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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – MARCH 29, 2011**

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At 6:14 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Traffic Commission in the City Manager Assembly Room, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

March 29, 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 29, 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.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Assistant City Attorney Sullivan.

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 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**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 supplemental material was available on Item 8B.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jason Orpe, who passed away March 17.

7. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

None.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR CHARITY BAZAAR TO BENEFIT JAPAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve subsidy of fees in the amount of \$1,030.75 for the use of the Torino Plaza and the Recreation Assembly Room by Bridge USA for a charity bazaar to help Japan earthquake victims to be held on Sunday, April 10, 2011.

8B. **PARTICIPATION IN 2011-2012 MUNICIPAL AREA EXPRESS PROGRAM**

Considered separately, see below.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item 8A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Calendar Item 8B was considered separately at this time.

8B. **PARTICIPATION IN 2011-2012 MUNICIPAL AREA EXPRESS PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve the participation in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Municipal Area Express (MAX) Program. Expenditure: \$91,021.

Councilmember Brewer, Torrance MAX representative, reported that this action was being taken because Rancho Palos Verdes is withdrawing from the program and it was necessary to determine whether Torrance intends to continue its participation in the program by the next MAX Policy Steering Committee meeting on April 4, 2011.

In response to questions from the Council, Transit Administration Manager Mills reviewed changes to bus routes to be implemented with the withdrawal of Rancho Palos Verdes from the program and provided clarification regarding funding.

City Manager Jackson reported that approximately 80 people board the MAX bus in Torrance each weekday morning and discussed the cost of refurbishing/replacing MAX buses in the future.

Mayor Scotto recommended that staff bring back an item by the end of the year to consider whether the City wishes to continue participation in the future.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation and to direct staff to return with an item by the end of the year to

consider future participation in the MAX program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency at 5:53 p.m.

**13. HEARINGS**

**13A. CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTIES AND FIXED ASSETS FROM REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO CITY OF TORRANCE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a joint public hearing with the Redevelopment Agency, and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute, the City Clerk to attest, to cause to be notarized and to deliver all documents associated with the conveyance of all real property, fixed assets and agreements from the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance to the City of Torrance, subject to applicable covenants and restrictions required by the Community Redevelopment Law, as listed in Attachment A. (Companion Item to Redevelopment Agency item 5A)

Mayor Scotto announced that he was abstaining from consideration of this item due to a conflict of interest and exited the dais. Councilmember Numark, as Mayor Pro Tem, assumed the role of chair.

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

Community Development Director Gibson reported that on March 8, 2011, the conveyance of real property, fixed assets and agreements from the Redevelopment Agency to the City of Torrance was approved in an effort to protect City assets and maintain local control due to concerns about the Governor's proposal to eliminate Redevelopment Agencies as a means of addressing the budget deficit. He explained that a Public Health and Safety Code provision was used to facilitate the transfer; that there was some ambiguity as to whether a public hearing was required; and that a public hearing was being conducted this evening out of an abundance of caution to ensure compliance. In addition, he noted that two properties that were left off the original list of properties were now included in the transfer.

As no one wished to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

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

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Scotto).

## RESOLUTION NO. 2011-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT TITLES OF REAL PROPERTY AND ACCEPT FIXED ASSET, EASEMENT, AND OTHER AGREEMENTS FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-37. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Scotto).

Mayor Scotto returned to the dais.

The Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

### 17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

**17A.** Councilmember Barnett, with the concurrence of Council, requested that major sponsors who have donated to the Torrance Centennial Committee be recognized at the April 19 City Council meeting, noting that \$152,500 has been raised to date.

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

**17C.** Councilmember Furey reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Torrance Education Foundation Dinner was a success with over 530 people attending and announced that Marlena Shore was the winner of the Toyota Prius with the ticket sold at Wood Elementary.

**17D.** Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the South Bay Metro Green Line Extension Project will be holding a community meeting on Wednesday, April 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Nakano Theatre at the Cultural Arts Center, with additional information available at [www.metro.net/southbayextension](http://www.metro.net/southbayextension).

**17E.** Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the Centennial Committee website was up and running at [www.torrancecentennial.org](http://www.torrancecentennial.org).

**17F.** Councilmember Rhilinger announced as part of Centennial events, there will be a contest for the first baby born to a Torrance resident on January 1, 2012, visit [www.torrancecentennial.org](http://www.torrancecentennial.org) for more information.

**17G.** Mayor Scotto and Councilmembers expressed condolences to the Orpe family.

**17H.** Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, requested that City Manager staff prepare an item regarding Councilmember Brewer's expenses as representative to the Independent Cities Association for City Council approval as they are distinct from the travel policy guidelines.

17I. Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, requested that the City Manager explore the interest in, and pros and cons of, a South Bay regional approach to providing both fire services and animal control.

17J. City Manager Jackson announced the grand opening of the Downtown Certified Farmers Market on Thursday, March 31, at 4:00 p.m. in Downtown Torrance at Sartori Avenue and El Prado Avenue.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
None.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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*Adjourned in Memory of  
Jason Orpe*

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 May 10, 2011