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At 9:08 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**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 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Councilmember Rhilinger asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Police Chief Donald Nash who passed away on April 28 at the age of 85.

STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT DAY PARTICIPANTS

Present: Alyssa Arnheim, Belise Bagabo, Emma Carley, Pooja Chebolu, Kayleigh Coates, Shannon Dunn, William Escobar, Ian Fireman, Jorrel Javier, Anthony Lopez, Patricia Macatugal, Brittany Norris, Leah Perez, Victoria Phillips, Michael Quijano, Shivaram Rajkumar, Taylor Rashi, Trevor Rudloff, Brooke Sheck, Lorenz Strassberg, Claire Thatcher, and Richard Windisch.

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 Mayor **Richie Windisch** called the meeting back to order.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

Flag salute was led by Student Councilwoman **Alyssa Arnheim**.

Student Councilwoman **Kayleigh Coates** read an inspirational quote by Marian Wright Edelman.

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

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Councilman **Michael Quijano** reminded the community that the City of Torrance was on Twitter and encouraged followers to visit www.twitter.com/TorranceCA for regular updates.

Student Councilwoman **Victoria Phillips** announced that May 8th will be Fire Service Day with all six fire stations open for tours from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and live demonstrations at SCROC at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

Student Councilman **Anthony Lopez** announced that the State of the City address by Mayor Scotto will be on May 11, hosted by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce at the Doubletree Hotel.

Student Councilman **Shivaram Rajkumar** announced that the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 36th Annual Medal of Valor luncheon to honor the South Bay law enforcement and fire protection agencies on May 6.

Student City Clerk **Brittany Norris** reminded residents of the upcoming election on June 8 and noted that information regarding ballot measures may be found at www.TorranceCA.Gov/election. For more election information contact the City Clerk's office at 310.618.2870, www.lavote.net, or www.smartvoter.org.

Student City Treasurer **Claire Thatcher** reminded the public that City of Torrance parking tickets can be paid in person from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and alternate Fridays or online at www.TorranceCA.Gov.

Student City Manager **Emma Carley** gave a brief update on the "One Stop Permit Center" with Phase 1 complete, construction of the customer service area in progress, and a tentative opening date in the fall of this year.

Student Assistant City Manager **Belise Bagabo** announced that the City of Torrance has been working to improve the safety of the Torrance Public Libraries with the North Torrance Library as the last to undergo improvements with a re-opening scheduled in late May. Photos of the project may be viewed on Facebook by searching "Torrance Public Library" to locate the page.

Student Communications Information Technology Director **Lorenz Strassberg** reported on the department's efforts to conserve energy.

Student Human Resources Director **Shannon Dunn** reported that the Human Resources Department recognizes the service of City employees, noting that the City has 186 employees who have reached 20 to 25 years of service, 49 employees with 30 to 35 years of service, one employee who reached 40 years of service, and one employee who reached 50 years of service.

Student Finance Director **Jorrel Javier** reminded the community that public hearings and budget workshops for the City of Torrance 2009-2011 Two Year Operating Budget are scheduled for May 25 and June 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers during the regular City Council meetings.

Student Transit Director **Trevor Rudloff** announced that May 17 through May 21 will be "Bike to Work Week" in the City of Torrance and Torrance Transit System and Municipal Area Express (MAX) will offer free bus rides to bicyclists who board with a bicycle and/or bike helmet.

Student General Services Director **Leah Perez** invited the public to attend the City Yard Open House on Saturday, June 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. located at 20500 Madrona Avenue.

Student Community Services Director **William Escobar** invited the community to attend the "Introduction to Astronomy" program at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center for ages 12 and over on Saturday, May 15, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with a fee of \$5 per person or \$10 per family. More information available at 310.782.3989 or www.Recreation.TorranceCA.Gov.

Student Public Works Director **Patricia Macatugal** announced that the department is currently out to bid on the Del Amo Boulevard Extension Project, which when completed will connect Del Amo Boulevard from Maple Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard. For more information visit www.TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks or call 310.781.6900.

Student Community Development Director **Pooja Chebolu** noted the City of Torrance has adopted the State's model water efficient landscape ordinance to promote the benefits of landscape along with a reduction of water use.

Student Fire Chief **Taylor Rashi** reminded residents that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly community siren alert testing on Wednesday, May 5, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Student Police Chief **Ian Fireman** announced the 51st Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration would be held May 14 through May 16 with exhibits on display at the Del Amo Fashion Center, free concerts on Friday, May 14, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., and the parade beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Torrance Boulevard from Crenshaw Boulevard to Madrona Avenue. For more information visit www.TorranceCA.Gov/ArmedForcesDay.htm.

