

**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 5:34 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 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.

Mayor Scotto announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the City Manager received a proposal concerning terms and conditions of the lease for the property located at 3215 Pacific Coast Highway (South Bay Lexus) and 24751 Crenshaw Boulevard (South Bay Lexus service center) and the City Manager has requested that the City Council consider adding this item to the agenda because immediate instruction is needed due to the timeframes involved. In order to take action on a matter not on the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Council that immediate action is necessary and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to add the item to the closed session agenda pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2(b)(2) and 54956.8. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and City Attorney on the above-mentioned item and agenda matters listed under 18A) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:05 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Aileen Yoon, Torrance Youth Council.

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, May 14, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett 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

Agenda Items 8C and 12E were withdrawn.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Sutherland announced that budget workshops/public hearings will be held on Tuesday, June 2, and Tuesday, June 9, no earlier than 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers as part of the regularly scheduled City Council meetings.

City Manager Jackson announced that a workshop to discuss the implementation of the Strategic Plan would be held on Tuesday, June 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Clerk Herbers reminded everyone that polls would be open until 8:00 p.m. and that absentee ballots could be turned in to any precinct within Los Angeles County, with additional election information available at www.lavote.net.

Police Chief Neu, noting recent earthquake activity, reminded everyone of the importance of being prepared for any emergency and to have on hand survival items such as a gallon of water per person per day and enough canned and packaged food for several days. He noted that in an emergency, information may be obtained through local news, AM 1620, and www.twitter.com/torrancepd.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-45 RE STEVEN MEDVED

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **STEVEN MEDVED** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-45. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-46 RE BARBARA GLENNIE

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **BARBARA GLENNIE** UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AFTER TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-46. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Nina Bishop, Torrance Inn, expressed concerns regarding issues involved in evicting non-paying extended stay tenants.

7B. Michael Steger, LaRouche Political Action Committee, related his belief that a fundamental shift in federal policies is needed to deal with the current economic crisis and urged the Council to consider endorsing the Homeowners Bank and Protection Act of 2007.

7C. Lewis Whilden, LaRouche Political Action Committee, provided background information about the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act of 2007 and the goals of the LaRouche Political Action Committee.

7D. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, invited everyone to attend a walking tour of downtown Torrance on Sunday, May 24, at 1:30 p.m. beginning at the Historical Museum at 1345 Post Avenue.

7E. Janet Payne, Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, announced that the association's meeting on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Center, 1318 Cravens Avenue, will include a City of Torrance Green Action Team panel discussion of ways to increase recycling and reduce water usage.

7F. Zachary Gray and Michael Ohta, Torrance Youth Council, invited everyone to attend the Power 106 basketball game fundraiser at West High School on Thursday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m. with monetary donations accepted as well as reams of paper and other school supplies.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. MEMORANDUM OF LEASE TERMINATION RE 2909 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a Memorandum of Lease Termination for an expired lease with Peninsula Pontiac GMC Buick, Inc. on City-owned property located at 2909 Pacific Coast Highway.

8B. MEMORANDUM OF LEASE RE 2909 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a Memorandum of Lease between the City of Torrance and Argonaut Holdings, Inc. for City-owned property located at 2909 Pacific Coast Highway.

8C. ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE RE 2909 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve an Estoppel Certificate certifying to the United States Treasury certain lease terms for City-owned property located at 2909 Pacific Coast Highway.

Item was withdrawn.

8D. PURCHASE ORDER RE TRANSIT SYSTEM BUS REPAIR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a purchase order with Complete Coach Works of Riverside, CA to repair Torrance Transit System buses at a cost not to exceed \$142,291.

8E. PURCHASE OF 2010 TOYOTA CAMRY SEDANS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a purchase order to Carson Toyota in Carson, CA in the amount of \$76,774.84 including sales tax and tire fees, to furnish three (3) 2010 Toyota Camry Sedans (B2009-14); and
- 2) Appropriate \$76,774.84 from the Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund.

