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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – APRIL 19, 2011**

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At 8:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

April 19, 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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Numark.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

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Mayor Scotto announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Thursday, April 14, the City Attorney received a settlement offer in the case of Kristy Kha, v. City of Torrance, et al, LASC Case No. BC445545 and that the City Attorney has requested that the City Council consider adding this item to the agenda because the matter is set for mediation on April 26 and he needs immediate instruction from the Council. In order to add an item to the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote that immediate is required and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to add the item to the agenda pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(a). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

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 the above-mentioned item and agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and 18C) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6, 54956.9(a) and 54956.8.

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 Cub Scout Den 2 Pack #851, Kevin MacIntosh.

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, April 14, 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 (absent Councilmember Numark).

**4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee had met earlier to discuss the mid-year budget and an item would be presented to the City Council shortly.

Councilmember Brewer announced that a joint meeting of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee and the Torrance Unified School District would be held on Thursday, April 21, at 4:30 p.m. in the T.U.S.D. Board Room at 2336 Plaza Del Amo.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the deadline to register to vote in the 36th Congressional District election on May 17 is Monday, May 2; that Official Sample Ballot booklets were mailed April 7 and will continue through May 7; and that Vote by Mail ballots can be requested from April 23 through May 10. She noted that additional information about the special election can be found at [www.LAVote.net](http://www.LAVote.net) and a link is also provided on the City Clerk webpage.

City Clerk Herbers announced the following candidate forums for 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat. She noted that information about candidates and other forum locations is available at [www.SmartVoter.org](http://www.SmartVoter.org).

- Thursday, April 21, at 5:30 p.m. at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum, 19600 Van Ness Avenue. Tickets are \$20 with proceeds benefiting the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce and reservations are required at [www.torrancechamber.com](http://www.torrancechamber.com) or by calling at 310.540.5858.
- Monday, May 2, 2011 at Pelican Products from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Dave's Garage, 23215 Early Avenue.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Julia Marie Jones, mother of Community Services Director John Jones and retired city treasurer Linda Barnett, who passed away April 12, at the age of 85.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. 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 Teresa Alvarez, Donate Life Ambassador.

Ms. Alvarez invited the public to participate in the annual Donate Life Run/Walk Family Festival on April 30, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Cal State Fullerton.

**6B. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION TO TORRANCE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Torrance Centennial Committee that City Council accept and appropriate a donation of \$20,000 from LaCaze Development to the Torrance Centennial Committee Budget (FEAP #739).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

Judy Gibson, Centennial Fundraising Subcommittee member, presented check to Mayor Scotto, who expressed appreciation to LaCaze Development for the generous donation.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Debbie Hayes, Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, invited the public to attend an Easter celebration on Sunday, April 24, starting at 10:00 a.m. at El Prado Park, which will include an appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Bun and an Easter egg hunt for children 11 years of age and under.

**7B.** Michael Bell announced that on May 1 the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Rev'ed Up for Kids Car Show will be held at Vic's Garage, located at 510 Madrid Street, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. benefiting the Center for Learning Unlimited.

**7C.** Judy Gibson, Torrance, noted her involvement in the Adopt-a-School Program at Shery High; thanked Councilmember Sutherland for his assistance at a recent career day; and encouraged others to become involved in the Adopt-a-School Program.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. AGREEMENT RE POLICE DEPARTMENT FORENSIC CRIME LAB**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Police Chief that City Council approve a consulting agreement with TETRA-IBI Group Architecture Planning in the amount of \$74,072 for architectural and engineering design services for the Police Department Forensic Crime Lab (FEAP #731).

**8B. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the first amendment to the fee agreement with Rutan & Tucker (C2010-244) to provide legal services in the case of Crockett v. City of Torrance for an additional \$30,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000.

**8C. CONTRACTS RE INTERNET LINE CAPACITY FOR CITY HALL AND TORRANCE AIRPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the termination of contract with Time Warner Cable of Cerritos, CA (#C2009-041) to provide internet line capacity at City Hall and Torrance Airport. City Hall internet circuit monthly cost is \$2,900 and Airport internet circuit monthly cost is \$252.59;
- 2) Approve a three year contract with Time Warner Cable of Cerritos, CA to increase City Hall internet circuit capacity from 30 mbps to 45 mbps at a monthly cost of \$2,900 for a term beginning May 2011 and ending April 2014; and
- 3) Approve a three year contract with Time Warner Cable of Cerritos, CA to continue providing Airport internet circuit capacity at 2 mbps at a monthly cost of \$252.59 for a term beginning May 2011 and ending April 2014.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Torrance Centennial Committee that City Council accept and file the quarterly report from the Centennial Committee covering the period of January 2011 through March 2011.

Laurie Love, chair of the Centennial Committee, provided an overview of the Committee's progress per written material of record. She reported that 38 events have been approved by the Committee and applications are still being accepted; that the kick-off event will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2011 at Wilson Park; that the Fundraising Committee has raised approximately \$152,000; and that the Centennial website is up and running at [www.TorranceCentennial.org](http://www.TorranceCentennial.org). She noted that Torrance has been selected as a finalist for the National Civic League's All America City Award, an award Torrance last received in 1956, and a delegation will be traveling to Kansas City in June to present the City's case.

Mayor Scotto thanked Committee members for their efforts.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Scotto ordered the report accepted and filed.

**12B. APPROVAL OF CENTENNIAL EVENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Torrance Centennial Committee that City Council approve the list of additional Centennial events.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

## **12C. PURCHASE ORDER FOR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS BUSES**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a contract and purchase order with New Flyer of America to purchase 20 Compressed Natural Gas buses at a cost not to exceed \$11,163,884.61.