Student City Attorney **Brooke Sheck** announced that in conjunction with Law Day, the annual "Ask a Lawyer" program would take place on May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Torrance Courthouse located at 825 Maple Avenue with volunteer attorneys available to provide guidance and answers free of charge.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE "FIRE SERVICE DAY"

Student Councilwoman Alyssa Arnheim read the proclamation declaring May 8, 2010 as "**Fire Service Day**" in the City of Torrance.

Student Mayor Richie Windisch presented the proclamation to Firefighter/Public Education Officer Tad Friedman. Firefighter Friedman noted that all fire stations will be holding open houses on Saturday, May 8, and there will be live demonstrations at SCROC.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE "LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE DAY"

Student Councilwoman Kayleigh Coates read the proclamation declaring May 8, 2010 as "**Letter Carrier Food Drive Day**" in the City of Torrance.

Student Mayor Richie Windisch presented the proclamation to Steve Lopez, Postmaster; Ms. Willie Hawkins, Customer Service Manager; Steve Ybarra, President, Branch 2207; Ms. Kim Utzinger, VP, Branch 2207; and Raul Wysinger, Political Liaison. Residents were encouraged to leave non-perishable food items near their mailbox for pick-up by their letter carrier on Saturday, May 8.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE "MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK"

Student Councilman Michael Quijano read the proclamation declaring May 2 through May 8, 2010 as "**Municipal Clerk's Week**" in the City of Torrance.

Student Mayor Richie Windisch presented the proclamation to City Clerk Sue Herbers and staff members Lidia Crespi, Marlene Hansen, Joe Huld, Elizabeth Pose, Gina Semana and Christina Tsao and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Poirier (Annie Ordinario absent).

6D. PROCLAMATION RE "BIKE TO WORK WEEK"

Student Councilwoman Victoria Phillips read the proclamation declaring May 17 through May 21, 2010 as "**Bike to Work Week**" in the City of Torrance.

Student Mayor Richie Windisch presented the proclamation to Transit Administration Staff Assistant Ian Dailey; Transportation Planning Associate Jill Crump; and Rideshare Coordinator Kim Fuentes. Commuters were encouraged to help reduce traffic and improve air quality by riding bikes to work during Bike to Work Week.

6F. PROCLAMATION HONORING CAROLIN KEITH WADE

Student Councilman Anthony Lopez and Student Councilman Shivaram Rajkumar read a proclamation commending Carolin Keith Wade for her service to the community upon her retirement as ExxonMobil Public and Government Affairs Manager.

Student Mayor Richie Windisch presented the Proclamation to Ms. Wade, who accepted with appreciation.

STUDENT AND GOVERNMENT DAY CONCLUSION

Student Mayor Richie Windisch 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.

Mayor Scotto commended the students for doing an exceptional job and thanked Dr. George Mannon, TUSD Superintendent, for supporting this program. He recognized former mayor Dee Hardison and Cindy Scotto for planning and organizing Student and Government Day and Selection Committee members Donna Duperron, Ann Smisek and Jerry Ronan for assisting with the selection process.

Ms. Hardison thanked Mayor Scotto for initiating this program and Mayor Scotto credited his wife Cindy for coming up with the idea.

Student and Government Day participants were introduced and presented with Certificates of Recognition by their counterpart elected official/ department head.

The City Council recessed from 8:23 p.m. to 8:36 p.m.

The meeting returned to regular order.

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 29, 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. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Scotto thanked Councilmembers and executive staff for taking the time to participate in Students and Government Day.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6E. **ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FROM EXXONMOBIL CORPORATION FOR 2010 GREEN TEAM PROGRAM**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Accept a \$100,000 donation from ExxonMobil Corporation;
- 2) Appropriate the \$100,000 donation to the 2010 Green Team Program;
- 3) Transfer the remaining appropriation of \$1,310.25 from the 2009 Green Team (FEAP# 706) to the 2010 Green Team Program; and
- 4) Authorize payment to Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) for the 2010 Green Team in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Max Ocansey, Refinery Manager of Torrance ExxonMobil, presented a \$100,000 check for the 2010 Green Team Program. He reported that ExxonMobil has donated over \$1.5 million for the Green Team Program over the past 17 years and this year's program will employ 45 Torrance youths for a six-week period during the summer. He thanked the City and the TUSD for their commitment to this program.

Mayor Scotto expressed appreciation for ExxonMobil's generous donation.