8F. APPROPRIATION OF DONATED FUNDS FOR CARGO TRAILER FOR DISASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council appropriate and allocate \$7,100 of donated funds to purchase a cargo trailer for the Disaster Service Volunteer (DSV) programs.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. ACCEPTANCE OF IRREVOCABLE OFFER TO DEDICATE NORTH SIDE OF 190TH EAST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council accept a 100' x 10' irrevocable offer to dedication on the north side of 190th Street east of Hawthorne Boulevard and adopt a Resolution of acceptance.

Associate Civil Engineer Symons reported that the dedication would facilitate the construction of a right-turn pocket on 190th Street and allow the property owner at 18900 Hawthorne Boulevard to construct a wide-radius driveway.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT AN
IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR STREET PURPOSES ON
THE NORTH SIDE OF 190TH STREET EAST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-47. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12B. PURCHASING AGREEMENT RE LUBRICATING OILS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Transit Director that City Council authorize a purchasing agreement with G.P. Resources, Inc., dba General Petroleum of Rancho Dominguez, CA, to furnish lubricating oils on an as needed basis for a period of two (2) years, effective May 20, 2009 through May 19, 2011, in an amount not to exceed \$175,955.44 including sales tax and applicable fees. (B2009-09)

Fleet Services Manager Winnett advised that staff originally requested quotes for both virgin and recycled products but subsequently decided not to use recycled lubricants after learning that it could void an engine's warranty.

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. RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING REVISED SALARY RANGE FOR SENIOR FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Memorandum of Understanding for the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) to implement the revised salary range for Senior Forensic Identification Specialist. Expenditure: \$23,204.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that the proposed salary increase will assist the City in attracting highly qualified candidates for this position.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-56 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION (TPSA)

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-48. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12D. ESTABLISHMENT OF TORRANCE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve establishment of the Torrance Centennial Committee and to develop an application/selection process to be a member of Torrance Centennial Committee.

Management Associate Jones explained that the Torrance Centennial Committee will be responsible for planning events and activities to celebrate the City's first 100 years, with the celebration to commence on January 1, 2012 and end on October 21, 2012. She briefly reviewed the composition, goals and selection process for the committee.

Councilmember Furey suggested that former City staff members be notified about the committee because they have a wealth of knowledge about the City's history.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, requested and received clarification regarding the composition of the committee.

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

12E. CONTRACT FOR NEW TELEPHONE AND VOICEMAIL SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a professional services contract with Nexus IS, Inc. of Valencia, CA. to purchase, install, and maintain a new telephone and voicemail system at a cost of \$1,322,671, plus a 5% contingency fee of \$66,134, for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,388,805; and
- 2) Approve an additional appropriation of \$706,087 from the Telephone Replacement Fund and approve a modification to the original scope of FEAP #174 (Telephone and Voicemail System Replacement project) to include the purchase, installation, and maintenance of fiber optic cable throughout the City Hall campus. This project was originally funded for \$1,185,000 from the Telephone Replacement Fund.

Item was withdrawn.

12F. RESOLUTION RE SEIZURE OF CITY PROPERTY TAX FUNDS BY STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager and the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution finding a fiscal hardship will exist if additional city property tax funds are seized and additional unfunded mandates are adopted by the State of California.

Management Associate Jones reported that the League of California Cities has launched a "Save Your City" campaign to try to discourage the State from seizing additional property tax funds from cities to address the budget shortfall, which includes adopting a Resolution.

Finance Director Tsao advised that the State could potentially seize 8% of the City's property tax revenues for this fiscal year, amounting to approximately \$4 million, but it would have to be paid back within three years with interest.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
FINDING A FISCAL HARDSHIP WILL EXIST IF ADDITIONAL CITY PROPERTY
TAX FUNDS ARE SEIZED AND ADDITIONAL UNFUNDED MANDATES ARE
ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-49. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12G. CONTRACT FOR AUDIT SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council award a contract with Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. to provide external auditing services for three fiscal years ending 2009, 2010 and 2011 with option to extend for two two-year periods. The aggregate cost of the three year contract totals \$164,100 which represents a cost of \$54,700 per year.

Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn noted that Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. has been providing auditing services for the City since 2002 and staff has been pleased with their service.

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

12H. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE WEED ABATEMENT AT WALTERIA RESERVOIR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director and the Community Services Director that City Council award a contract services agreement with Ranchito Tivo Boer Goats for the use of goats for weed abatement at the Walteria Reservoir site and the adjacent park property in the amount not to exceed \$16,000.

Assistant Public Works Director van der Linden explained that weed abatement is done at this location on an annual basis for purposes of fire suppression and staff was recommending the use of goats because it is an environmentally-friendly and economical way to accomplish this task. He noted that letters will be sent to residents in the area informing them about this project.

Responding to questions from the Council, Assistant Public Works Director van der Linden reported that the contractor, Ranchito Tivo Boer Goats, has provided this service for other cities, including Rolling Hills, Laguna Beach and Chino Hills; that the weed abatement will commence in approximately 2 weeks and last for 2-3 months; and that goats will feed on brush from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week, and be secured in a pen the rest of the time. He confirmed that sufficient vegetation will be maintained for erosion control.

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

The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:07 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Torrance Rotary Club and the Torrance Education Foundation will be hosting Downtown Sounds on June 7 at The Depot restaurant and tickets are available for \$75 each, with proceeds to benefit music programs at Torrance high schools.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland, as chair of the Armed Forces Day Committee, thanked everyone involved in making the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration held the previous weekend a success, including the volunteers, City staff, and the Police Department, along with committee members Councilmember Brewer and Councilmember Barnett.

17C. Councilmember Barnett echoed comments on the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration and thanked residents for supporting this event.

17D. Councilmember Brewer noted the large turnout for the Armed Forces Day Parade and thanked residents for supporting our troops.

17E. Councilmember Brewer invited everyone to attend the Baby Boomer Health and Fitness Fair to be held on Saturday, May 30, at Wilson Park from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., which will include fitness demonstrations, information booths and free health screenings.

17F. Councilmember Brewer, with the concurrence of the Council, requested that staff make arrangements to formally recognize the Torrance High boys swim team for winning the CIF championship.

17G. Councilmember Furey echoed comments on the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration.

17H. Councilmember Furey reported that the Torrance Education Foundation in conjunction with TUSD will be conducting a summer school program this year for students K -12th grade through the South Bay Enrichment Academy. He noted that over 1,500 students have already enrolled, with information available at www.tefsbea.org.

17I. Councilmember Numark echoed thanks to everyone involved in the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration.

17J. Councilmember Numark invited the public to attend an Ice Cream Social at Anza Elementary School on Thursday, May 21, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., which will include a book fair, art display and silent auction, with proceeds to be used to hire part-time teachers for the upcoming school year.

17K. Councilmember Numark announced that there will be a free family concert by the Torrance Symphony Association on Friday, May 22, at 8:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Theatre.

17L. Councilmember Numark, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff, along with the Workforce Investment Network, explore the possibility of holding a job fair to assist residents who are out of work.

17M. Councilmember Rhilinger commented on the Armed Forces Day Parade, noting that she spoke with Marines who asked her to convey their thanks to residents for the warm outpouring of support.

17N. Mayor Scotto echoed comments on the Armed Forces Day Parade and thanked Rear Admiral Len Hering, Sr. for serving as Grand Marshal and Shawn Parr of radio station AM 105.1 for serving as Celebrity Grand Marshal. He also thanked executive staff and the Police Department for doing an outstanding job of coordinating the event.

17O. Community Services Director Jones announced that the start time for City of Torrance Dodger Day on Sunday, June 9, has been changed from 1:10 p.m. to 5:05 p.m., noting that tickets are available on the Dodger website.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:23 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, May 26, 2009 will be a Council dark night.**

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 14, 2009