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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – MARCH 12, 2013

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At 7:59 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 19, 2013 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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Numark, Rhilinger, Sutherland and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

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 the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:04 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 Community Services Director Jones.

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 7, 2013.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey 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 Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Items 12B and 13A were withdrawn and deferred to a later date. Supplemental material available for Items 8F and 13A.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the City Council Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, March 14, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to discuss the Car2Go program.

City Manager Jackson announced the birth of his grandson Zeke Jackson, born to his son Ryan and wife Bonnie at 12:15 a.m. this morning.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former city commissioner John LaBouff who passed away February 12, 2013 at the age of 81. A moment of silence was observed in his memory.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-19 RE FIRE CAPTAIN RANDY PETERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN **RANDY PETERSON** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-19. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-20 RE WILLIAM SCHULTZ

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **WILLIAM SCHULTZ** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-20. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. RECOGNITION OF WEST TORRANCE SILVER STRIKERS

Mayor Scotto congratulated the West Torrance Silver Strikers, girls under 10, AYSO soccer team for winning the Area 1 championship and presented certificates of recognition to Coach Jeff Amberg and Assistant Coach Lawrence Markey, team parent Suzanne Markey, and team members Taylor Ho, Morgan Amberg, Priscilla Aragon, Tiana Marie Rotolante, Marissa Markey, Alissa Chang, Eliot Tom, Jordan Salmon, and Samantha Liu.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Carol Gilles, Torrance Rose Float Association, announced that a fundraiser will be held at Marie Callender's restaurant on Thursday, March 28, from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., with 20% of food and pie sales to be donated to TRFA with the presentation of a flyer available at www.torrancerosefloatassociation.com.

7B. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that in conjunction with the Torrance Public Library, the Historical Society will be presenting a program on the early years of Torrance Library on Sunday, March 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the museum located at 1345 Post Avenue.

7C. Mark Stephenson, resident, contended that the City Council failed to take advantage of recent changes in CalPERS pension laws and expressed concerns about unfunded pension liabilities, citing figures from Torrance's CalPERS actuarial evaluation report dated October 2012. He requested that the City provide an actuarial analysis of future projected annual pension costs associated with the most recent Torrance Police Department and Torrance Fire Department MOUs.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of January 15, and February 5, 2013.

8B. **APPROVAL OF EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION B-17 EXHIBIT AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

Considered separately, see page 4.

8C. **SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR USE OF WILSON PARK SOFTBALL FIELDS**

Considered separately, see pages 4-5.

8D. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES/PAYROLL SYSTEM**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Communications & Information Technology Director that City Council approve an amendment to the contract with Now Solutions, Inc., of Richardson, TX (C2003-061) to purchase 5 years of annual software maintenance and support for the Human Resources/Payroll system for the total amount of \$400,065, invoiced annually from \$75,681 increasing to \$84,475, beginning March 31, 2013 through March 30, 2018.

8E. **APPROVAL OF CLASS REGISTRATION AND FACILITY BOOKING SYSTEMS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director and the Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Class Registrations and Facility Booking Systems capital project pre-funded with annual maintenance cost savings over a 7-year period; and
- 2) Approve a contract with Vermont Systems, Inc. for the licensing, implementation, equipment, and annual maintenance support through August 31, 2018, in the amount of \$77,916.

8F. MODIFICATION TO CITY-HELD NOTE FOR PROPERTY AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize the execution of a settlement agreement and general release and reduce a City-held note secured by a trust deed on property located at the southeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard to 57 Marguerite Drive LLC (Raju Chhabria) from \$206,250 to \$124,473 to offset costs associated with the removal of on-site underground tanks (APN 7534-001-900, 01).

8G. AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS RE MEDIAN ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

Considered separately, see page 5.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A, and 8D through 8F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar Items 8B, 8C and 8G were considered separately at this time.

8B. APPROVAL OF EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION B-17 EXHIBIT AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Airport Commission and General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) display their B-17 Bomber at Zamperini Field on April 25 through April 29, 2013;
- 2) Designate the EAA's event as a special exhibit under Section 46.8.10 of the Torrance Municipal Code which exempts such events from aircraft noise regulations;
- 3) Allow the EAA to conduct flights for hire subject to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines; and
- 4) Approve appropriation and funding for this event in the amount of \$8,454.27.

Nancy Clinton, president of Torrance Air Fair Association, invited the public to attend the display of the B-17 Bomber at Zamperini Field -Torrance Municipal Airport on April 25 through April 29, noting that tours of the aircraft will be offered along with a limited number of rides with additional information available at www.B-17.org.

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

8C. SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR USE OF WILSON PARK SOFTBALL FIELDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council subsidize fees in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for the use of the softball fields at Charles H. Wilson Park for the Torrance National Tournament (TNT) hosted by Torrance High School, March 21 through March 23, 2013.

Councilmember Barnett requested that Economic Development staff meet with Discover Torrance and the director of the Torrance National Tournament at the conclusion of the tournament to see if a method can be devised to track money generated by it in terms of hotel rooms booked and restaurant meals.

Economic Development Manager Fulton reported that staff is working to facilitate the tournament and tracking hotel rooms should be fairly easy. She noted that Discover Torrance is working on developing a website/phone application that will track visitors' expenditures at restaurants and shops.