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

7. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

7A. Terry Ragins, TUSD, announced that Herman's Party Supplies in Rolling Hills Shopping Center has donated its entire inventory and fixtures to the "Save Our Schools" campaign and invited the public to attend the sale on May 8 and May 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **MARCH 2010 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

Recommendation

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

8B. **AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF STORAGE TANKS AT CITY YARD**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief and General Services Director that City Council award a consulting agreement with Cornerstone Technologies, Inc. for \$52,625 with 5% contingency of \$2,631 for architectural and engineering services for the design of aboveground storage tanks at the City Yard (FEAP #445).

8C. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR NEPTUNE BRAND WATER METERS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Public Works Director that City Council authorize a sole-source purchase order to Measurement Control Systems, Inc. of Santa Ana, CA in an amount not to exceed \$397,000 to purchase Neptune brand water meters on an as requested basis during the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

8D. RECOGNITION AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENT FOR SUBLEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a recognition and attornment agreement by and among Torrance Towne Center Associates, LLC a California limited liability company, the City of Torrance, a municipal corporation, and Royal Street Communications California, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company for a sub-lease of City owned property located at the northwest corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard known as the Torrance Towne Center.

8E. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES FOR DEL AMO BOULEVARD EXTENSION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve an amendment to the contract services agreement with Ninyo and Moore (C2010-004) to increase the agreement sum to \$57,800 (an increase of \$20,000) to provide additional geotechnical services for the Del Amo Boulevard Extension, T-30, Phase 1, reroute of two water and two sewer pipelines.

8F. AGREEMENT FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a license agreement with Montrose Chemical Corporation for three (3) groundwater monitoring wells.

8G. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR UNFORESEEN WORK RE DEL AMO BOULEVARD EXTENSION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Accept a check from West Basin Municipal Water District in the amount of \$14,070.35 for the relocation of an 8" pipeline and appropriate the funds to the Del Amo Boulevard Extension, T-30; and
- 2) Accept a check from Chevron Pipe Line Company in the amount of \$10,685.89 for the delays associated with the repair of a 20" pipeline and appropriate the funds to the Del Amo Boulevard Extension, T-30.

8H. AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN/INSPECTION SERVICES RE WILSON PARK PARKING LOT REHABILITATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize a one year consulting services agreement in the amount of \$20,724 to Bureau Veritas to provide design and construction inspection services for the rehabilitation of the Wilson Park parking lot.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8H. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14. APPEALS

14A. ADOPTION OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR HEALTHY SPA MASSAGE BUSINESS LICENSE REVOCATION APPEAL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the business license revocation appeal of Healthy Spa Massage.

Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn reported that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reflect the Council's decision at the April 27, 2010 City Council meeting to uphold the License Review Board's decision to revoke the business license of Healthy Spa Massage.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The Redevelopment Agency met from 8:50 p.m. to 8:53 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that Junior Leadership Torrance 2010 will be holding their First Annual Talent Show on May 21 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Torrance High School Auditorium, with proceeds to benefit the Counseling4Kids program, and tickets can be purchased at jrleadershiptorrance2010@gmail.com.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland thanked Mayor Scotto for all his work on Students and Government Day.

17C. Councilmember Barnett congratulated the Torrance Sister City Association on their successful 38th Annual Bunka Sai, which was held the previous weekend at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

17D. Councilmember Barnett extended condolences to the family of former Police Chief Donald Nash.

17E. Councilmember Brewer encouraged attendance at Torrance Education Foundation's Celebrate Education dinner on Saturday, May 8.

17F. Councilmember Furey announced that tickets are still available for the Celebrate Education dinner on May 8 at the Torrance Marriott, with information available at 310.972.6418 or www.torranceeducationfoundation.org.

17G. On behalf of the Scotto family, Mayor Scotto extended condolences to the family of former Police Chief Donald Nash.

17H. Mayor Scotto thanked City staff who assisted with Students and Government Day.

17I. City Manager Jackson shared remembrances of former Police Chief Donald Nash, noting that the City's population grew from 24,000 to 139,000 during his tenure, and expressed condolences to his family.

17J. City Clerk Herbers highlighted information available on the new Election Page on the City's website. She announced that candidate forums will be held on Thursday, May 6, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Nakano Theatre sponsored by the Performing Arts Consortium; and on Monday, May 17, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Bert Lynn Middle School sponsored by the West Torrance Homeowners Association. She noted that the LWVT/AAUW/ Torrance Council of PTA-sponsored Candidate Forum will be replayed at 7:00 p.m. nightly on Time Warner - TCTV Ch 28 and Verizon FiOS – Ch 36.

17K. Terry Ragins, TUSD, announced that the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new J.H. Hull Middle School will be on Friday, May 7, 4:30 p.m., at 2080 W. 231st Street.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:08 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 11, 2010 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 July 20, 2010