

**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 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Brewer, Drevno, Nowatka, Sutherland, Witkowsky, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: Councilmember McIntyre.

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

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Mayor Scotto announced that elected officials and department heads would be taking seats in the audience and Students and Government Day participants would be replacing them and conducting a portion of the meeting.

STUDENT AND GOVERNMENT DAY PARTICIPANTS

Present: Adam Ammentorp, Juliz Ancayan, Anais Baghdoyan, Aaron Cheng, Skye Choi, Eryn Davis, Taylor Eastburn, Christian Ferrer, Angela Im, Jacqueline Jacques, Kathryn Johnson, Doohyun Kwon, Alisha Lewin, Grace Lim, Victoria Mannina, Giovanna Mendez, Eric Plungas, Shelby Satterlee, Sarah Spartalis, Elizabeth Sumida, Taylor Uyama, Brendon Villalobos

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Councilwoman **Taylor Eastburn**.

Student Councilman **Adam Ammentorp** read a quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Agenda Items 5 and 6 were considered out of order at this time.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Students)

Student Councilwoman **Victoria Mannina** invited everyone to attend the City of Torrance Day at the Dodger Stadium Saturday, June 16, at 12:55 p.m. She noted that tickets are for sale at the James Armstrong Box Office for the Los Angeles Dodgers versus Anaheim Angels game, which is part of the Freeway series.

Student Councilwoman **Eryn Davis** announced that the Torrance Fire Department's annual Fire Safety Fair and Open House would be held on May 12, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at all six fire stations, with fire rescue demonstrations at the SCROC south parking lot at 11:00, 1:00, and 3:00 p.m. She noted that a special exhibit of antique fire engines from the Los Angeles County Fire Museum will also be on hand and for children, there will be balloons, coloring books and Sparky the Fire Dog.

Student Councilwoman **Anais Baghdoyan** announced that the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce would be hosting the "State of Education Address" on Friday, May 11, at the Torrance/South Bay Hilton, featuring Steven Engeln of the National Association of

Secondary School Principals. She noted that the event will honor members of the community, including Toni Bock from Virco Manufacturing Corporation, Dr. Owen Griffith, Ted Porter, South Bay Bank and John Adams Elementary School and Frank Scotto and Torrance Elementary School.

Student City Clerk **Grace Lim** reminded everyone that the City Clerk's office is an Official Passport Application Acceptance Facility and accepts applications by appointment during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursdays and alternate open Fridays.

Student City Clerk **Grace Lim** also announced as a continuing program in the City Clerk's office, the public was invited to come in during the month of May to view the watercolors of Torrance Artist Guild member Marlyse Linder.

Student City Manager **Jacqueline Jacquez** reminded the public that in September of 1998, the City passed an ordinance prohibiting skateboard use at any school, park, public parking lot or public parking structure. She noted that the police chief has designated the parking lot and facilities of the Civic Center complex as a no skateboard area and that signs will be posted within the next two to three weeks.

Student Assistant City Manager **Elizabeth Sumida** invited everyone to attend a Disaster Expo on Saturday, September 29, at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. She noted that the expo will focus on preparing residents in the event of a disaster and it will include displays, vendors of disaster supplies, and training.

Student City Attorney **Sarah Spartalis** announced that California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed legislation that prohibits drivers from using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle unless the driver uses a hands-free device. She noted that current City regulations prohibit city employees from using cell phones while driving City vehicles and that the City Attorney is consulting with the City Manager to determine whether these regulations will need to be modified to comply with the new legislation.

Student Police Chief **Alisha Lewin** announced that the 48th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade & Celebration would be held May 18 through May 20, noting that the parade is the longest continuously running Armed Forces Parade in the country. She reported that the celebration will include static displays in the Del Amo Fashion Center parking lot on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and that the parade on Saturday would begin at 1:30 p.m. and pass along Torrance Boulevard between Crenshaw Boulevard and Madrona Avenue.

Student Fire Chief **Shelby Satterlee** reminded the community that the ExxonMobil refinery would be testing the Community Alert Siren on May 2nd at approximately 11:30 a.m. She explained that the monthly test consists of one-minute "chimes" preceded and followed by a two-minute "wail" and that the wail tone carries a greater distance and may be heard in areas beyond the reach of the chimes.

Student Community Services Director **Skye Choi** invited everyone to attend the 8th annual Senior Faire on Saturday, May 12, at the Ken Miller Recreation Center from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. She noted that the event will celebrate Older Americans Month with the theme "Making Choices for a Healthier Future" and will offer arts and crafts, entertainment, health information, blood pressure screening and door prizes.

