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At 8:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business to commence at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 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.

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 agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6 and 54956.9(d)(1).

The City Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with all members present. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Ashcraft.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Barnett.

**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 28, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Agenda Item 12B was withdrawn; supplemental material was available for Item 12F.

## **5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Police Officer Chuong Vo announced that the Torrance Police Department will be hosting a Women's Fitness Challenge /Recruitment Event on Saturday, June 6, at Wilson Park at 9:00 a.m. He noted that representatives from various divisions will be present to provide information about job openings in the Police Department and attendees will be able to try the physical agility test that must be passed to become a police officer.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the Ad Hoc Naming of Public Facilities Committee will meet on Thursday, June 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Manager's assembly room to discuss the proposal to rename the Pueblo Park Recreation Center in honor of Rueben Ordaz.

Deputy Fire Chief Dumais announced that ExxonMobil will be conducting their monthly testing of the Community Alert Siren on Wednesday, June 6, at approximately 11:30 a.m. He advised that should the siren sound at a time other than the monthly testing, the message is to shelter in place, which means that people should go indoors and close all windows and doors, turn off heaters and air conditioners and close fireplace dampers. He noted that details about the procedure are available on the City's website at [www.TorranceCa.gov/TPD/9927.htm](http://www.TorranceCa.gov/TPD/9927.htm).

Councilmember Ashcraft reported that the Employee Relations/Public Safety Committee met earlier this afternoon to review the Crossing Guard program and will be forwarding a recommendation to the City Council in the near future.

Councilmember Weideman announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 16, at 3:00 p.m. in the City Manager's assembly room to review the design for the 2016 Rose Parade float.

Mayor Furey reported that over the years, he has spoken to various high school classes on the role of municipal government and the rights and responsibilities young adults assume when they turn 18; that with the help of Torrance Unified School District and Bishop Montgomery, he was able to formalize the program this year and his presentation was offered as part of the U.S. Government curriculum to 1549 high school seniors; and that he plans to refine his presentation over the summer and looks forward to resuming the program next year.

Mayor Furey announced that Madrona Middle School student Aaron Im, a finalist in the Pitch, Hit and Run competition held at the Torrance Batting Cages on April 18, has advanced and will be participating in the team championships at Dodger Stadium on Sunday, June 7, between 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. He thanked Kevin Tyler of the Torrance Batting Cages for supporting this program.

## **6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

### **6A. PROCLAMATION HONORING DAVID BURKS**

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation to David Burks in recognition of his loyal and dedicated service to the Torrance community upon his retirement as artistic director of the Torrance Civic Chorale after serving in this position for 24 years.

**6B. RECOGNITION OF LUKE POND AND EMMA TALLMAN FOR COMPETING IN UNITED STATES OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION TEAM TRIALS**

Mayor Furey recognized Luke Pond and Emma Tallman for competing in the United States Optimist Dinghy Association team trials in Miami, Florida in April and presented them with certificates of recognition. King Harbor Youth Foundation director Ann Polpolizio provided background about sailing programs for local youths.

**6C. RECOGNITION OF WINNERS OF TORRANCE PERFORMING ARTS CONSORTIUM 2015 SHAKESPEARE AWARDS POETRY CONTEST**

Mayor Furey recognized Jeffery Tan, Hana Schosser, Frances Roberts and Anthony Karambelas as winners of the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium 2015 Shakespeare Awards Poetry Contest and each of them shared their award winning poem.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** City Clerk Poirier announced that the deadline to submit applications for vacancies on the Library Commission, Water Commission, and Cable Television Advisory Board is Thursday, June 4, at 5:00 p.m., with appointments to be made at the June 16 City Council meeting.

**7B.** Leilani Kimmel-Dagastino, Torrance, announced that Los Angeles Air Force Base will be hosting an event for retired military personnel and their dependents on Saturday, June 6, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, which will feature a free barbeque lunch, with additional information available at 310-653-5144.

**7C.** David Oster, People First, asked if a representative from the City Council was available to speak at the organization's June meeting.