Transit Administration Manager Mills reported that the Transit Department is in the process of a Fleet Modernization Project, which will result in the replacement of all diesel-powered buses with alternative-fuel buses by FY2015. He noted that 12 of the 20 buses to be purchased will be used for new expansion services (Rapid Bus and Congestion 110 Freeway High Occupancy Toll) and the other 8 will replace buses in the existing fleet.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, asked about funding for the buses. Transit Administration Manager Mills advised that funding will come from federal grants, Proposition A & C funds, and State 1B Bond funds, and no funding from the City's General Fund will be required.

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

## **13. HEARINGS**

### **13A. PROPOSED CHANGES TO SENIOR AND DIAL-A-TAXI PROGRAMS**

#### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a universal fare of \$3 per taxi ticket and a reduced city subsidy from \$13 to \$10 per trip effective July 1, 2011, or as an alternative;
- 2) Approve reducing the maximum number of taxi tickets per month from 16 to 12, effective July 1, 2011.

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.

With the aid of slides, Transit Administration Manager Mills provided background information about the City's Senior and Dial-a-Taxi programs, which provide low-cost taxi tickets for senior and disabled residents. He advised that participation in the programs has increased approximately 6% each year for the last four fiscal years and the program is no longer sustainable in its current form, therefore staff proposed two options: 1) Creating a universal fare of \$3 per taxi ticket and reducing the City's subsidy from \$13 to \$10; or 2) Reducing the maximum number of taxi tickets per resident/per month from 16 to 12. He reported that after soliciting input from the public and the Commission on Aging, staff was recommending that the Council approve Option No. 2, effective July 1, 2011.

Mayor Scotto noted that he had been a proponent for increasing the number of monthly taxi tickets from 12 to 16 in 2003 after hearing from seniors that there was a definite need for more tickets and he was disappointed that budget constraints had made it necessary to reduce them to 12 again. He expressed the hope that funding for the additional tickets could be restored at some point in the future.

Councilmember Rhilinger proposed that consideration be given to establishing an income limit above which seniors would not be eligible for subsidized taxi tickets in order

to preserve funding for those who really need them. She noted that she discussed this with Finance Director Tsao and he confirmed that there are ways to verify income that do not involve a lot of staff time and expense.

Councilmember Sutherland expressed support for Councilmember Rhilinger's proposal, noting that the City already offers a reduction in the Utility Users Tax for low income seniors.

Referring to information in the staff report, Councilmember Brewer noted that the City's program compares favorably with programs in neighboring cities and commended staff for their efforts.

Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino, chair of the Commission on Aging, reported that Transit Administration Manager Mills met with the Commission three times on this issue and the Commission supports staff's recommendation to decrease the number of tickets from 16 to 12 rather than increasing the minimum price of the tickets from \$1 to \$3. She expressed support for means testing and suggested that the Transit Department implement an outreach program to familiarize seniors with bus routes as an alternative to taxi rides.

Councilmember Rhilinger suggested that the outreach program could also include tips about how seniors could stretch their dollars, i.e. sharing taxi rides with a neighbor when going grocery shopping, which would require only one taxi ticket each instead of two.

Community Services Director Jones agreed to share these ideas with his staff in charge of senior programming.

City Manager Jackson noted that the City has a Senior Ambassador program designed to encourage seniors to use the City's fixed-route bus system.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

Mayor Scotto reiterated that he hoped funding for additional tickets would be restored when the economy improves.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the staff recommendation to reduce the maximum number of taxi tickets from 16 to 12. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3745**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3745**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ADDING A NEW SECTION 43.2.14 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL  
CODE, CREATING A PROCESS FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT  
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3745. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**16B. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3746**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3746**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, SECTION 5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3746. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

**16C. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3747**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3747**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.8.24 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE RESOLUTION OF IMPASSE ON AGREEMENT TERMS

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3747. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:10 p.m. to 8:14 p.m.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Furey announced that a Relay for Life – American Cancer Society fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 20, at the Lazy Dog Café from noon – 11 p.m.

**17B.** Councilmember Furey announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Gene Drevno Scholarship fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at 8:00 p.m. sponsored by the Torrance Education Foundation at the Comedy and Magic Club located at 1018 Hermosa Avenue, with additional information available at [www.torranceeducationfoundation.org](http://www.torranceeducationfoundation.org).

**17C.** Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Friends of Torrance Library will be holding a hardback book sell on April 29 and 30 at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

**17D.** Councilmember Sutherland encouraged the public to participate in the Earth Day event at Madrona Marsh on April 23, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

**17E.** Councilmember Sutherland wished a happy Passover, Good Friday and Easter Sunday to everyone who celebrates these events.

**17F.** Councilmember Brewer noted that the third installment of Works in Progress presentation of the *Pentagon Papers* will be on Saturday, April 30, at the Nakano Theatre, with additional information available at the box office 310.781.7171.

**17G.** Mayor Scotto reported that last Saturday, Madrona Middle School hosted a math decathlon where 16 teams from throughout the South Bay competed. He stated that he was very impressed by the students' knowledge and hopes this will become an annual event.

**17H.** Mayor Scotto reminded residents that April has been designated as “Earth Month” and the Wyland Foundation along with Toyota Motors USA has invited the City of Torrance to participate in the “Southern California Mayor’s Challenge,” which is a challenge to all Southern California cities to encourage their residents to sign a pledge to reduce water waste and prevent pollution. He noted that the city with the highest percentage of participation will win the challenge and encouraged residents to sign up at [www.mywaterpledge.com](http://www.mywaterpledge.com).

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:25 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

***Adjourned in Memory of  
Julia Marie Jones***

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 June 7, 2011