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At 9:57 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, May 26, 2015 is a City Council dark night.

**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 19, 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.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Weideman.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Bishop Jeff Parker, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Torrance.

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, May 14, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Barnett announced that the second budget workshop/public hearing for the City's 2015-2017 two-year operating budget will be held later in the meeting under Item 13A.

Councilmember Weideman reported that the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee held a joint meeting with the Torrance Unified School District on Thursday, May 14, and topics of discussion included joint use agreements, a proposed joint project with Torrance Cable TV and TUSD students, and crossing guard issues.

Mayor Furey announced that the City of Torrance won first place in the Wyland Foundation 2015 Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation (population 100,000 -299,000); thanked all who made on-line pledges during the month of April; and encouraged everyone to do their best to fulfill the pledge. He reported that Torrance and the other four winning cities will receive software designed to assist with water conservation efforts and one of the winning cities will also receive a pocket park makeover.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13 RE KEY EBARLE

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING KEY EBARLE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-13. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH"

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring the month of May as "National Preservation Month" in the City of Torrance to Debbie Hays and Janet Payne of the Torrance Historical Society.

6C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF EXXONMOBIL FOUNDATION DONATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager:

- 1) Accept and appropriate \$50,000 donation from ExxonMobil Foundation to the 2015 Youth Development Program; and
- 2) Authorize payment to Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) for the 2015 Youth Development Program in an amount not to exceed \$11,010.

ExxonMobil representatives Brian Ablett, Refinery Manager, and Barbara Graham, Public and Government Affairs, presented the check to Mayor Furey, who accepted the donation with appreciation. Mr. Ablett noted that since 1990, the ExxonMobil Foundation has invested more the \$2 million in Torrance's summer job program and nearly 800 students have participated in it.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to accept and appropriate the donation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

6D. RECOGNITION OF NORTH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

Mayor Furey recognized the North High School Girls Softball Team for winning the Torrance National Softball Tournament for the second consecutive year and presented a certificate of recognition to Coach Howard Miller.

6E. RECOGNITION OF TOWERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mayor Furey recognized Towers Elementary School for their waste reduction efforts as part of the Grades of Green Trash Free Lunch Challenge and presented certificates of recognition to Grades of Green Sr. Program Manager Nicole Severe, Program Manager Cathy Procopio, Towers Elementary Principal Sandy Skora, Parent Lead Thalia Commins, and Parent Participant Suzanne Gibson. Ms. Severe noted that Towers Elementary students diverted over 1000 bags of trash during the Trash Free Lunch Challenge

6F. RECOGNITION OF AYSO REGION 15

Mayor Furey recognized AYSO Region 15 for receiving the Section 1 Region of the Year Award; briefly highlighted their accomplishments; and presented a certificate of recognition to Regional Commissioner Jerry Wilson.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. City Clerk Poirier announced applications are being accepted for vacancies on Library Commission, Cable TV Advisory Board, and Water Commission until June 4 at 5:00 p.m., with appointments to be made at the June 16 City Council meeting.

7B. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that there will be a free docent-led walking tour of old Torrance on Sunday, May 31, beginning at the Torrance Historical Museum located at 1345 Post Avenue at 1:30 p.m.

7C. Janet Payne, Torrance Historical Society, invited the public to attend a ceremonial reading of the names on the Torrance Veterans Memorial Wall on Monday, May 25, at 2:00 p.m.

7D. Jean Adelsman, Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, announced that the foundation's annual gala will be held on Friday, June 26, at the Doubletree Hotel with the theme "Casino Royale," and additional information is available at www.TorranceArts.org.

7E. Clint Paulson, Torrance, reported that a new organization has been formed to assist the homeless - Family Promise of the South Bay - and thanked Mayor Fury for attending its grand opening last Sunday. He noted that a "Cardboard Box City" fundraising event will be held on June 6, with additional information on the organization's website.

7F. Mark Stephenson, Torrance, expressed concerns about the City's growing pension debt, noting that Torrance's pension system earned approximately a 50% return on investment for the four years from 2010 to 2013 and during that same period its unfunded accrued liability increased by approximately \$150 million. He disputed claims that changes brought about by the Public Employees Pension Reform Act of 2013 would solve the problem and urged the Council to take action to avoid jeopardizing our children's future.

