Committee.

Assistant City Manager Giordan reported that the Committee will be visiting Washington, DC on March 10-11, 2011 to discuss the City's federal agenda. She reviewed the the recommended 2011 Federal Priority Projects list as follows:

- Alternate Emergency Operations Center Computer Operations (CIT/Police/Fire)
- Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System - LA -RICS (CIT/Police/Fire)
- South Bay Regional Forensic DNA Lab (Police)
- North Torrance Well Field (Public Works)
- Expansion of Goldsworthy Desalter (Public Works)
- Storm Water Basin Enhancement Program (Public Works)
- Catch Basin Trash Grates and No Parking Signs for Machado Lake (Public Works)
- Torrance Transit Regional Terminal (Transit)

At Mayor Scotto's request, City staff briefly provided an overview of the recommended projects.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12D. SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into and the Public Works Director to sign an agreement to accept the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, Proposition 84, Clean Beaches Grant;
- 2) Appropriate \$287,587.24 from the Storm Drain Impact Fee Fund to the Stormwater Basin Enhancement Program, CIP No. I-102;
- 3) Appropriate \$224,843 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund balance to Stormwater Basin Enhancement Program, CIP No. I-102; and
- 4) Award a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$462,430 for a term through August 1, 2012 to California Watershed Engineering for final design and permitting services for the Stormwater Basin Enhancement Program, CIP No. I-102.

Engineering Manager Dettle noted that an agreement with the State of California concerning the grant funding will be brought back for Council approval once details have been finalized.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PROPOSITION 84 AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR GRANT FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE STORMWATER BASIN ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS OR ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-25. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3742

ORDINANCE NO. 3742

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 12 OF ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 15 THROUGH 23 TO ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PREVENTION OF LONG-TERM USE OF VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AS LIVING QUARTERS

MOTION: Councilmember Furey adopt Ordinance No. 3742 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

16B. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3743

RESOLUTION NO. 3743

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 9 OF DIVISION 4, AMENDING SECTION 26 OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 4, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 11 TO ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 9 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SMOKING ON BEACHES AND IN PARKS

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3743. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:54 to 7:59 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Brewer encouraged the public to attend Works in Progress' presentation of *Pentagon Papers* at the George Nakano Theatre on March 26, April 30 and May 28.

17B. Councilmember Brewer requested an excused absence from the March 15 City Council meeting as he will be attending the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC.

17C. Councilmember Furey also encouraged the public to attend Works in Progress' presentation *Pentagon Papers*, noting that each performance covers a different chapter of America's involvement in Viet Nam from 1945 to 1968 and Councilmembers Brewer and Sutherland will be participating in upcoming performances.

17D. Councilmember Furey announced that the Torrance Fire Fighters Association will be holding their 39th 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.

17E. Councilmember Furey noted that volunteers will be selling T-shirts at Seaside Heroes Park on Saturday, March 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to help defray expenses for the memorial wall.

17F. Councilmember Furey stated that he recently became aware that County-owned property north of the Torrance courthouse may become available for use by the City as athletic fields for an extended period of time, and with the concurrence of Council, directed staff to explore this possibility, along with a source of funding for necessary capital improvements.

17G. Councilmember Numark, as the City's representative to the Blue Ribbon Panel for the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan, reported on the panel's progress. He noted that workshops have been conducted throughout the South Bay and a draft plan and a policy statement are being developed and will be circulated among various community organizations for input.

17H. Mayor Scotto reported that the Wyland Foundation, in conjunction with Toyota Motors USA, is sponsoring a pledge drive to see which city in the South Bay can achieve the highest participation of residents pledging to reduce waste generation and their overall ecological footprint. He noted that the drive will run from March 31 through the month of April, which is Earth Month, and residents can participate by visiting the foundation's website and signing the pledge. He encouraged staff and the public to attend the kickoff in Redondo Beach on March 31 at which time the foundation will begin the restoration of the AES power plant mural.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:07 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to to Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. for a closed personnel hearing, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

***Adjourned in Memory of
Mark Smith***

Attest:

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on April 26, 2011