

**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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 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, Deputy City Attorney Sullivan, 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 pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6.

The City Council reconvened 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 Torrance Rose Float Association President Mary Hoffman.

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 16, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer 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 Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Item 12D was withdrawn and deferred to a later date.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Sutherland reported that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee had met earlier to discuss the 2008-2009 Second Quarter Budget and that an item would be submitted to the City Council in two weeks.

City Clerk Herbers announced that sample ballots for the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election were being mailed; that people may register to vote until midnight Monday, May 4; that voters may request Vote By Mail ballots now through Tuesday, May 12 by using the back of the Sample Ballot pamphlet or applying online at www.LAVote.net; and that Vote by Mail ballots must be returned to the L.A. County Registrar/Recorder or polling place no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19. She noted that a California Voter Information Guide has been mailed to assist voters in determining how to cast their votes, with additional copies available by calling 916.657.2166.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 19 through April 25, 2009 as **National Volunteer Week** in the City of Torrance to Chuck Galbasin, Volunteer Coordinator for the Torrance Amateur Radio Association (TARA), and Kathi Galbasin, Volunteer Coordinator for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Certificates were presented to the following volunteers: Adrian Bleidistel, Elmer Bleidistel, Teresa Covey, Joan Crishal, John Dean, Thanh Duong, Judy Foster, Chuck Galbasin, Kathi Galbasin, Judi Gerber, Rudy Guajardo, Joaquin Guillen, Jerry Herbers, Mary Hoffman, Irma Maggio, Bill Molinelli, Gary Nofziger, Juliano Norambuena, Toni Oppedisano, Linda Peters, Mable Pochedly, Dan Portway, Edith Stieglitz and Gary Yoshida. Unable to attend were: Virginia Greenhouse, Patty Miller, Ebeth and German Morales, Rachel Olvera, and Gail Orloff.

6B. RECOGNITION OF THE TORBOTS ROBOTICS TEAM

Mayor Scotto recognized the TorBots Robotics Team for winning the Silver Award in the Regional Robotics Competition. Certificates of recognition were presented to Brad Moylan, on behalf of the TorBots Robotic Team, and team mentor Bruce Ioki.

6C. RECOGNITION OF 2008 WASTE REDUCTION AWARD PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

Mayor Scotto presented certificates of recognition to the Torrance businesses that received 2008 Waste Reduction Awards honoring them for their outstanding waste reduction and recycling efforts over the past year. Certificates were presented to Derk Reed, on behalf of Von's Stores #2322 and #3517. Unable to attend were representatives from: American Honda Motor Co., Inc.; Hitachi Automotive Products; Toyota Motor Sales; Walser's; and Wildbirds Unlimited.

6D. PROCLAMATION RE “2010 CENSUS AWARENESS MONTH”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of April as **2010 Census Awareness Month** in the City of Torrance to Edgar Salgado (Bilingual Spanish Partnership Specialist, Team Leader); Tommy Randle (Partnership Coordinator); Ramon Rodriguez (Long Beach Early Local Census Office Manager); Godina Ying (Bilingual Cantonese Partnership Specialist); and Jennifer Choo (Bilingual Korean Partnership Specialist).

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

7A. Bob Chiota, Sons of Italy, invited everyone to attend an open house celebrating their 60th anniversary on Sunday, April 26, at 1744 West Carson Street, with additional information available by calling 310.542.4878.

7B. Ginny Matthews, director of the Center for Learning Unlimited, announced that Rev’ed Up 4 Kids, a car show benefiting the center, will be held on Sunday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Vic’s Garage, 208th Street and Crenshaw, with additional information at www.revvedup4kids.com.

7C. Dean Rueter, president of Del Amo Rotary Club, reported that Torrance Rotary Clubs were joining forces for the 1st Annual International Rotary Work Day on Saturday, April 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He noted that the clubs will be doing landscaping at the Railroad Museum in Lomita and everyone was invited to assist.

7D. Charles Payne and Todd Hayes shared the L.A. County Green Leadership Award plaque that was presented to the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors earlier in the day. They thanked everyone who has participated in the neighborhood clean-up program and the Public Works Department for their assistance.

Mayor Scotto commended the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association and encouraged other homeowners associations to start their own clean-up programs.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of March 3 and March 10, 2009.