7G. Ted Jones, on behalf of the Del Amo Rotary Club and the South Bay YMCA, announced that there will be a veterans' giveaway sponsored by the Home Depot Foundation at Help the Children's headquarters in Bell, California, on June 6.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of April 28, 2015.

8B. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR POLICE OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the Human Resources Administrator that City Council approve the revised class specification for Police Operations Supervisor.

8C. LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a license agreement with Madrona Car Wash, Inc., located at 3405 Sepulveda Boulevard, for one (1) groundwater monitoring well.

8D. SUBSIDY OF RENTAL FEES FOR TORRANCE PARK FOR VETERAN'S RESOURCE EVENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consider approval of a subsidy of rental fees in the amount of \$662 for the use of Torrance Park for a veterans' resource event on May 29, 2015 by the South Bay Veterans Employment Committee (SBVEC).

8E. CHANGE ORDER RE E-BOOK SERVICE FOR LIBRARY SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize a change order to the purchase order with Baker & Taylor of Momence, IL (PO 2014-276) in an amount of \$35,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$115,000 and extend the term for one year through June 30, 2016.

8F. FEE AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore to provide legal services pertaining to the Civil Service appeal of personnel matter #A15-000244, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

8G. FEE AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore to provide legal services pertaining to the Civil Service appeal of personnel matter #A15-000240, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

8H. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS SOFTWARE SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Communications & Information Technology Director and the Finance Director that City Council approve a contract amendment with Systema Software, LLC, of Larkspur, CA (C2014-084) in the amount of \$30,012.50 for a new, not to exceed total of \$422,070.50 that includes a previously approved 5% contingency of \$12,620 to provide additional hours in converting data and troubleshooting system performance for Workers' Compensation Claims software services.

8I. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 72793

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 72793; and
- 2) Accept an easement for open space purposes at the southwest corner of the project site. This Final Parcel Map merges multiple lots into one lot on property located at 2550 Pacific Coast Highway within R1-PP/R-3/A-1 Zone. This project is owned by Chandler Ranch Properties, LLC, BR Mobile Home Park, LLC, and Chandler Perris, LLC. The Final Parcel Map substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the tentative map.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8I. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. VIEW OBSTRUCTION BY TREES/VEGETATION IN HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council refer the matter of view obstruction by trees and vegetation in the Hillside Overlay District to the City Council Community Planning and Design Committee for further action.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna reported that staff has completed a series of six community outreach meetings regarding a potential ordinance to address view-blocking vegetation in the Hillside Overlay District and was recommending that the matter be referred to the City Council Community Planning Design Committee for further action, however other options would be to form an ad hoc committee or refer the matter to the Planning Commission.

Judy Brunetti, co-president of Riviera Homeowners Association, thanked the Council for taking on this issue, relating her belief that an ordinance regulating vegetation in the Hillside Overlay District would help resolve long-standing problems.

Councilmember Weideman noted that the Community Planning and Design Committee is currently working on the issue of historic preservation and questioned whether adding this task would be too burdensome.

Councilmember Griffiths, chair of the Community Planning and Design Committee, stated that he was prepared to put in the time necessary to take on both of these tasks; Councilmember Ashcraft and Councilmember Goodrich, members of the Community Planning and Design Committee, indicated that they were also agreeable.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION RE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE AWAY FROM OFFICIAL DUTY STATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council adopt a resolution identifying the terms and conditions for Fire Department response away from their official duty station and assigned to an emergency incident.

Fire Chief Racowschi reported that changes to the California Fire Assistance Agreement make it necessary for the City to adopt a resolution confirming that City of Torrance personnel are reimbursed on a portal-to-portal basis when responding to an emergency incident.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, IDENTIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE AWAY FROM THEIR OFFICIAL DUTY STATION AND ASSIGNED TO AN EMERGENCY INCIDENT

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-36. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. RESOLUTIONS RE TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution initiating proceedings to levy assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal year 2015-2016;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Engineer's Report for the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1; and,
- 3) Adopt a Resolution of Intention to levy assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal year 2015-2016 setting the date of June 9, 2015 for the public hearing.

