

March 10, 2009

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a joint meeting with the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

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.

Topics of discussion included solar energy, green purchasing, green building, recycling, energy conservation projects and the upcoming Environmental Fair. The Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission meeting was adjourned and the City Council recessed to Council Chambers for the regular meeting.

The City Council reconvened in City Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m. with all members present.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Boy Scout Troop #191.

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, March 5, 2009 with an addendum on Friday, March 6.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Mayor Scotto noted additional material available at the meeting on Agenda Items 8A, 8B, 8D, 8F and 12D.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Scotto noted that the City Council held a joint meeting with the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission earlier this evening.

City Clerk Herbers announced that a Commissioner Certification Training class will be held on March 25, with additional information available on the City Clerk's website. She noted that those who complete the class will be eligible to apply for appointment to the new Ethics and Integrity Commission on Tuesday, April 7.

City Clerk Herbers reminded the public that May 4 is the last day to register to vote for the statewide special election on May 19, 2009, with forms available in the City Clerk's office and libraries, as well as online at www.LAVOTE.net.

Councilmember Brewer announced a joint meeting of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee and the Torrance Unified School District on Wednesday, March 25, at 4:00 p.m. at the TUSD Administrative Offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo, with topics to include reciprocal services and the timeline for projects funded by bond measures.

Councilmember Furey asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joan Tracy Rollins, who passed away on February 27, 2009.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE "LIGHTS OUT AMERICA, EARTH HOUR"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring March 28, 2009 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. as "Lights Out America, Earth Hour," in the City of Torrance to Paul McCabe, Chair of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission.

Mr. McCabe invited residents and businesses to participate in this worldwide event by turning off all non-essential lights from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on March 28.

6B. RECOGNITION OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council present a Certificate of Recognition to California State University, Dominguez Hills Men's Soccer Team, to honor them for their outstanding victory during the 2008 season.

Mayor Scotto presented a Certificate of Recognition to assistant coaches: Joe Flanagan, Devin Toohey, Jeff Tuttle, and Drew Rea and team members: Brian Alvarez, Jose Alvarado, Miguel Benitez, Kris Clark, Justin Commins, Markus Dickerson, Ryan Evans, Kevin Gallagher, Alberto Garcia, Mario Guerrero, Kyle Holland, Scott Mariano, Andrew Marinez, David Marinez, Chris Perkins, Greg Piechota, Mike Piechota, Marco Pulido, Hiram Rangel, Cameron Roget, Jordan Rover, Irwin Salas, Chris Stonerock, Carmelo Terranova, and Josh Walker. Team members Humberto Lopez, Jordan Thorn, and Diego Tuoldo were unable to attend.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Torrance Fire Captain Howard Schneider invited the public to attend the 37th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 14, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center with proceeds benefiting the Alicia Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.

7B. Dave Shafer, Save Historic Old Torrance, invited the public to attend the 2009 Extravaganza on Saturday, March 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Torrance Marriott., with additional information available at www.savehistoricoldtorrance.com.

7C. Rick Wagner and Brad Moylan reported on the Torrance robotics program and invited public attendance at the 2009 Los Angeles Regional Robotics Competition on Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, at the Long Beach Arena.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. HR/PAYROLL SYSTEM ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council approve the renewal of the annual software maintenance agreement (C2003-061) with Now Solutions, LLC. for the support and maintenance of the HR/Payroll system for the amount of \$71,944.

8B. PURCHASE ORDER RE FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTORS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the purchase of twelve (12) Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors (CVPI) totaling \$272,889.44 from Hoblit Motors of Colusa, CA, plus a 2.27% service charge payable to the State of California in the amount of \$5,724.71 for participation in the State vehicle cooperative purchase contract; and
- 2) Appropriate \$278,614.15 from the Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund.

8C. MAINTENANCE PAYMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Information Technology Director that City Council authorize payment of \$105,608 to Spillman Technologies, Inc. for yearly maintenance of the Public Safety Information System, for the period from February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010.

8D. AGREEMENT RE SEWER RELOCATION FOR DEL AMO BOULEVARD EXTENSION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a sewer relocation agreement with Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 5 to establish the terms and conditions for the City to relocate an existing sewer pipeline for the Del Amo Boulevard Extension Project, T-30.

8E. AGREEMENT RE IN-SERVICE FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council approve a five-year agreement for In-Service Firefighter Training Program between the City of Torrance and the El Camino Community College District ("District") from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013. Since the Fire Department is providing much of the training and coordination in the program, the City is entitled to a portion of the State funding received by District for fire fighter students enrolled in the District courses of instruction.

8F. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS SERVICES CLASSIFICATIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve revised class specifications for Public Works and Parks Services classifications.

8G. AGREEMENT FOR SPORTS TURF MAINTENANCE AT CITY PARKS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council award an agreement for turf maintenance at City parks with Tri-Valley Landscape Maintenance (RFP B2008-62) in the amount of \$88,697.90.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8G. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that the Mayor appoint Chair and members of City Council Ad Hoc Legislative Committee to address the City's position on upcoming ballot measures on the May 19, 2009, Statewide Special Election Ballot.

Mayor Scotto appointed Councilmember Rhilinger as chair and Councilmembers Barnett and Brewer as members of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee.

Chairman Rhilinger announced that the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee would meet at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7 in the Third Floor Assembly Room.

12B. DONATION OF USED CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTAINERS TO TUSD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize the donation of approximately 450 used curbside recycling containers to the Torrance Unified School District for recycling, emergency preparedness storage, or other uses. The original investment for these containers was approximately \$15,750.

