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At 8:13 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to conduct a public hearing in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency in the Council Chambers.

March 22, 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 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 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, 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator and 18C) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6, 54956.8 and 54956.9(b).

The City Council reconvened at 7:04 p.m. No action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Fire Chief Racowski.

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 17, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Brewer announced that a joint meeting of the City Council and the Traffic Commission would be held on Tuesday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Manager Assembly room.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-35 RE ELAINE WINER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-35**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **ELAINE WINER** UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-35. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the Resolution to Elaine Winer and expressed appreciation for her many years of service.

City Manager Jackson discussed the various positions Ms. Winer has held during her 35 years with the City, noting that she was the first appointed female department head, and commended her for her dedicated service.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Stan Myles, Air Quality Management District, submitted a video for airing on Citicable and encouraged qualified City departments and commissions to submit applications for AQMD Clean Air Awards to be presented in October 2011.

**7B.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that in honor of Women in History month, the society will be offering a presentation on "Pancho" Flores Barnes on Sunday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m. at the museum located at 1345 Post Avenue.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of February 1 and February 8, 2011.

**8B. SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve subsidy of fees in the amount of \$615.79 for the use of the portable stage by the American Cancer Society for their Relay for Life event to be held at South High School in Torrance.

**8C. LIVING DEDICATION TREE PROGRAM 2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the Living Dedication Tree Program Annual Report for the period of January through December 2010.

**8D. CHANGE ORDER RE WILSON PARK PARKING LOT REHABILITATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a change order to the public works agreement with Rafael 26 Construction Inc. (C2010-178) in the amount of \$5,380.87 to cover unforeseen construction tasks undertaken for the completion of the Wilson Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation, FEAP #741.

**8E. AGREEMENT FOR INSPECTION SERVICES RE TORRANCE BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Considered following Agenda Item 12A, see page 4.

**8F. CHANGE ORDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RE DEL AMO BOULEVARD EXTENSION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve two change orders to the public works agreement with Blois Construction, Inc. (C2009-218) in the amount of \$45,505.63 for additional construction services performed for the Del Amo Boulevard Extension, T-30, Phase 1 – Reroute of Two Water and Two Sewer Pipelines.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8D and 8F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhlinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12. AGREEMENT RE TORRANCE BOULEVARD REHABILITATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$200,000 of Proposition 42 funds and \$197,000 of Gas Tax funds from the Residential Street Rehabilitation, I-94 to the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation, T-43/44;
- 2) Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$256,000 of Proposition 42 funds from the Unappropriated Account to the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation, T-43/44;
- 3) Approve the plans and specifications for the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation, T-43/44 (B2011-09); and
- 4) Award a two-year public works agreement to MG Construction and Development, Inc. in the amount of \$832,789.75 and authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$83,278.98 for the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation, T-43/44.

Engineering Manager Overstreet provided an overview of the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation project. She noted that the project will commence in April 2011 and is expected to be completed in July 2011, with work to be halted during the weekend of the Armed Forces Day Parade so as not to interfere with festivities.

In response to Mayor Scotto's inquiry, Engineering Manager Overstreet reported that it was not feasible to straighten out the curve in the roadway at this time due to the limited funds available.

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

Consent Calendar Item 8E was considered at this time.

**8E. AGREEMENT FOR INSPECTION SERVICES RE TORRANCE BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a two year consulting services agreement with KOA Corporation/CBM to provide inspection services for the Torrance Blvd Rehabilitation, T-43/44 in the amount of \$80,015 for the period from March 22, 2011 through March 22, 2013.

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

**12B. OPPOSITION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 954 AND SENATE BILL 701**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council take a position to oppose both State Assembly Bill AB 954 (Charles Calderon) and State Senate Bill SB 701 (Ron Calderon). Both bills would adversely impact local groundwater producers and dilute the role and responsibilities of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, with regard to the management of the local Central and West Coast Groundwater Basins.

Public Works Director Beste reviewed the potential negative ramifications of Assembly Bill 954 and Senate Bill 701.