City Engineer Bilezerian advised that tonight's action approves the Engineer's Report and sets the date for the hearing on Lighting District No. 99-1. Referring to the staff report, he pointed out that assessment rates have remain unchanged since 1999 and the rates do not include a consumer price index inflator, therefore, as the cost of maintaining street lights continues to increase, the City's General Fund must make up the difference. He noted that non-functioning street lights can be reported at 1-800-611-1911 or www.SCE.com.

Councilmember Griffiths advised that non-functioning streetlights can also be reported via an app available for smart phones, which includes an auto-locating feature using GPS. He noted that he recently reported several streetlights in his neighborhood using the app and they were repaired within three working days.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, City Engineer Bilezerian reported that the City only owns a few streetlights adjacent to West High and along the Del Amo Boulevard extension so the SCE is responsible for maintaining the vast majority of streetlights in Torrance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-37. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIII D OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-38. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

12C. RESOLUTION RE REFERENCE POINT FOR REVENUE MANAGER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Administrator that City Council adopt a resolution amending Resolution No. 2014-63 to implement the reference point for Revenue Manager.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence advised that the Revenue Manager is a subclass within the revised job description approved last week for the Finance Manager and the proposed resolution will implement the reference point for this position.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-63 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-40. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

12D. CHANGE ORDER RE PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD REHABILITATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a first amendment to the public works agreement with Sully Miller Contracting of Brea, CA (C2015-023) to increase the contract amount by \$35,019.19 for a new not to exceed total contract amount of \$2,800,303.69 (excluding the previously authorized contingency of \$276,528); and
- 2) Approve a change order in the amount of \$35,019.19 to the public works agreement with Sully Miller Contracting (C2015-023) for traffic signal modifications at three intersections included in the Palos Verdes Boulevard Rehabilitation, I-121.

Engineering Manager Overstreet reported that in conjunction with the Palos Verdes Boulevard Rehabilitation Project currently underway, staff was recommending the upgrading of traffic controllers at three intersections – Calle Mayor, Calle Miramar and Via Monte D'Oro – along with the upgrading of traffic signal poles at Via Monte D'Oro to put the infrastructure in place for protected left turns. She noted that a study must be completed to determine if protected left-turn phasing is warranted, but installing the infrastructure at this time will minimize construction costs and avoid the need for trenching in the future, and even if it is determined that protected left-turn phasing is not warranted, the new signal poles will enhance visibility. She advised that funding is available from a Metro grant for signal improvements and the project is still expected to be completed by August 2015 so it will not interfere with the triathlon scheduled for September 2015.

Councilmember Barnett commended staff for their efforts on this project, relating his belief that residents will greatly appreciate these improvements.

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

12E. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY2015-2016 OPERATING BUDGET AND FY2015-2016 CAPITAL BUDGET

Considered out of order see pages 13-14.

13. HEARINGS

13A. PROPOSED 2015-2017 CITY OF TORRANCE OPERATING BUDGET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council open the second public hearing and budget workshop on the City of Torrance proposed two-year Operating Budget for fiscal years 2015-2017.

Mayor Furey announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Poirier confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

City Manager Jackson clarified that the staff report references a Military Veteran's Commission, however, the Council has requested that the purposes of the commission be broadened and the title changed to the Community Services Commission.

Mayor Furey noted that he requested at the last meeting that the commission's role be expanded to encompass the homeless, special needs children, and intellectually challenged adults, along with military veterans.

Finance Director Tsao advised that information requested by the Council at the May 12 Council meeting has been provided in the staff report. He reported that since that meeting, Governor Brown submitted his May revisions to the State budget and staff anticipates that the changes will have minimal impact on the City, however the City could receive several hundred thousand dollars from the State to replace funds that were previously diverted.

City Manager Jackson clarified that the funds would be used to enhance Workers Compensation reserves.

Councilmember Barnett noted that the City Manager has recommended that discussion of the Parks and Recreation Enterprise Fund be deferred until the 1st Quarter Budget Review in November 2015 and requested that staff provide information about how other cities in the same marketing area budget for direct/indirect costs associated with recreational classes/programs at that time. He expressed an interest in pursuing the idea of relocating the Fourth of July celebration from Wilson Park to the Civic Center, which staff has estimated would reduce the cost from \$250,000 to around \$70,000.