Sanitation Services Manager Knapp reported that the City has a surplus of 64-gallon curbside recycling containers because many residents have exchanged them for larger containers and staff has determined that the Torrance Unified School District can use them for recycling and storage.

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. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RE GRANT FUNDS FOR 405 FREEWAY ON/OFF-RAMP CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MOU.P00F1112) to provide Proposition C 25% grant funds in the amount of \$968,469 for the Crenshaw Boulevard at 182nd/I-405 On/Off-Ramp Capacity Enhancements Project; and
- 2) Appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$968,469 to the Crenshaw Boulevard Rehabilitation (182nd St to 190th St), T-22.

Project Manager Buenavista briefly reviewed the project, which will increase the capacity of freeway on/off-ramps in the north Torrance area.

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

12D. RESOLUTION AMENDING TME-AFSCME LOCAL 1117 MOU RE SALARY RANGES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Memorandum of Understanding for the Torrance Municipal Employees - AFSCME, Local 1117 Resolution No. 2007-78 to implement the proposed salary ranges for Field Operations Classes in the Public Works Department and Parks Services Division, Community Services Department. The cost to implement the salary adjustments is \$159,992. Funds are available in the Wage Reserve.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that the proposed salary adjustments were the result of a study of positions in the Public Works Department and the Parks Services Division of the Community Services Department and noted that TME-AFSCME, Local 1117, concurs with these changes.

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. 2009-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-78 SETTING FORTH CHANGES
REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES –
AFSCME, LOCAL 1117

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-22. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Mayor Scotto and each Councilmember thanked City staff who assisted with the Employee Service Award Dinner at the Torrance Marriott on March 6.

17B. Councilmember Numark encouraged the public to attend events announced earlier in the meeting – the Save Historic Old Torrance Preservation Extravaganza and the Torrance Fire Fighters Association Spaghetti Dinner.

17C. Councilmember Numark responded to a recent letter in the *Daily Breeze* regarding the purchase of cameras and production equipment for the City Council Chambers by noting that the equipment provides a means to broadcast council meetings, which allows the public to hear council business directly; that the item was part of the capital budget approved two years ago and utilizes funds designated for cable television, not the general fund; and that the equipment, which was installed in 1987, had gone far beyond its useful life of eight years. He further noted that the old equipment would be donated to the school district to make their televising more effective.

17D. Councilmember Rhilinger commented on the Employee Service Awards Dinner.

17E. Councilmember Rhilinger reported that she recently represented the City at the Martin Luther King Visions of Unity event at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, at which Torrance high school students submitted entries in five categories – sculpture and ceramics, painting and drawing, poetry, essay, and fiction – exploring ways to promote harmony and understanding through different art forms.

17F. Councilmember Sutherland wished his wife a happy birthday on March 15.

17G. Councilmember Sutherland reported that he and Councilmember Numark attended an Eagle Scout ceremony last Saturday, noting the work involved in achieving this award..

17H. Councilmember Sutherland urged everyone to drink responsibly on St. Patrick's Day.

17I. Councilmember Barnett announced the 10th annual Youth Council Pancake Breakfast, to be held on Saturday, April 4, from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m., at the Attic, 2320 Carson Boulevard.

17J. Councilmember Brewer wished good luck to the South High and West High Academic Decathlon teams, who will be competing at the California Academic Decathlon in Sacramento on March 13-16.

17K. Councilmember Brewer commented on the Employee Service Awards Dinner.

17L. Councilmember Furey echoed comments on the Employee Service Awards Dinner.

17M. Councilmember Furey announced a public health advisory from the West Vector Control District regarding confirmation of the West Nile Virus found in Rolling Hills Estates and Baldwin Hills, which confirmed that the virus had the capability of year round transmission. He recommended that the public eliminate any standing water, use insect repellent containing DEET during outdoor activities, and report dead birds to 877.WNV-BIRD or go to www.westnile.ca.gov.

17N. Councilmember Furey announced the Tip-a-Cop fundraiser to be held at the Elephant Bar restaurant on March 19, from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m., with the proceeds to benefit the Special Olympics.

17O. Mayor Scotto reported that he along with Councilmembers Brewer and Numark will be leaving on a trip to Washington, D.C. tomorrow in an effort to secure Economic Stimulus Package funds for local projects.

17P. Mayor Scotto directed the Ad Hoc Naming of Public Facilities Committee to schedule a meeting to explore the possibility of naming a facility after former mayor Dee Hardison.

17Q. Mayor Scotto congratulated the South High girls soccer team on winning the CIF Division V championship last Saturday and directed staff to schedule formal recognition at a future Council meeting.

17R. City Manager Jackson reported that according to clarification received from the Metropolitan Transit Authority, it might not be possible to swap Economic Stimulus Package funds with other cities as discussed at the March 3 City Council meeting.

17S. City Manager Jackson thanked City staff who assisted with the Employee Service Awards Dinner, along with the City Council for participating in this event.

17T. Councilmember Sutherland noted a recent article in the *Daily Breeze* in which the U.S. Department of Justice commended the Torrance Police Department for their role in preventing terrorist activity.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:02 p.m., the City Council 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, - Pending Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6 and 54956.9(a).

The City Council reconvened in open session at 9:46 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:46 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Library Commission in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, March 17 will be a Council dark night.**

***Adjourned in Memory of
Joan Tracy Rollins***

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on April 21, 2009