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

**13. HEARINGS**

**13A. SEA AIRE GOLF COURSE FEE CHANGES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve fee changes and adopt a Resolution setting new fees at Sea Aire Golf Course.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Business Manager Minter reported that revised rates for Sea Aire Golf Course were approved for Youth (from \$4 to \$6) and Adults (from \$6 to \$10) in October 2010, however concerns were expressed about the proposed rate increase for Seniors (from \$4 to \$8) so the rate was not implemented pending further analysis. He advised that the rate increases for Youth and Adults resulted in a decrease in rounds played and after further review, staff was proposing the following rate changes, which were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission:

<u>Group</u>	<u>New Fee</u> <u>Non-Prime</u>	<u>New Fee</u> <u>Prime time</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Youth	\$4	\$5	Rate + \$1
Seniors	\$4	\$6	Rate + \$1
Adult	\$7	\$8	Rate + \$1

Business Manager Minter noted that a revised Resolution was included in the supplemental material because the rate for the discount coupon book was inadvertently omitted (11 non-prime time rounds for \$40).

Frank Berry, representing Sea Aire Senior Men's Golf Club, thanked the Council for not implementing the rate increase in October 2010 as it would have had a drastic impact on both the senior men's and ladies' golf clubs and expressed support for the proposed new fee schedule.

Craig Kessler, director of government affairs for the Southern California Golf Association, Los Angeles, commended staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission for their efforts in reexamining the fee structure and voiced support for the proposed new fee schedule.

Mayor Scotto commented that the Council takes rate increases very seriously, however, the golf course has been operating at a loss and he felt the proposed increases were reasonable.

Councilmember Numark commended staff for the extensive market research that was done in connection with the new rate structure.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-36**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
SETTING FEES FOR SEA AIRE GOLF COURSE BY AMENDING  
RESOLUTION 2009-66 (PORTION OF SECTION 14) - FEES FOR SEA AIRE  
GOLF COURSE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Numark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-36 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:57 p.m. to 7:58 p.m.

The City Council met as the Public Housing Agency from 7:58 p.m. to 8:02 p.m.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Sutherland congratulated Councilmember Barnett on receiving the 2011 Torrance Performing Arts Consortium Award.

**17B.** Councilmember Sutherland, with the concurrence of Council, directed staff to explore advocating the South Bay cities as a single community with similar economic and geographic interests for purposes of the statewide redistricting mandated by Proposition 11.

**17C.** Councilmember Barnett announced that the grand opening of the Downtown Torrance Certified Farmers Market will be held on Thursday, March 31, at 4:00 p.m. at the corner of Sartori Avenue and El Prado Avenue.

**17D.** Councilmember Barnett requested an excused absence for the April 5 City Council meeting.

**17E.** Councilmember Brewer reported on his attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC.

**17F.** Councilmember Brewer announced that the 12<sup>th</sup> annual pancake breakfast sponsored by the Youth Council would be held at the ATTiC on Saturday, April 2, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**17G.** Councilmember Furey announced that the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Torrance Education Foundation Dinner would be held on Friday, March 25, at the Torrance Marriott, which will include silent and live auctions and the raffling off of a new Toyota Prius.

**17H.** Councilmember Furey reported on his attendance at the North High JROTC ball the previous Friday at the Torrance Marriott.

**17I.** Councilmember Furey announced that North High JROTC will be hosting the Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Meet on April 30 at Del Amo Fashion Center. With the concurrence of Council, he asked that staff bring back an item that would allow the use of the City's portable stage for the awards ceremony for this event.

**17J.** Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, asked that staff bring forward an item to allow the subsidy of fees for the use of Torino Plaza by BridgeUSA for a charity bazaar on April 10, 2011 to benefit Japan earthquake victims.

**17K.** City Manager Jackson noted that at item concerning the City's participation in the 2011-2012 Municipal Area Express (MAX) Program will be brought forward at next week's Council meeting.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:13 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to conduct a public hearing in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency in the Council Chambers.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on May 10, 2011