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**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 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Goodrich, Griffiths, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey.

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Poirier and other staff representatives.

STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT DAY PARTICIPANTS:

Sarang Bhatnagar, Preston Cao, Esther Cash, Isabelle Causley, Anjelika Esteban, Jaycee Garrido, Max Hampel, Ramzy Issa, Wyatt Javate, Josh Lim, Sammie Kuo, Tyler Lee, Katie Miyamoto, Josh Nicola, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Prisha Sadhwani, Emily Stevanus, Ashley Tandoc, Sam Tito, Troy Wakimoto, and Nicole Wood

Mayor Furey announced that the elected officials and department heads would be taking seats in the audience and the winners of the Students and Government Day essay contest would be taking their seats and conducting a portion of the City Council meeting.

Student Mayor Esther Cash called the Council back to order.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Student Councilman Sarang Bhatnagar.

Student Councilwoman Emily Stevanus gave words of inspiration.

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

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student City Clerk Prisha Sadhwani announced that the City Clerk's office has a new portal for public records requests which can be accessed at www.torranceca.gov/114.htm.

Student City Treasurer Anjelika Esteban reminded the public that the City Treasurer's website now publishes many reports online, including the Monthly Investment Report, the Investment Policy, and minutes of the quarterly deferred compensation meeting and fund review.

Student City Manager Wyatt Javate expressed concerns about recent efforts to entice youths to smoke e-cigarettes and recommended that the City's existing ordinance that prohibits cigarette smoking at parks, beaches, and enclosed public areas be expanded to ban the smoking of e-cigarettes at these locations as well.

Assistant City Manager Sammie Kuo offered a reminder about the City's mass emergency notification system Torrance Alerts and encouraged people to sign-up for this service and customize their settings at www.torranceca.gov/TorranceAlerts.

Student Fire Chief Nicole Wood announced that ExxonMobil will be testing the community alert siren on Wednesday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m., with additional information available by calling the Exxon/Mobil Public Affairs Advisor at (310) 212-4756.

Student Finance Director Josh Lim offered a reminder that budget workshops/public hearings for the City's 2015-2017 two-year operating budget will be held on May 12 and May 19 as part of the regularly-scheduled City Council meetings beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Student Public Works Director Preston Cao announced that on May 7, City officials will attend a luncheon hosted by the L.A. Conservancy at which the City will be recognized for the renovation of Pacific Electric Railway El Prado Bridge.

Student Community Development Director Ramzy Issa announced that May is Historic Preservation Month in the City of Torrance and noted that Torrance High School and the El Prado Bridge are listed on the Federal Register of Historic Places.

Student Transit Director Jaycee Garrido announced that in support of the 2015 Bike-to-Work Week, the Torrance Transit System will offer free rides to all bicyclists on Thursday, May 14, and to qualify for the free fare, a passenger must board the bus with a bicycle and/or a bike helmet. She noted that bicyclists may also stop by the city-sponsored pit-stop on May 14 in front of City Hall between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. for light refreshments.

Student General Services Director Kaitlyn O'Brien announced the availability of a free app for reporting graffiti, which allows citizens to report graffiti from their smart phones.

Student Community Services Director Isabelle Causley invited the public to attend the "Healthy Family Field Day" on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Charles Wilson Park.

Student Police Chief Ashley Tandoc announced that the 56th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration will be held the weekend of May 15-17. She noted that this year's parade pays tribute to the U.S. Coast Guard and the celebration also includes exhibits at Del Amo Fashion Center, with additional information at www.torranceca.gov/armedforcesday.htm.

Student City Attorney Max Hampel offered a reminder about the Three Feet for Safety Act of 2014, which requires motorists to maintain a distance of at least three feet when passing a bicyclist.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE "FIRE SERVICE DAY"

Student Mayor Esther Cash presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, May 9, 2014 as "Fire Service Day" in the City of Torrance to Fire Chief Racowschi, who invited the public to visit their local fire stations on Saturday, May 9.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE "BIKE COMMUTE WEEK"

Student Mayor Esther Cash presented a proclamation declaring the week of May 12 through May 16, 2014 as "Bike Commute Week" in the City of Torrance to Planning Associate Jill Crump and James Lee, Torrance Transit Department.

STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT DAY CONCLUSION

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

Mayor Furey commended the students for doing an excellent job of conducting the meeting.

Dr. George Mannon, Torrance Unified School District Superintendent, thanked the City for offering this unique experience for students, noting that the program has been in effect for nine years and the number of participants now number in the hundreds.

Phyllis Nollan, principal of Riviera Hall Middle School, commented on the benefits of the program, which encourages students to become involved in their community.

Mayor Furey thanked Cindy Scotto and Sandi Monda for planning and organizing Students and Government Day and Selection Committee members Keith Montoya, Donna Duperron and Jerry Ronan for assisting with the selection process.

Students and Government Day participants were introduced and presented with certificates of recognition by their counterpart elected official/department head.

Mayor Furey thanked principals and teachers for supporting the program.

PRESENTATION OF JARED SIDNEY TORRANCE AWARD TO FRANK AND CINDY SCOTTO

Mayor Furey presented the Jared Sidney Torrance Award to Frank and Cindy Scotto in recognition of their many years of dedicated service to the community. Their accomplishments were highlighted, including their role in founding Students and Government Day and involvement in youth sports, cultural programs and charitable organizations.

The City Council recessed at 8:14 p.m., and Mayor Furey called the meeting back to order at 8:46 p.m. to conduct regular business.

3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA/ MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING

City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, April 30, 2015.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo 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 Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Item 13A was continued to the May 12, 2015 City Council meeting; supplemental material was available for Items 8B and 13B.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Weideman announced that the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Torrance Unified School District on Thursday, May 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the TUSD board meeting room located at 2336 Plaza del Amo, with topics to include joint use agreements, crossing guards and water conservation.

Councilmember Barnett announced that budget workshops/public hearings for the City's 2015-2017 two-year operating budget will be held on May 12 and May 19 as part of regularly scheduled City Council meetings beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

Considered out of order see page 2.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Margaret Kingman announced that a Senior Fair will be held on Saturday, May 9, at the Ken Miller Recreation Center from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., which will include arts and crafts, health screenings and entertainment.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of March 24, and April 7, 2015.

8B. UPDATE ON UNATTENDED DONATION BINS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council accept and file the update on enforcement progress on unattended donation bins.

8C. PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MAYWOOD

Considered separately, see page 5.

8D. ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AIRCRAFT FUEL REIMBURSEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 from the Airport Aeronautical fund balance to the Western Museum of Flight for fourteen airplanes to conduct flyovers during the 2015 Armed Forces Day Parade; and
- 2) Approve the event to be designated as a special exhibit under Section 46.8.10 of the Torrance Municipal Code which exempts such events from aircraft noise regulations.

8E. APPROPRIATION OF 2014 CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council appropriate and allocate \$131,500 of 2014 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds to support Police Department programs.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8B, 8D, and 8E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar Item 8C was considered separately at this time.

8C. PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MAYWOOD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an agreement with the City of Maywood for an exchange of \$573,750 in City of Torrance General Funds for \$850,000 of Proposition A Local Return Funds from the City of Maywood;
- 2) Appropriate \$850,000 of Proposition C funds to Capital Improvement Project Crenshaw Rehabilitation (I-120); transfer \$850,000 in Measure R Local Return Funds from I-120 to Capital Improvement Project Residential Slurry Seal (I-159); and transfer \$850,000 (FY 2014-2015 \$450,000 & FY 2015-2016 \$400,000) in General Funds from I-159 to the General Fund Proposition A Exchange Reserve; and
- 3) Appropriate \$573,750 from the General Fund Proposition A Exchange Reserve.

Finance Director Tsao advised that the City is able to purchase Proposition C funds at a discounted rate from cities that are unable to use them before the funds' expiration date and over the past eight years, the City has been able to leverage \$3.4 million in general fund monies to gain an additional \$1.5 million for capital projects.