8B. REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a refund in the amount of \$69,674.88 to Yellow Snow Enterprises, L.L.C. for overpayment of building permit fee for their mixed-use project at 131 Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Considered separately, see page 4.

8C. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR PARK SERVICES MANAGER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and Civil Service Commission that City Council approve proposed revised class specification for Park Services Manager.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Calendar 8B was considered separately at this time.

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Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a refund in the amount of \$69,674.88 to Yellow Snow Enterprises, L.L.C. for overpayment of building permit fee for their mixed-use project at 131 Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Community Development Director Gibson reported that Yellow Snow Enterprises paid building permit fees for a mixed use project at 131 Palos Verdes Boulevard in July 2000; that the project was never built and another project was subsequently approved for this site; and that staff was recommending that the building permit fees for the original project be refunded.

Councilmember Sutherland questioned whether homeowners could receive a refund of building permit fees if they decide not to go forward with a project. Community Development Director Gibson advised that refund requests are considered on a case-by-case basis.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve the refund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. REPORT OF CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE ON JOINT MEETING WITH TUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee that City Council receive the Committee report and provide direction with respect to an action item proposed at the March 25, 2009 joint meeting of the Committee and Torrance Unified School District Board of Education (TUSD).

Councilmember Brewer, chair of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee, reported on the joint meeting held on March 25, 2009 with representatives of the TUSD Board of Education per written material of record. He advised that the committee was recommending that the City Council and the TUSD Board of Education schedule a town-hall style meeting to explore the possibility of combining maintenance

and other services where efforts are duplicated and requested that the Council direct City staff to work with TUSD staff to develop the structure for the forum.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the committee's recommendation and to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12B. REVISED DATES FOR BUDGET WORKSHOPS/PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2011

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve June 2 and June 9 as dates to conduct two budget workshops/public hearings on the City's two-year 2009-2011 operating budget, inclusive of revisions, to address revenue shortfalls and expenditure fluctuations.

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

12C. AGREEMENT TO INSTALL GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL AT COLUMBIA PARK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a license agreement by and between the City of Torrance and the Water replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to install a groundwater monitoring well in the east parking lot fronting 190th Street; property location is 4045 190th Street.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine reported that the well will help monitor the quality of groundwater in the West Coast Basin and track the saline plume that lies beneath the City. He noted that drilling of the well will be limited to the City's permitted hours of construction, with no drilling on weekends.

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

12D. ESTABLISHMENT OF TORRANCE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the creation of a Centennial Committee, establish the method of appointment for members, and approve the application for individuals to use in applying to be considered for appointment to the Torrance Centennial Committee.

Item was withdrawn and deferred to a later date.

14. APPEALS

14A. MIS08-00131: HANI AND KHATOUN ISSA – 4921 BINDEWALD ROAD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Community Development Director that City Council take the following action for property located within the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 4921 Bindewald Road:

- 1) Deny the appeal and deny the project; and;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution denying the Minor Hillside Exemption.

MIS08-00131: Hani and Khatoun Issa

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, Planning Manager Lodan briefly described the project, which consists of a detached accessory structure and a series of retaining walls, and shared photographs taken from various vantage points in the neighborhood. He noted that the partially built structure was constructed without benefit of permit and it was brought to staff's attention via an anonymous complaint. He reported that the Community Development Director denied the application for a Minor Hillside Exemption (MIS08-00131) on October 14, 2008, citing the adverse impact on neighbors' privacy; that this decision was subsequently appealed to the Planning Commission; and that the Planning Commission voted to deny the project by a vote of 5-2 on December 3, 2008.

Responding to questions from the Council, Planning Manager Lodan provided clarification regarding the preexisting patio which was extended through the use of retaining walls to form the roof of the new structure. He advised that the Council should focus on zoning and land use aspects of the project and not the stability of the hillside because this issue will be addressed during the plan check process should the project be approved. He noted that the project as currently built, does not comply with minimum side yard setback requirements.

