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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – APRIL 6, 2010

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April 6, 2010

**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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 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.

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) Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation, and 18C) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6, 54956.9(a) and 45956.8.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Transit Director Turner.

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, April 1, 2010.

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 roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brewer announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee would meet on Tuesday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly Room to discuss the 2011 Torrance Rose Float entry.

Fire Chief Racowski announced that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly siren alert testing on Wednesday, April 7, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

City Clerk Herbers reminded voters that they need to reregister for the California Primary on June 8 no later than May 24 if they have moved, changed their names or wished to change their party affiliation. She noted that forms are available in the City Clerk's office, the library, online at www.LAVote.net or the CA Secretary of State. She announced that the next candidate forum will be held on Monday, April 19, in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library at 6:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the League of Women Voters Torrance Area, AAUW and the Torrance Council of PTAs.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Karen Yee on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of April.

City Clerk Herbers requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Deputy City Clerk Marjorie Moss-Mortvedt who passed away March 28 at the age of 95.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-28 RE ROBERT ALAN BOWMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **ROBERT ALAN BOWMAN** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Rhlinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-28. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 11 through April 17, as **National Library Week**, and Tuesday, April 13 as **National Library Workers' Day** in the City of Torrance to Torrance Library Commission Chair Judith Gerber; City Librarian Paula Weiner; and Library Assistant Beth L'Argent.

City Librarian Weiner expressed appreciation to the Torrance Library Foundation and the Friends of Torrance Library for their support. She invited the public to attend the Friends of Torrance Library book sale on Friday, April 23, (members only) and Saturday, April 24, at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE "SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 11 through April 17, as **Safety Seat Checkup Week** in the City of Torrance to Torrance Police Officer Joe Getzen.

6D. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 11 through April 17, as **National Animal Control Appreciation Week** in the City of Torrance to Animal Control Supervisor Joe D'Amico and Animal Control staff.

6E. PROCLAMATION RE “DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of April as *DMV/Donate Life California Month* in the City of Torrance to Tammy Rusznak, Donate Life Ambassador.

6F. PRESENTATION OF DONATION BY THE FRIENDS OF TORRANCE ANIMALS

Joni Gang, Friends of Torrance Animals, presented a \$4,373.90 donation from the **Friends of Torrance Animals** for the purchase of a new storage shed for Torrance Animal Control.

Mayor Scotto expressed appreciation for the FTA's generous donation and ongoing support of animal control programs.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Karen Fitch, Animal Disaster Team, commended Animal Control staff for their support and encouragement of the Animal Disaster Team.

7B. Cynthia Cohn, Torrance resident/business owner, voiced objections to the opening of a Walmart in Torrance, citing the impact on small businesses.

7C. Charles L. Deemer, Torrance, echoed objections to the opening of a Walmart in Torrance.

7D. Charles M. Deemer, Torrance, expressed concerns about Walmart's predatory practices and criticized the company for circumventing the City's review process by moving into an existing vacant retail store.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of February 2 and February 9, 2010.

8B. FEE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the first amendment to the fee agreement with the Law Office of Robert D. Acciani (C2009-067) to provide legal services in the matter of Christina Sandberg for the Estate of Rodney Sandberg v. City of Torrance, USDC Case No. CV08-08335 VBF (SSx), for an additional \$20,000 for a contract total not to exceed amount of \$70,000.

8C. LEASE AGREEMENT RE RUNWAY LIGHT SYSTEM AT TORRANCE AIRPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a lease agreement by and between the City of Torrance and the Federal Aviation Administration to renew existing Lease Number DTFAMP-04-L-23102 MALSR, Runway 29R; Medium Intensity Approach Light System with Runway Indicator Lights at Torrance Municipal Airport Zamperini Field.

8D. FEBRUARY 2010 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for February 2010. (*Companion to Redevelopment Agency item*)

8E. PURCHASE ORDER RE COMPUTER STORAGE AREA NETWORK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief and Information Technology Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$83,000 from the Police Department Computer Replacement Fund and \$43,314.67 from the State Asset Forfeiture General Computers Account to the Storage Area Network (SAN) and Server Virtualization project; and
- 2) Authorize the award of a purchase order in the amount of \$126,314.67 to CDW Government LLC of Vernon Hills, IL for HP Storage Area Network (SAN) and VMware Server Virtualization system hardware and software.