Councilmember Weideman related his belief that this was a win/win solution for both Torrance and the City of Maywood.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

13. HEARINGS

13A. PRE14-00003: 5356 DORIS WAY – JOHN YANKOSKY (SEN FU HUANG)

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council open and continue the public hearing appeal regarding Precise Plan of Development on property located within the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 5356 Doris Way to May 12, 2015.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to continue the hearing to May 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

13B. URGENCY ORDINANCE RE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Water Commission and Public Works Director that City Council adopt an urgency ordinance amending Torrance Municipal Code Sections 76.4.050, 76.4.060, 76.4.070, 76.4.080, 76.4.100, 76.4.110 76.4.120 implementing enhanced water conservation measures (Ordinance No. 3717) of the City of Torrance Water Conservation Program. Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council also adopt a resolution authorizing the activation of a Level 2 Water Supply Shortage in accordance with Section 76.4.080 and Section 76.4.100 of the Torrance Municipal Code Water Conservation Program.

Public Works Director Beste reported that the Water Commission reviewed the proposed urgency ordinance on April 22 and voted to support it, noting that most of the people in attendance were from the WALTERIA area, which has expansive soils, and they were seeking relief from Level 2 water restrictions that limit outdoor watering to two times a week.

Mayor Furey announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed urgency ordinance, which implements water use regulations/restrictions designed to promote the efficient use of limited potable water supplies. He reported that the proposed revisions: 1) Clarify that the ordinance applies to the entire city; 2) Clarify that water duration provisions apply to an irrigated area or irrigation station; 3) Provides language under the hardship provision to address waivers of outdoor watering restrictions in areas with expansive soils; 4) Adds a provision prohibiting outdoor watering within 48 hours of a rain event; and 4) Adds a provision for the establishment of administrative and operating rules.

City Clerk Poirier confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Public Works Director Beste reported that staff was recommending that the above-mentioned revisions be incorporated into the existing ordinance and that Level 2 water use restrictions be activated as they align with Governor Brown's Executive Order. He noted that staff will be using various forms of community outreach to inform the public about the new restrictions.

Mayor Furey commended staff for taking a pro-active approach to this issue. He noted that the State has called for Torrance to reduce water consumption by 24% and the City disagrees with this figure and will ask the State Water Board to modify it due to special circumstances that exist in Torrance.

Councilmember Weideman asked staff to characterize the tone of the Water Commission meeting since minutes from the meeting were not available.

Public Works Director Beste advised that Water Commissioners were supportive of the proposed revisions and the focus of discussion was the need for flexibility in terms of enforcement in areas with expansive soils.

Councilmember Weideman asked if there was any discussion of implementing Level 3 water use restrictions at the Water Commission meeting.

Public Works Director Beste advised that there was no such discussion because the City's Level 2 restrictions fit within State guidelines.

Councilmember Griffiths thanked residents for doing a good job of conserving water during the on-going drought. He questioned how the waiver process will work for residents in expansive soils areas.

Public Works Director Beste reported that the process has not yet been devised, but staff envisions that maps defining these areas will be created and alternate day watering may be allowed based on recommendations of a soils engineer hired by residents.

In response to Mayor Furey's inquiry, Public Works Director Beste confirmed that a past report from a soils engineer would suffice and it is not necessary for every resident to submit one. He explained that staff simply needs documentation to submit to the State verifying that special conditions exist, which require different watering patterns.

Mayor Furey noted that in addition to expansive soils areas, Torrance is unique with regard to water use in that its daytime population swells from 150,000 to 500,000 people, it has an industrial base that uses a considerable amount of water, and it has a desalination plant and has been recharging the aquifer for several years.

Councilmember Ashcraft asked about enforcement.

Public Works Director Beste advised that staff's main focus will be on educating the public, however, the ordinance does allow for fines to be levied should there be repeat offenders.

In response to Councilmember Goodrich's inquiry, Public Works Director Beste recommended that people who observe violations of water restrictions report them to the Public Works Department and a specially trained staff member will contact the property owner.

Councilmember Goodrich suggested that community outreach materials include information about turf removal rebates.

Marc Danziger, Torrance, thanked staff and the City Council for addressing concerns about water-use restrictions in expansive soils areas and requested that staff continue to assist residents with their efforts to bring this matter to the attention of State officials.