Gerry DeSimone, legal counsel for Hani Issa, applicant, stated that his client understands that the project will have to be modified to meet setback requirements if it is approved. Referring to photographs to illustrate, he contended that the extension of the patio resulted in no greater privacy impact than existed prior to the building of the structure, which will be used as a storage/exercise room. He maintained that 4918 Reese Road was the only property affected by the project and noted that the applicant has offered to plant foliage, decrease the size of windows, and raise sill heights to eliminate any potential privacy impact. He asserted that there was no basis for denying the project since once the setback is corrected, it will meet all requirements and that it would be unconstitutional to deny it punitively just because the applicant failed to obtain permits.

Councilmember Numark reported that he visited the subject property, as well as 4906 Reese Road, 5105 Carol Drive and 5005 Bindewald Road, and he observed that the structure would impact the privacy of the property next door at 5005 Bindewald Road.

Mr. DeSimone doubted that the project changed anything because this neighbor's property could already be seen from the preexisting patio, but indicated that

his client would be willing to build a fence or plant trees if the Council felt that this was something that needed to be addressed.

Councilmember Furey explained that the Council was not being punitive, but was seriously concerned because the applicant has trenched into the hillside without obtaining the necessary permits designed to ensure that the hillside is not destabilized. He pointed out that it was no longer possible to determine where the preexisting patio ended since the area has been paved over.

Councilmember Sutherland related his belief that the applicant went forward with the project without obtaining permits because he thought it would be easier to get forgiveness than to get permission.

Councilmember Rhilinger noted that the applicant's engineer has claimed that removing the structure could destabilize the applicant's house, however, the applicant showed little regard for neighbors' properties when he dug into the hillside without permits.

James Munger, 4918 Reese Road, voiced objections to the project, contending that it would intrude on his privacy and reduce the value of his property. He noted that the applicant has offered to plant foliage along the rear property line to enhance privacy, however, the applicant does not own all the property involved and related his understanding that the City does not regulate foliage so this solution was unenforceable. He expressed concerns that soil underneath the structure is eroding and no engineering studies have been done pending the outcome of this hearing.

Councilmember Sutherland asked about the claim that the applicant could already look into Mr. Munger's property from the preexisting patio.

Mr. Munger explained that privacy impact has been exacerbated because the extended patio will have a railing which would allow people to walk out to the edge and look down into his property. He disputed the claim that the patio was extended only 14 feet.

In response to Mayor Scotto's inquiry, Mr. Munger confirmed that he would not want trees planted along the rear property line, even if it was possible for the applicant to do so because of view impact.

Earl Plummer, 5006 Bindewald Drive, speaking on behalf of Isidro and Loretta Delgado, 5005 Bindewald Drive, reported that they object to the project due to privacy impact as outlined in their letter dated September 10, 2008 (agenda material – page 34).

Councilmember Brewer disclosed that he formerly worked with Mr. Plummer on the Torrance Education Foundation. Noting that he was not able to visit the site or view the project from the Delgados' perspective, he questioned whether increasing the side yard setback to 5 feet as the Code requires would lessen the impact on privacy.

Mr. Plummer stated that he believed the project would impact the Delgados' privacy and view regardless of whether the side yard setback was increased to 5 feet.

Councilmember Sutherland noted that the Delgados' property is at a higher elevation than the applicant's property and questioned how their privacy could be affected by a property that they look down into.

Mr. Plummer responded that their privacy would be impacted because the extended patio is so close to their home and suggested that they also would be impacted by noise from the patio.

Mayor Scotto disclosed that he also knows Mr. Plummer. He pointed out that there are no windows in the new structure facing the Delgados' property so the only privacy impact would be from people on the deck. He doubted that there would be a view impact due the difference in elevation.

Cliff Kurtz, 5105 Carol Drive, reported that he cannot see the structure because of trees, but he was concerned about the stability of the hillside. He contended that noise from the deck would be a problem because it could accommodate many more people than the original patio. He expressed concerns about the precedent that would be set by approving this project after the fact and voiced objections to categorizing it as a "Minor" Hillside Exemption.

Judy Brunetti, 5815 Green Meadows Avenue, reported that a Riviera Homeowners Association meeting held on February 25, 2009 and attended by Mayor Scotto and Councilmembers Brewer and Furey, indicated that there was strong support for banning rooftop decks. She related her belief that roof decks impose on neighbors and create noise and privacy intrusions and urged the Council to take action on the draft Roof Deck Ordinance.

Councilmember Sutherland pointed out that the patio extension is at the same level as the house and could be built on stilts without the structure below.