8F. CHANGE ORDER RE ACADEMY TRAINING AMMUNITION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council authorize a change order to increase Purchase Order 2010-258 to San Diego Police Equipment from \$35,000 to a new total not to exceed \$43,000 for the purchase of academy training ammunition.

8G. CONVERSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL STAFF ASSISTANT POSITION TO ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER POSITION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Approve the conversion of the Animal Control Staff Assistant position to an Animal Control Services Officer position; and
- 2) Authorize the acquisition of one animal control vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$56,224.

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

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. APPROVAL OF 2009 GENERAL PLAN AND CERTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution certifying the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adopting the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopting the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the 2009 General Plan; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution approving the 2009 General Plan.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna advised that the proposed Resolutions formalize the adoption of the 2009 General Plan, noting that the General Plan will be available to the public on the City's website tomorrow morning.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ADOPTING THE CITY OF TORRANCE 2009 GENERAL PLAN
GPA04-00002: CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-29. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH
#2008111046) PREPARED FOR THE 2009 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND
ADOPTING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING
CONSIDERATIONS AND A MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-30. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY I

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council appoint Jocelyn Poblete to the position of Deputy City Attorney I.

City Attorney Fellows reviewed Jocelyn Poblete's qualifications and recommended that she be appointed to the position of Deputy City Attorney I.

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

Ms. Poblete thanked the Council for the appointment.

12B. RESOLUTION CORRECTING PAY RANGE FOR POLICE SERVICES OFFICER POSITION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Memorandum of Understanding Resolution No. 2007-78 for the employees represented by TME-AFSCME Local 1117 to correct the pay range for the Police Services Officer. Expenditure: There is no cost to correct the pay range.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that the proposed resolution corrects an error in the previously adopted resolution for the Police Services Officer position.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-31

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

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-31. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12C. RESOLUTION CORRECTING SALARY RANGE/PREMIUM FOR LEGAL SECRETARY POSITION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Memorandum of Understanding Resolution No. 2007-48 for the Torrance City Employees Association (TCEA) to correct the salary and premium for the Legal Secretary. Expenditure: There is no cost to correct the salary and premium.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that the proposed resolution corrects an error in the previously adopted resolution for the Legal Secretary position.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-75 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (TCEA)

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-32. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12D. CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL FOR NORTH TORRANCE LIBRARY EXPANSION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and General Services Director that City Council provide conceptual approval for the expansion of the North Torrance Branch Library at a cost of \$285,000.

Community Services Manager Jones reported that the City did not receive grant funding that was applied for to build a new library at McMaster Park, therefore staff was recommending expanding the existing North Torrance Branch Library by approximately 400 square feet by enclosing a patio that is currently unusable due to noise and exhaust from Artesia Boulevard.

Mayor Scotto, echoed by Councilmember Furey, expressed support for the proposed project.

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

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:12 p.m. to 8:19 p.m.

The City Council met as the Public Housing Agency from 8:19 p.m. to 8:22 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland noted that he has received many emails from the public concerning Walmart's plans to open a store in Torrance and requested that the City Attorney's office investigate whether the City has the ability to prevent this.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland reported on the upcoming 51st Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration to be held the weekend of May 14 through May 16, which includes military exhibits at Del Amo Fashion Center; free concerts by the United States Coast Guard Band at the Armstrong Theatre on May 14; and the Armed Forces Day Parade on May 15 at 1:30 p.m., with additional information on the City's website.

17C. Councilmember Barnett thanked Community Development Director Gibson, City staff and everyone involved for their efforts in preparing the General Plan.

17D. Councilmember Brewer announced that "Dancing with the Senior Stars" will be held on Friday, April 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center, with tickets available at the Bartlett Senior Center or by calling 310.320.5918.

17E. Councilmember Furey announced that a "Tip a Cop" fundraiser will be held on Thursday, April 8, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Claim Jumper restaurant, with proceeds to benefit the Special Olympics.

17F. Councilmember Numark expressed concerns about whether the City has sufficient resources dedicated to economic development as necessary to rejuvenate Del Amo Fashion center and surrounding properties. With City Council concurrence, he requested that staff assess the resources of similar sized cities, including staff and consultants, in order to establish a baseline.

17G. Councilmember Numark recited a poem on Measure A.

17H. Councilmember Rhilinger echoed comments on the General Plan.

17I. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics will be held on Saturday, April 10, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park, with competition to follow.

17J. Mayor Scotto thanked everyone involved in preparing the General Plan, including community members who participated in focus groups.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. 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 June 22, 2010