Student General Services Director **Angela Im** announced that the annual Open House at the City Yard would be held on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

She invited the public to view the City facility and equipment including fire trucks, buses, motorcycles, refuse trucks and to enjoy games, crafts and giveaways.

Student Transit Director **Doohyun Kwon** announced that on May 4 – May 9, Torrance Transit Bus Operator Sal Hurtado will be competing in the American Public Transportation Association’s International Bus Roadeo in Nashville, TN, wherein bus operators and mechanics from transit systems across North America participate in separate competitions that showcase their skills in safe driving and vehicle maintenance. He noted that for the second year, the Customer Service competition will join the traditional Operator and Mechanic competitions.

Student Community Development Director **Christian Ferrer** announced that a recommendation regarding feral cats will be brought forward at the May 15 Council meeting. He noted that the Environmental Quality Commission studied this issue with the help of the community over the course of three months, and has formulated a recommendation, including the chartering of a City-sponsored Feral Cat club along with an ordinance that would regulate the feeding of feral cats on City-owned property.

Student Public Works Director **Eric Plungas** announced that the “Too Toxic to Trash” household hazardous and E-waste roundup will be held at American Honda on Saturday June 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He noted that examples of items that will be accepted include paint, paint thinner, household cleaners, pesticides, motor oil and household electronic waste and that examples of what will **not** be accepted include waste from businesses, explosives, radioactive materials and tires.

Student Finance Director **Taylor Uyama** reminded everyone that budget workshops/hearings on the City’s 2007-2009 Operating Budget would be held as part of regularly scheduled City Council meetings on May 8 and May 15 in the Council Chambers, with the meetings starting at 7:00 p.m.

Student Human Resources Director **Juliz Ancayan** announced that the Human Resources Department was currently organizing the Annual Employee Health Fair scheduled for this fall. She noted that the Health Fair will include screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, and bone density, as well as body fat testing and skin damage assessments.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE “STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT DAY”

Student Councilman **Brendon Villalobos** read the proclamation declaring Tuesday, May 1, 2007 as ***Students and Government Day*** in the City of Torrance.

Student Mayor **Aaron Cheng** presented the proclamation to former mayor Dee Hardison and Cindy Scotto, co-chairs of the program.

Student Mayor Cheng thanked Mayor Scotto, Councilmembers and City staff for a fun and enlightening day, which provided an opportunity for students to experience the crucial role public servants and local government play in the community.

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City Council returned to regular order.

6B. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Board of Education President Heidi Ashcroft commended student participants for doing an outstanding job.

Torrance Unified School District Superintendent George Manning thanked Mayor Scotto for establishing Students and Government Day and also thanked Dee Hardison and Cindy Scotto for chairing the event. He introduced TUSD administrators, principals and teachers present at the meeting.

Mayor Scotto presented certificates of recognition to committee members and the following students:

Adam Ammentorp – Calle Mayor Middle School; Juliz Ancayan – Magruder Middle School; Anais Baghdoyan – First Lutheran; Aaron Cheng – Burt Lynn Middle School; Skye Choi – Madrona Middle School; Eryn Davis - Calle Mayor Middle School; Taylor Eastburn Hull Middle School; Christian Ferrer – St. Catherine; Angela Im – Burt Lynn Middle School; Jacqueline Jacquez – Hull Middle School; Kathryn Johnson – Magruder Middle School; Doohyun Kwon – Richardson Middle School; Alisha Lewin – St. James; Grace Lim – Calle Mayor Middle School; Victoria Mannina – St. James; Giovanna Mendez – Madrona Middle School; Eric Plungas – First Lutheran; Shelby Satterlee – Casimir Middle School; Sarah Spartalis – Ascension Lutheran; Elizabeth Sumida – Casimir Middle School; Taylor Uyama – Jefferson Middle School; and Brendon Villalobos – St. Catherine.

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Agenda Items 3 and 4 were considered out of order at this time.

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 26, 2007.

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 McIntyre).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Harold Peace, Torrance Transit employee, stressed the need for fair labor negotiations.

7B. Mike McCune, City employee, echoed comments regarding labor negotiations.

7C. Andrew Fresquez, City employee, commented on the vital services provided by employees and urged that their efforts be considered during labor negotiations.

7D. Alma Potts, City employee, contended that salaries and benefits for City employees are below average and called for salary and benefit surveys to be conducted.

7E. James Muhammad, City employee, expressed concerns that management has received raises in excess of the CPI (Consumer Price Index), while service employees struggle to make ends meet. He urged the Council to respect the needs of all employees during negotiations.

7F. John Adams, City employee, commended the students involved in Students and Government Day. He expressed concerns about the impact of rising health insurance premiums on employees and retirees and voiced support for AFSCME negotiations.