Ms. Brunette responded that the patio extension is technically a roof deck because it sits on top of a detached structure.

Ali Delzende, 4917 Bindewald Road, stated that he lives next door and has no objections to the project and he did not understand other neighbors' opposition because it only extended the preexisting patio a few feet. He noted that he currently has a direct view into Mr. Munger's home, which is behind his property.

Jackie Decker, 23102 Carlow Road, voiced objections to the approval of unpermitted structures, noting that she experienced a similar situation when a neighbor built a structure next to her former residence on Reese Road, which drastically impacted her privacy.

Responding to audience members' comments, Mr. DeSimone stated that he did not believe this patio extension should be considered a roof deck, even though it may be one according to statute. He emphasized that Mr. Munger's property, the one most impacted by the project, is more than 150 feet away; clarified that the applicant was proposing to plant trees on his own property to enhance Mr. Munger's privacy; and expressed the applicant's willingness to do whatever possible to mitigate the impact on Mr. Munger.

Mayor Scotto noted that according to photographs submitted, it appears that soil beneath the structure has moved down the hill and cautioned that there may be significant costs associated with remediating the slope and anchoring the structure if the project is approved. He asked about the logistics of eliminating part of the building to comply with setback requirements.

Sam Samara, Samara Engineering, representing the applicant, explained that complying with the side yard setback requirement could be accomplished fairly easily by building a new wall inside the structure at the appropriate distance and then removing the existing exterior wall. He stated that the structure appears to have been built on bedrock, but he could not confirm this because he became involved in the project after construction had begun.

Councilmember Sutherland commented that he would have found it more helpful to have the engineer who designed the project at this hearing.

Councilmember Rhilinger related her understanding that the project was not designed by a professional engineer or constructed by a licensed contractor, and Mr. DeSimone stated that he believed that was the case.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Planning Manager Lodan advised that the City's zoning code does not limit the size of decks built out over hillsides or distinguish between a patio and a deck.

Mayor Scotto noted that the Council may seek to define the terms – patio, balcony, and roof deck – at some point in the future in conjunction with adopting new regulations.

At Councilmember Barnett's request, Deputy City Attorney Sullivan provided clarification regarding the ramifications of denying a project "with prejudice" and "without prejudice."

Planning Manager Lodan reported that the Planning Commission denied the project "with prejudice" in an attempt to expedite the removal process and have the slope returned to a secure state as soon as possible.

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

Indicating that he would not support the project, Councilmember Sutherland stated that while he was not concerned about privacy issues, he was concerned about the stability of the hillside and the potential that this structure could slide down into properties below in the future. He further stated that he could not understand how someone could build something like this without consulting an engineer, noting that there have been instances where homes have slid down the hillside even when they were supposedly engineered correctly.

Councilmember Barnett state that he believed there were privacy impacts associated with this project and that he was troubled by the fact that it did not go through the regular Planning process.

Councilmember Numark indicated that he was inclined to deny the project because he observed that it would have a substantial impact on the privacy of 5005 Bindewald Road and he did not believe the design was in harmony with surrounding properties, which is contrary to provisions in the Hillside Ordinance.

Councilmember Rhilinger reported she was unable to go into the applicant's backyard to view the project, but according to photographs submitted by the applicant's attorney, it appears that the extended patio would have a substantial impact on the privacy of 5005 Bindewald Road because it would make the existing situation worse. She stated that she understood why the neighbor on the other side had no objections to the project as the patio extension does not affect him. She indicated that her primary concern was the impact of this unpermitted construction on the stability of the hillside.

Councilmember Furey noted his concurrence with his colleagues' remarks. He related his belief that the project creates new viewing areas that impact the privacy of neighbors and indicated that he shared concerns about the stability of the hillside. He suggested that it might have been possible to mitigate the impact if the project had gone through the Planning process as prescribed.

Councilmember Brewer stated that he was inclined to deny the project "without prejudice" so the applicant would have an opportunity to work with neighbors and try to revise the project to mitigate their concerns. He expressed confidence that any issues regarding the stability of the hillside would be addressed during the Planning process.

Noting that he lives in the Hillside Overlay area, Mayor Scotto stated that he would be concerned about building anything on the hillside having witnessed the problems it can create and he was amazed that someone would build a structure of this size without soil studies or engineering reports. He emphasized that the Council was not being punitive, but had legitimate concerns that the project has destabilized the hillside. He pointed out that the City could face liability issues in the future should this project be approved.