Councilmember Weideman reported that the Armed Forces Day Committee submitted an application to participate in 50th anniversary Vietnam War commemoration, which was accepted, and asked about funding for this event.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan advised that it was staff's understanding of guidelines that the Vietnam War commemoration was meant to be incorporated into existing City programs and staff was exploring how best to do this and will return to the Council with a request if additional funding is needed.

Councilmember Goodrich stated that he was opposed to funding the Rose Parade float on a one-time basis, because he believes the people in the Torrance Rose Float Association deserve some stability so they know what to expect.

City Manager Jackson advised that if the Council wishes to provide ongoing funding for the Rose Parade float, reductions will have to be made in other areas of the budget to offset the cost.

Councilmember Ashcraft noted that many people go to Torrance Beach to view fireworks since the City has discontinued the Fourth of July Celebration at Wilson Park and asked if the demand on the police and fire departments was similar.

Police Chief Matsuda reported that traffic control at the beach is roughly equivalent to the Wilson Park event, but fewer officers are needed to patrol the event at the beach.

Fire Chief Racowski explained that Fire Department staffing is not increased for the event at the beach, but more resources are shifted to that area.

City Manager Jackson noted that the fireworks at the beach began before the City discontinued the event at Wilson Park and a considerable police presence was required at both events.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, City Manager Jackson clarified that staff was recommending that the additional funding requested by the Cultural Arts Foundation (\$59,980) come from the endowment fund rather than increasing the amount budgeted for the foundation on an ongoing basis.

Mayor Furey invited public comment.

Suzan Hubert, Torrance Art Museum Advocates, urged the Council to consider providing funding for full-time staff at the art museum, noting that there has been a great turnover of part-time staff which is expensive for the City and detrimental to the museum. She reported that the museum has presented many notable exhibits, which attract out-of-town visitors to Torrance, and suggested that the museum would be able to do more educational events and public outreach with full-time staffing and research potential sources of grant funding.

In response to Councilmember Rizzo's inquiry, Cultural Services Manager Rappoport advised that converting the museum's program coordinator from part-time to full-time would cost approximately \$40,000 per year and this proposal was among the program modifications not recommended for funding at this time.

Georgean Griswold, president of Torrance Rose Float Association, noted that TRFA's request for \$125,000 in funding for this year's float was detailed in her letter included in the staff report and thanked the Council for their consideration.

Clint Paulson, Torrance, questioned why revenue from paramedic fees is expected to decrease by approximately \$1 million for FY 2014-2015.

City Manager Jackson explained that the City was advised that a fee being charged was not appropriate, therefore it was eliminated which resulted in a shortfall of anticipated revenue of approximately \$1 million.

In response to Mr. Paulson's inquiry, Public Works Director Beste reported that excess funds are allocated for capital projects when income exceeds expenses for the Water Department.

Mr. Paulson related his understanding that funding to staff the new transit center will be provided by Measure R and Proposition C funds for this budget cycle, and questioned how these positions will be funded in the future.

Transit Director Turner advised that these positions will continue to be funded by Measure R, along with revenues generated by fares, and they will not require funding from the City's General Fund.

In response to Mr. Paulson's inquiry, City Manager Jackson clarified that the \$9.2 million to be received by the City as part of a land swap with Rolling Hills Estates is not included in this budget. He reported that reductions in the City Council's budget reflect savings in salaries and health insurance.

Mr. Paulson expressed concerns about the impact of businesses moving out of Torrance, including Toyota and Kubota.

Mayor Furey noted that news accounts tend to omit positive information, such as the fact that 2,250 new businesses have obtained business licenses in Torrance over the past 18 months and the Chamber of Commerce has added over 500 new members during that same period. He expressed confidence that the Toyota property will not be vacant for long.

Mr. Paulson urged the Council to consider providing more funding for crossing guards. He expressed concerns that City employees at the lower end of the pay scale are bearing the brunt of pension costs.

Chris Wolf, executive director, Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, thanked the Council for their continued support of the foundation.

Byron Stefferud, Torrance Performing Arts Consortium, stated that he personally does not support subsidies for cultural arts programs and believes they should be self-supporting as is the case with groups involved in TPAC. He noted that the Torrance Symphony could not be sustained despite receiving subsidies.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested clarification of Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency debt, which was provided by Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn.