7G. Greg Ferguson, vice president of AFSCME, Local 1117, reported that employees have been working without a contract for two months; contended that the City's last offer was unreasonably low; and suggested that the delay in reaching an agreement was a money-saving tactic by the City. He also commended Student and Government Day participants.

7H. Tom Rische, resident, commented positively on the Student and Government Day, noting that he was inspired by a similar event as a youth, and stressed the need to plan for our children's future.

7I. Jeannie Moorman, president of AFSCME, Local 1117, contended that the City's substandard wages and benefits will make it difficult to attract and retain quality employees unless something is done to improve them.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 6, 2007

8B. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 67059

Recommendation

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council approve Final Parcel Map No. 67059, creating 2 lots and abandoning one public water easement. The map is subdivided by Pacific Bell Telephone Company and Kintetsu Enterprise Company of America, and located at 21241 Western Avenue, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

8C. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR MARCH 2007

Recommendation

The **City Treasurer** recommends that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of March 2007.

8D. APPROPRIATION/ALLOCATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS FOR POLICE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

Recommendation

The **Chief of Police** recommends that City Council appropriate and allocate \$100,000 from the U.S. Treasury Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture account to establish an account for Police Officer recruitment purposes.

8E. CHANGE IN MICROSOFT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

Recommendation

The **Communications and Information Technology Director** recommends that City Council authorize the Information Technology Director to submit a Microsoft State and Local Enterprise agreement "Change of Software Advisor" request form changing from Dell, Inc. to CompuCom as the City's new software license reseller (C2004-096). Annual costs will reduce from \$168,677 to \$162,425.

8F. CONTRACT FOR 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW AT WILSON PARK

Recommendation

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council award a contract to Pyro Spectaculars Inc. for \$25,500 for the annual 4th of July fireworks show at Wilson Park.

8G. AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN SERVICES RE 190TH STREET REHABILITATION

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council award a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$274,791 to RBF Consulting of Irvine, CA to perform design services for the 190th Street Rehabilitation, T-49.

MOTION: Councilmember Drevno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8G. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING RE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND ENGINEERS EMPLOYEES

Recommendation

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council adopt Resolutions pursuant to Memoranda of Understanding setting forth hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by Torrance Fiscal Employees Association (TFEA) and Engineers for the period of March 1, 2007 to February 28, 2010. Expenditure: 4% year one; 3.5% year two, and 3.5% year three of contract; 0.5% health year two, and 0.5% health year three, for a total package of 12% over three years.

Assistant to City Manager Sunshine reported the proposed Resolutions are consistent with Memorandum of Intent approved by the Council at the April 24 Council meeting.

Joyce Jimenez, president of Torrance Engineers/Torrance Fiscal Employees Association, expressed appreciation to her negotiation team, City Manager's staff, and the Mayor and City Council for their efforts in negotiating the new contracts.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (TFEA) AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-108

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-38. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-107

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3694

ORDINANCE NO. 3694

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.2.6 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO INFRACTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3694. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:33 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland stated that he was very impressed by Students in Government Day participants, particularly Victoria Mannina, who was assigned to shadow him during the day.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland announced a fundraiser to benefit the Torrance Unified School District at The Depot restaurant on Sunday, June 10, sponsored by the Torrance Rotary Club, the Torrance Education Foundation, and The Depot.

17C. Councilmember Witkowsky reported that the Public Safety Committee met last week to discuss plans for the September 29 Emergency Preparedness Expo and encouraged residents to mark the date on their calendars because it promises to be a very worthwhile event.

17D. Councilmember Drevno announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the Hanley-Hardison Biomedical Research Center on Friday, May 18, noting that the building is named for Joan Hanley and former mayor Dee Hardison,

17E. Mayor Scotto thanked Councilmembers and City staff for their efforts in making Students and Government Day a success.

17F. Mayor Scotto noted that there have been many inquiries about Councilmember McIntyre, who is ill, and that the family has requested no cards, no flowers and no phone calls at this time.

17G. Fire Chief Bongard reported that paramedics and emergency medical technicians have completed training in the use of the recently purchased 12-lead EKG equipment and defibrillators, which means that those with cardiac-related emergencies will be diagnosed faster and have a better chance of survival.

17H. Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine announced that the American Cancer Society Relay for Life would be held on Saturday, May 5, at South High School.

17. Tom Rische, resident, disputed the idea that public schools are failing, noting the outstanding students who participated in Student and Government Day.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:47 p.m., the Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, pursuant to California Government § 54957.6 (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

The City Council reconvened at 10:18 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:19 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting 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 19, 2007