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

8G. AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS RE MEDIAN ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a second change order to the public works agreement with Nobest, Inc. (C2012-078), in an amount not to exceed \$43,105.58 for a total not to exceed amount of \$423,455.23 for removal of undisclosed slurry and import of backfill soil suitable for planting, for Median Island Improvements on Hawthorne Boulevard from Del Amo Boulevard to Torrance Boulevard, C.I.P. Project No. A-017; and
- 2) Approve an amendment to the contract services agreement with Project Partners, Inc. (C2012-079) in an amount not to exceed \$8,792 for a total not to exceed amount of \$41,744 to provide additional inspection services for Median Island Improvements on Hawthorne Boulevard from Del Amo Boulevard to Torrance Boulevard, C.I.P. Project No. A-017.

Councilmember Brewer requested information about cost overruns on this project.

Public Works Director Beste reported that the additional funding was necessary because excessive levels of the herbicide Boron were found in the soil and had to be leached with water to reduce the concentration to acceptable levels for planting and in addition, slurry backfill was discovered in portions of the median where phone utilities were located and this must be removed to allow for the installation of irrigation lines and the planting of trees.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL DARK NIGHT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve Tuesday, June 4, 2013 as a City Council dark night due to the legislative trip to Washington, D.C.

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

12B. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 555-575 MAPLE AVENUE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council enter into a lease agreement made by and between the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts, and the City of Torrance for property located at 555-575 Maple Avenue with such property to be used by the City for multi-purpose athletic fields and make the findings pursuant to the California Public Resources (PRC) Section 21166 as set forth.

Item was withdrawn and deferred to a later date.

13. HEARINGS

13A. PCR12-00001, WAV12-00005: 2212 GRAMERCY AVENUE – ELPIDIO MANALO

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission that City Council deny the appeal and adopt Resolutions denying a Planning Commission Review to allow a two-unit project to exceed a 0.50 Floor Area Ratio, in conjunction with a Waiver of the northern side yard setback on property located within the Small-Lot, Low Medium Overlay in the R-2 Zone at 2212 Gramercy Avenue. **PCR12-00001, WAV12-00005: Elpidio Manalo**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council uphold the appeal and adopt Resolutions approving a Planning Commission Review to allow a two-unit project to exceed a 0.50 Floor Area Ratio, in conjunction with a Waiver of the northern side yard setback on property located within the Small-Lot, Low Medium Overlay in the R-2 Zone at 2212 Gramercy Avenue. **PCR12-00001, WAV12-00005: Elpidio Manalo**

Item was withdrawn and deferred to a later date.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Rhilinger reported that she represented the City earlier this week at the ribbon cutting for the California Museum of Fine Arts, located at 1421 Marcelina Avenue, and encouraged the public to visit it.

17B. Councilmember Rhilinger reported that she represented the City last evening at the Martin Luther King Visions of Unity 2013 awards presentation, at which 48 TUSD students were given awards for arts and literature projects in various categories. She noted that artwork from the competition will be on display at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library for the month of April.

17C. Councilmember Sutherland reported that he, along with Mayor Scotto and Councilmember Barnett, recently attended the ribbon cutting at Capriotti's sandwich shop on Pacific Coast Highway across the street from car dealerships.

17D. Councilmember Barnett announced that the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network will be hosting a public forum on the development of the 2013-2014 Local Plan on Thursday, March 21, at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

17E. Councilmember Barnett announced that the Community Services Department will be hosting "Breakfast with Bunny" on Saturday, March 30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Toyota meeting hall.

17F. Councilmember Brewer reported that USA Weekend magazine is sponsoring a contest that will fund 4th of July celebrations for two cities and the entry consists of a 150-word essay telling why your city deserves the ultimate fireworks display, with entries and additional information available at www.destinationamerica.com.

17G. Councilmember Brewer reported that Torrance Education Foundation director Trish Pietrzak will be participating in “Dancing with the South Bay Stars” on Saturday, March 16, at the Armstrong Theatre and votes may be cast for her on the Armstrong Theatre website.

17H. Councilmember Brewer announced that the Torrance Education Foundation will be holding the annual Celebrate Education dinner on March 29 at the Marriott Hotel at which a 2013 Lexus hybrid will be raffled off, noting that raffle tickets are \$30, \$20 of which goes directly to the designated school organization, with additional information available at www.torranceeducationfoundation.org.

17I. Councilmember Furey announced that the Torrance Youth Council will be hosting their 14th annual pancake breakfast and open house on Saturday, April 6, from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Attic located at 2320 W. Carson Street.

17J. Councilmember Furey offered an Irish prayer in honor of St. Patrick’s Day.

17K. Councilmember Numark announced that the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation fundraiser “Dancing with the South Bay Stars” on Saturday, March 16, will feature eight local stars who will be dancing for their favorite charity and that ticket information and instructions for voting are available at www.torrancearts.org.

17L. Mayor Scotto announced that the Torrance Theatre Company will be presenting the play “Twelve Angry Men” on weekends during the month of March.

17M. Mayor Scotto thanked his colleagues on the Council for attending events on the City’s behalf when he was unable to attend due to other engagements.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT
At 7:59 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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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 9, 2013