Mr. Stephenson requested clarification of the City's payments for post-employment benefit costs, which was provided by Finance Director Tsao.

Tim Beck, Torrance resident and CEO of Heal the Harbor, urged the City to invest \$30,000 to build a storage tank for dry ice pellets to be used by firefighters to put out fires when water is not available.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Mr. Beck reported that no cities are currently using dry ice pellets to fight fires.

Arthur Schaper, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the purpose of the proposed Community Services Commission, which was provided by Mayor Furey.

Mr. Schaper voiced support for the increase in the City Council's travel budget and urged the Council to use some of the funds to be received in the land swap for paying down pension debt.

Councilmember Weideman expressed support for funding the Torrance Rose Parade float using one-time funds from the land swap; providing the additional \$59,980 requested by the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation using the endowment fund; and establishing a Community Services Commission. He voiced concerns that the City's share of streetlight maintenance cost has risen from approximately \$500,000 in FY1999-2000 to \$1.8 million in FY2015-2017 because a cost-of-living increase was not included when the Lighting District was originally formed.

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

Mayor Furey stressed the need to provide legacy funding for the Rose Parade float, the Cultural Arts Foundation, and Fourth of July fireworks. He noted that although funding has been restored for some items, there are many more he would like to see funded, but it's not possible to do so because the budget is very tight. He commended staff for doing an outstanding job of allocating funding where it is most needed. He voiced support for funding a Veteran's Day event honoring Vietnam War veterans, who were sadly mistreated during the Vietnam War era.

Councilmember Griffiths noted his agreement with Mayor Furey's remarks. He expressed support for funding a Military Veterans/Community Services Commission and for using one-time funds for the Rose Parade float. He stated that he agrees based on discussions at Council committee meetings, the City should move toward regular funding for the Rose Float, but since it is not possible during this budget, he hopes the City will continue to look for funding opportunities in the future. He proposed looking into the feasibility of funding a 4th of July Celebration in 2016 at the mid-year budget review.

Councilmember Ashcraft expressed concerns about the adequacy of the \$600,000 per year that has been allocated for building maintenance and asked about the possibility of using part of the land swap funds for this purpose.

City Manager Jackson indicated that was a possibility, but noted that staff has recommended using the Chandler/land swap funds for bolstering reserves and paying down pension debt. He explained that funding for larger scale building maintenance projects typically comes from year-end carryover, and while there will be no carry-over available for this purpose in FY2014-15, this could change in 2015-16.

City Manager Jackson requested input from the Council regarding proposed funding for the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation and the Torrance Rose Parade float.

Councilmember Ashcraft stated that she would support providing the requested amount (\$59,980) for Cultural Arts Foundation, but wanted it made clear that the funds were coming from the endowment fund and the City was not agreeing to increase ongoing funding in this amount.

Councilmember Goodrich asked about options for funding the Rose Parade float without using one-time funds.

City Manager Jackson advised that approximately \$100,000 would have to be cut from the budget and it would probably require a reduction in field personnel, which have already been hard hit in the past.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the need to provide stable funding for the Rose Parade float when the City's finances improve.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to use Chandler/land swap funds to fund the Torrance Rose Parade float for the next two years. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to approve \$59,980 in additional funding for the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation for one year for a total of \$169,400 to be redistributed as requested on page 26 of the staff report (letter from Christian Wolf, executive director of Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

City Manager Jackson clarified that it was not necessary to allocate funding for the Community Services Commission for a full year because it will take time to form the commission.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to fund the Community Services Commission for six months. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt the proposed two-year 2015-2017 Operating Budget as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 12E was considered out of order at this time.

12E. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY2015-2016 OPERATING BUDGET AND FY2015-2016 CAPITAL BUDGET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager and the City Finance Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a resolution approving the annual appropriations for the 1st year (fiscal year 2015-2016) of the two year 2015-2017 Operating Budget; and
- 2) Adopt a resolution approving the annual appropriations for the 3rd year (fiscal year 2015-2016) of the five year 2013-2018 Capital Budget Plan.