Councilmember Numark related his understanding that the Council's decision should be based on land use issues related to the Hillside Ordinance and not on the project's impact on the stability of the hillside and requested clarification from legal staff.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan advised that concerns about the stability of the hillside could fall under §91.41.6(e) of the Hillside Ordinance, which states that, "granting such application will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or to other properties in the vicinity," however, the Council would have to conclude that there was enough evidence to support that finding.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to deny the project with prejudice. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan advised that the Resolution would be brought back for adoption at a later date so that staff could revise the findings to reflect testimony at this hearing.

The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 9:49 p.m. to 9:50 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Councilmember Brewer noted that major crime is down in Torrance, as reported last weekend, and commended members of the Torrance Police Department for their efforts and residents for supporting them.

17B. Councilmember Brewer reported that he has requested that staff find out who is responsible for the removal of graffiti in the channel between South High and Calle Mayor Middle School so that it can be cleaned up.

17C. Councilmember Brewer announced that Joanne Oppenheim will discuss her latest book, *Stanley Hayami, Nisei Son*, at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library on Wednesday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m.

17D. Councilmember Furey noted that private companies are sending out official looking letters to residents requesting a fee to have the L.A. County Assessor's Office reassess their property, however, residents can do this on their own without having to pay a fee.

17E. Councilmember Furey invited everyone to attend the Travel Fair: Trains, Planes Automobiles and More, at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library on Saturday, May 2, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

17F. Councilmember Furey reported on the Torrance Education Foundation "Celebrate Education" dinner held last Saturday, April 18, at the Torrance Marriott and congratulated Cheri Priddy of Culver City on winning the raffle for the 2009 Toyota Prius donated by Toyota Motor Sales.

17G. Councilmember Furey noted that the Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society takes place this weekend, April 25 and 26, at Wilson Park and encouraged everyone to support this worthwhile event.

17H. Councilmember Numark echoed comments about the Relay for Life.

17I. Councilmember Numark encouraged attendance at the Senior Faire "Living Today for a Better Tomorrow", to be held at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library on Saturday, May 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

17J. Councilmember Numark congratulated the Torrance-based software company LiveOffice for being nominated as one of the finalists for the Technology Council of Southern California's 2009 Industry Awards.

17K. Councilmember Rhilinger invited the public to attend the Grand Opening of the Southeast Library on Thursday, April 23, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., noting that the library recently reopened after being closed for refurbishment.

17L. Councilmember Rhilinger requested an excused absence for next week's City Council meeting because she will be out of town.

17M. Councilmember Sutherland invited the public to celebrate Earth Day, Saturday, April 25, by planting native shrubs and trees at Madrona Marsh from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

17N. Councilmember Sutherland encouraged everyone to attend the Torrance Civic Chorale and Orchestra concert on Saturday, April 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the Armstrong Theatre.

17O. Councilmember Sutherland highlighted upcoming Armed Forces Day events, noting that there will be static displays at Del Amo Fashion Center the weekend of May 15 -17 and the annual parade will take place on Saturday, May 16, at 1:30 p.m.

17P. Mayor Scotto noted that there will be a Navy band concert on Friday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. as part of the Armed Forces Day celebration and free tickets will be available starting Wednesday, May 13.

17Q. Councilmember Barnett announced that there will be a free screening of the documentary *Children of the Camps*, followed by a discussion led by its producer Dr. Satsuki Ina at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library on Saturday, May 9, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

17R. Councilmember Barnett congratulated the Torrance Education Foundation on the successful Celebrate Education dinner held the previous Saturday.

17S. Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, directed staff to make arrangements to formally recognize South High's Girls Surf Team for winning third place in the State Championship.

17T. Deputy City Attorney Sullivan reported that Deputy City Attorney Heather Whitham was leaving after being employed by the City since 1995, noting that she will be greatly missed.

17U. Ivan Kan reported that Tech Go Green, a non-profit agency, was interested in partnering with the City of Torrance to offer "green business" certifications and honor local businesses that have gone green.

Mayor Scotto invited Mr. Kan to meet with staff after the meeting to discuss how to proceed with his proposal.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on July 7, 2009