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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – MARCH 6, 2012**

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At 8:29 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 in the City Council Chamber 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**

Mayor Scotto announced that Agenda Item 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, had been removed from the agenda at the City Attorney’s request. 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 18C) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957 and 54956.8.

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Steve Wolowicz, former mayor Rancho Palos Verdes.

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, March 1, 2012.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett 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 vote.

**4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Executive Session Agenda Item 18B was withdrawn.

## **5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Brewer reported that the MAX (Municipal Area Express) Policy Steering Committee met on Monday, March 5, and concurred the City of Torrance's recommendation that MAX service be extended for one year using reserves to fund it. He noted that Torrance will end its participation in the program on June 30, 2013 and the cities involved were encouraged to explore other options for providing transportation to the El Segundo employment center.

Councilmember Brewer announced that the Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room to discuss the upcoming Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration.

Councilmember Furey invited the public to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Torrance Fire Fighters Association Spaghetti Dinner benefiting the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation on Saturday, March 10, from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

Councilmember Rhilinger reported that the City Council Transportation Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss the Torrance Transit Park & Ride Terminal Project, which included the presentation of the final master plan report and design alternatives.

City Clerk Herbers announced that Commissioner Certification Training classes have been scheduled for May 9, and October 30, 2012. She noted that the reservation link is not yet active but individuals may call the City Clerk's office at 310.618.2970 to leave contact information and written notice will be given when the link is active.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the nomination period for the City Council election on June 5, 2012 closes on Friday, March 9, at 5:00 p.m. and anyone needing further information may contact the City Clerk at 310.618.2870.

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

Mayor Scotto invited Torrance businesses to apply for Torrance Advantage Awards, which were created to recognize the many contributions of Torrance's thriving business community. He stated that awards will be given in the following categories: 1) People-to-People Award; 2) Enriching the Community Award; 3) Quality-of-Life Community Investor Award; and 4) Long-term Investor Award. He noted that the awards will be presented at the Torrance Advantage Award ceremony on Wednesday, April 4, and applications are available at [www.TorranceCA.gov/TAA](http://www.TorranceCA.gov/TAA).

## **6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

### **6A. PROCLAMATION RE "ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH"**

Mayor Scotto presented proclamations declaring March as **Rotary Awareness Month** in the City of Torrance to Ali Eftekhari, Torrance Rotary President; Sonya Oakes, Lomita/Torrance Airport Rotary President; and Carl Kaemerle, Del Amo Rotary Club President. Lawrence Young, Torrance Sunrise Rotary President, was unable to attend.

**6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-25 HONORING HARVEY HORWICH**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-25**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING HARVEY HORWICH FOR THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt 2012-25. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Scotto presented resolution to Harvey Horwich, who accepted with appreciation.

Steve Skoll, Planning Commission chair, offered congratulations on behalf of the Planning Commission, noting that Mr. Horwich was a well-respected member of the commission for a total of almost 20 years.

Dan Walker, former Torrance mayor, commended Mr. Horwich for his many years of service to the community.

Dee Hardison, former Torrance mayor, expressed appreciation for Mr. Horwich's dedicated service.

Mayor Scotto presented Mr. Horwich with a Certificate of Recognition from the office of State Senator Ted Lieu.

The City Council recessed for a brief reception from 7:39 p.m. to 8:03 p.m.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

None.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. LEASE AMENDMENT RE 2700 SKYPARK DRIVE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a third amendment to ground lease by and among LDC SKYPARK LLC, a California limited liability company ("LDC") and 6th ST. Governor, LLC, a California limited liability company ("6th St"; and together with LDC, "Master Tenant") and the City of Torrance, a municipal corporation (C2004-155) for property located at 2700 Skypark Drive operating under a sublease as a Lowe's Home Improvement Center.

**8B. JANUARY 2012 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for January 2012.

**8C. APPROPRIATION/ALLOCATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS FOR SPECIALTY POLICE EQUIPMENT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council appropriate and allocate \$75,000 of asset forfeiture funds for the purchase of specialty police equipment, including tactical entry vests, ballistic helmets, and night vision optics.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8B and 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. RENEWAL OF GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH L.A. COUNTY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution to renew a general services agreement with the County of Los Angeles for a five-year period commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that this agreement allows the City to procure services from L.A. County Departments without having to go through the lengthy contract development process.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-26**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIVE-YEAR GENERAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt 2012-26. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

**12B. APPROVAL OF BUDGET WORKSHOP/PUBLIC HEARING DATES FOR  
2011-2013 OPERATING BUDGET**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director and the City Manager that City Council approve May 8 and May 15 as dates to conduct two budget workshops/public hearings on the 2nd year of the City of Torrance two-year 2011-2013 Operating Budget and, if needed, to continue budget workshops to May 22.