Finance Director Tsao advised that with the Council's action under Item 13A, General Fund appropriations will increase from \$185,279,662 to \$185,589,642.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-16 FISCAL
YEAR FOR THE ADOPTED 2015-17 TWO-YEAR OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-33 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ESTABLISHING OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE THIRD
YEAR (2015-16) OF THE CITY'S 2013-2018 CAPITAL BUDGET

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-34. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Ashcraft reported that she thought the Armed Forces Day Parade and the various events held in conjunction with it were all outstanding, noting that members of every branch of the military were very appreciative and grateful for the recognition.

17B. Councilmember Barnett commended the police chief and the entire police department for the emotional and heartfelt tribute at the Police Memorial Service last Wednesday. He thanked residents who attended the Armed Forces Day Parade for their outpouring of support for the military. He also thanked residents who helped Torrance win the Wyland Foundation Mayor's Challenge by signing the pledge to conserve water and encouraged them to follow through on this commitment. He congratulated Mayor Furey and Councilmember Weideman, chair of the Armed Forces Day Committee, for successfully completing their duties during the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration.

17C. Councilmember Barnett, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff arrange to recognize The Stars girls' soccer team from North Torrance, which just completed an undefeated regular and tournament season.

17D. Councilmember Goodrich thanked the police department for doing an excellent job of taking care of all the details and handling security for the Armed Forces Day Parade and thanked the community for the tremendous show of support for the military. He also thanked Tesla for providing the Tesla roadster he rode in for the parade, noting that this was the first time the parade has included an electric vehicle.

17E. Councilmember Griffiths thanked everyone involved in making the Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration such a success. He noted that the Air Force Band of the West's performance on Friday night was fantastic and a highlight of the weekend.

17F. Councilmember Griffiths reported that Metro offers free express bus service to Dodger Stadium for those with tickets to a Dodger game, which departs from the Gardena transit center every 15 minutes beginning two hours before the game, with return service beginning 5 minutes after the final out.

17G. Councilmember Rizzo commended staff for the outstanding Police Memorial Service held last Wednesday. He reported that he greatly enjoyed participating in the Armed Forces Day Parade and thanked the police department and other City departments involved for their efforts.

17H. Councilmember Weideman commented on his enjoyment of the parade, stating that he was very proud of the citizens of Torrance and proud to be the chair of the Armed Forces Day Committee. He thanked Police Lieutenant Mark Underwood for helping with the planning and coordinating of the various events, a task that began last November. He also thanked his colleagues for supporting the Veterans Day event commemorating the Vietnam War.

17I. Mayor Furey reported that the Grand Marshal of the Parade Rear Admiral Joseph Servidio was overwhelmed by City's show of support for the military and other flag officers were equally impressed. He gave special thanks to Gayle Anderson for promoting the parade on the KTLA morning show every day last week, to Emmett Miller for serving as announcer at the Police Memorial Service and the Armed Forces Day Parade, and to Ben McCain for serving as the announcer at the Saturday night banquet.

17J. Mayor Furey thanked the Wyland Foundation for sponsoring the Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation.

17K. Mayor Furey encouraged everyone to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day, noting that there will be memorial service at Green Hills Cemetery in San Pedro, where there will be a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, and there will also be a ceremonial reading of the names on Torrance's Veterans Memorial Wall at 2:00 p.m.

17L. City Manager Jackson commended staff for their efforts in preparing the budget and thanked the Council for their input.

17M. Police Chief Matsuda reported that the police department takes great pride in making sure events throughout Armed Forces weekend run smoothly and thanked all the City departments that participated in this team effort. He noted that he received many positive comments about the Police Memorial Service and credited Officer Jason McDonald, who was in charge of this event.

17N. Arthur Schaper, Torrance, asked if there will be another Commissioner Certification training class this year, and City Clerk Poirier reported that a training class will be held on September 29, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Nakano Theatre. He commented positively on the Armed Forces Day Parade.

17O. Tim Beck, Torrance, recommended that the Pledge of Allegiance be amended to insert the word "equal" before "justice for all." He related his belief that Toyota Motors will regret relocating its headquarters to Texas. He offered to provide a demonstration of no-water fire suppression equipment.

17P. Georgean Griswold, Torrance Rose Float Association, thanked the Council for approving funding the Torrance Rose Parade float, noting that Zamperini family members who participated in the Armed Forces Day Parade, also rode on Torrance's 2015 Rose Parade float.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:57 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, May 26, 2015 is a City Council dark night.

Attest:

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

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

Approved on June 9, 2015