Tony Nuccio, Torrance, questioned how water usage baselines for residents will be established, noting that he and his wife spent very little time at home last year because they were traveling so their usage was much lower than normal.

Public Works Director Beste advised that the ordinance focuses on outdoor watering and it does not establish usage baselines. He explained that water usage reduction goals established by the State are for the city as a whole and they are based on usage in 2013.

Rick Marshall, member of Water Commission, noted that most efforts are currently focused on water conservation and related his belief that more emphasis should be placed on increasing the local water supply, including improving the desalter to increase output and speeding up the development of ground wells.

Mayor Furey explained that the City is constantly seeking methods to increase the local water supply and Torrance residents enjoy much lower water rates than some neighboring cities because of these efforts.

Public Works Director Beste reported that the City will be expanding the Goldsworthy Desalter and has received \$7 million in grants for this purpose.

Timothy Beck, Torrance resident and CEO of Heal the Harbor, offered suggestions for conserving water, including getting rid of excess trees in parkways, capturing water from swimming pools when they are drained, requiring the ExxonMobil refinery to use recycled water only, and directing the Fire Department to look into no-water and low-water fire suppression technology.

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

Councilmember Rizzo indicated that questions he had about the ordinance were answered during the course of this discussion, therefore he would vote to approve it.

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

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 3782

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 76.4.050, 76.4.060, 76.4.070, 76.4.080, 76.4.100, 76.4.110 AND 76.4.120 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE AND SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM AND REGULATIONS

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 3782. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-33 AND ACTIVATING THE LEVEL 2 WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE CONDITON IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 76.4.080 AND 76.4.100 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Rizzo reported that he attended the North High School JROTC Military Ball last Saturday evening and was very impressed by young men and women in attendance.

17B. Councilmember Weideman reported that the was looking forward to attending the luncheon next Thursday at which the L.A. Conservancy will present the City of Torrance with the prestigious Conservancy Preservation Award for renovations to the Pacific Electric Railway – El Prado Bridge.

17C. Councilmember Ashcraft commended those who raised the children who participated in Students and Government Day, noting that they were well behaved, insightful, and had a clear vision of what they want to do in the future.

17D. Councilmember Ashcraft congratulated Colonel Kurt E. Driskill on his retirement after 30 years in the Air Force and Frank and Cindy Scotto on receiving the Sidney Jared Torrance Award.

17E. Councilmember Barnett commented positively on the Students and Government Day program and extended congratulations to Frank and Cindy Scotto.

17F. Councilmember Barnett offered a reminder about the Senior Fair to be held on Saturday, May 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

17G. Councilmember Goodrich announced that there is a rare opportunity to tour or take a ride in historic World War II aircraft on display at Torrance Airport until tomorrow afternoon.

17H. Councilmember Griffiths commended everyone involved in Students and Government Day for doing an excellent job; congratulated Frank and Cindy Scotto on receiving the well-deserved award; and wished all mothers a happy Mother's Day.

17I. Mayor Furey thanked staff for their efforts in preparing for Students and Government Day and the Sidney Jared Torrance Award presentation. He also thanked everyone who signed up for the Water Wise pledge, noting that unofficial results indicate that the City of Torrance finished in first place for the Wyland Foundation Mayor's Challenge.

17J. City Attorney Fellows reported that he attended the annual spring seminar of the International Municipal Lawyers Association on April 24 -27 in Washington, D.C., which included sessions on chronic nuisance ordinances and internet ride-sharing/home-sharing services like Uber and Airbnb.

Councilmember Weideman, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff provide an agendized information item on Uber and Airbnb.

17K. Public Works Director Beste thanked City Attorney's office staff for their work on the Water Conservation Ordinance.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

19. ADJOURNMENT
At 9:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The first City Council 2015-2017 Operating Budget Workshop/Hearing will be considered during the regular City Council meeting.

Attest:

/s/ Patrick J. Furey
Mayor Patrick J. Furey

/s/ R. Poirier
City Clerk Rebecca Poirier, MMC

Approved on June 2, 2015