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

**12C. RESOLUTION AMENDING TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES- AFSCME  
MOU RE SPECIAL COMPENSATION SECTION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2011-26 setting forth changes regarding the hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by Torrance Municipal Employees – AFSCME, Local 1117 by modifying the special compensation section. Expenditure: \$4,500.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that the modification provides for a 5% shift differential for employees required to work on weekends, which will be offset by a reduction in overtime pay.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-27**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-28 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES-AFSCME, LOCAL 1117

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-27. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

**12D. ORDINANCE REGULATING MOBILE FOOD VENDORS AND EVENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance amending the Torrance Municipal Code establishing standards for regulating mobile food vendors and events; and
- 2) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

Mayor Scotto noted supplemental material available at the meeting consisting of a revised ordinance.

Planning Associate Kevin Joe provided a brief summary of the proposed ordinance, which regulates mobile food vendor events on public and private property. He noted that events on Torrance Unified School District property are exempted, as well as catering trucks servicing construction sites/industrial properties and ice-cream trucks. He advised that all mobile food vendors operating in Torrance must have a City business license, a vehicle inspection from the Torrance Police Department, and a L.A. County Health Department Permit. He reported that the regulations were drafted with the assistance of the Southern California Food Vendors Association (SoCalMVA).

Responding to questions from the Commission, Planning Associate Joe stated that staff has no objection to increasing the number of events allowed per year at each site from 24 to 26 as requested by the SoCalMVA and confirmed that restroom facilities must be provided for these events.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation, amending the number of events allowed per calendar year for each site from 24 to 26. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3756**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 93.1.8 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3756 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

**16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3755**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3755**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING CHEVRON U.S.A. INC., A PENNSYLVANIA CORPORATION, A NEW FRANCHISE FOR AN EXISTING PIPELINE FOR EXPIRED FRANCHISE ORDINANCE NO. 2533 TO CONSTRUCT, LAY, OPERATE, TEST, MAINTAIN, USE, RENEW, REPAIR, REPLACE, MOVE, CHANGE THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF, AND REMOVE OR ABANDON IN PLACE A SYSTEM OF PIPELINES AND APPURTENANCES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING, TRANSPORTING, CONVEYING AND CARRYING GAS, OIL, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND WATER, ON, ALONG, IN, UNDER AND ACROSS PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS AND PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3755. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Barnett commended everyone involved in the Cherry Blossom Festival held last Sunday at Columbia Park.

**17B.** Councilmember Barnett wished his daughter Gina Mullen happy birthday.

**17C.** Councilmember Brewer announced that the Torrance Education Foundation's annual dinner will include the raffle of a 2012 Lexus hybrid donated by Toyota Motor Sales and raffle tickets are available for \$30, \$20 of which goes directly to the school or school organization specified, with additional information available at [www.torranceeducationfoundation.org](http://www.torranceeducationfoundation.org).

**17D.** Councilmember Furey reported that Torrance Education Foundation's "Tip Your Hat to Education" dinner will be held on Friday, March 23, at the Torrance Marriott, which will include silent and live auctions and a performance by comedian Debi Gutierrez, known as the "Mommy Comic," and tickets can be purchased online at [www.torranceeducationfoundation.org](http://www.torranceeducationfoundation.org) or by calling 310.972.6418.

**17E.** Councilmember Furey reported that due to the overwhelming response to the Southern California Orchestra and Band Association Music Festival, additional schools will be participating in the event, therefore more space is needed. With the concurrence of Council, he requested that staff prepare an agenda item to provide an additional \$410 subsidy for the rental of various City facilities on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

**17F.** Councilmember Furey offered a reminder that the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Torrance Fire Fighters Association Spaghetti Dinner benefiting the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

**17G.** Noting that he recently attended a meeting of the South Bay Council of Governments that focused on disaster preparedness, Councilmember Numark reminded the public that everyone should have a two-week supply of food and water on hand.

**17H.** Councilmember Numark announced that the Torrance Symphony will present a family concert on Saturday, March 10, at 8:00 p.m. in the Armstrong Theatre.

**17I.** Councilmember Rhilinger reported that she also attended the South Bay Council of Governments meeting and stayed for a two-hour class afterward that addressed the role of council people in a disaster, which was very informative.

**17J.** Councilmember Sutherland expressed appreciation for all the people who volunteer their time in Torrance.

**17K.** Mayor Scotto shared a quote from Winston Churchill from the meeting agenda.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:29 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 13, 2012 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 April 24, 2012