**7D.** Denielle Johnson, Torrance Art Museum Advocates (TAMA), announced that the museum will be opening two new exhibits "Forgetting the Future - Entropy in the Reflective Age" and "Mimmo Catania Storm" on Saturday, June 6, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and the exhibitions will continue until July 25, with additional information at [www.TorranceArtMuseum.com](http://www.TorranceArtMuseum.com).

**7E.** Members of the Philippine Independence Day Foundation invited the public to attend to a free event celebrating Philippine Independence Day on Saturday, June 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Veteran's Park, located at 22400 Moneta Avenue in Carson, featuring food booths, live entertainment, exhibits and a children's play area, with additional information available at [www.PhilippineIndependenceDayFoundation.org](http://www.PhilippineIndependenceDayFoundation.org).

**7F.** Jean Adelsman, Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, offered a reminder that the foundation's annual gala will be held on June 26, noting that Sunrider International and former City Clerk Sue Herbers will be honored at this event.

**7G.** Mark Stephenson, Torrance, expressed concerns that CalPERS (California Public Employees Retirement System) continues to allow pension spiking practices in defiance of the Governor and anti-spiking provisions in the pension reform act passed in January 2013. He also expressed concerns that CalPERS audits pension accounts only once every 33 years and urged the Council to form a citizen financial review committee to provide oversight of the City's \$2 billion pension fund.

7H. Lloyd Brown, Torrance, expressed concerns about the cost of trash collection and requested that the City look into the possibility of allowing residents the option of having trash pick-up every other week rather than weekly as a way of reducing this expense.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of May 5, 2015.

8B. **RECOGNITION AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROLLING HILLS PLAZA**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize a Recognition and Attornment agreement by and among Rolling Hills Plaza, LLC, a California limited liability company, Total Renal Care, Inc., a California corporation and the City of Torrance with regard to a sublease of City-owned property located at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard, also known as Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center (C-053).

8C. **RE-TITLED/REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the Human Resources Administrator that City Council approve the re-titled and revised class specification for Records Management Supervisor.

8D. **APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 61287**

Considered separately, see page 5.

8E. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR PETERBILT SANITATION TRUCK REPAIR PARTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council award a sole-source purchase order to Rush Truck Center of Pico Rivera, CA in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 to furnish Peterbilt brand sanitation truck repair parts on an as needed basis for a period of two years effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

8F. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR TORO MOWER REPAIR PARTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council award a sole-source purchase order to Turf Star Inc. of Hayward, CA in an amount not to exceed \$114,000 to furnish Toro brand mower repair parts on an as needed basis for a period of two years effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

**8G. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR AMMUNITION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a purchase order to San Diego Police Equipment Co., Inc. of San Diego, CA in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for ammunition on an as needed basis from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; and
- 2) Authorize a purchase order to Dooley Enterprises, Inc. of Anaheim, CA in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for ammunition on an as needed basis from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8C and 8E through 8G. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

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

**8D. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 61287**

**Recommendation**

Approval of the Community Development Director that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 61287 located in the P-1 (Hillside) Zone for portions within City of Torrance boundaries at 26311 Palos Verdes Boulevard (Rolling Hills Estates). This Final Tract Map will allow for the development/relocation of a portion of a golf course in the City of Torrance in conjunction with the development of 114 homes in the City of Rolling Hills Estates, is owned by Chandler Ranch Properties, LLC, BR Mobile Home Park, LLC, and Chandler Perris, LLC, and the map substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, asked if the 4-acre easement to be granted to the City in conjunction with this action is a perpetual easement. He voiced his opinion that the \$10 million the City will be receiving for the property swapped with Rolling Hills Estates was far below market value.

City Manager Jackson clarified that Torrance does not own the property in question and the \$10 million is compensation for lost property tax revenue.

Community Development Director Gibson reported that there are no constraints on the 4-acre easement and it is being granted in perpetuity.

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

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. PURCHASE ORDER FOR NEPTUNE WATER METERS, REGISTERS AND PARTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Public Works Director that City Council award a sole-source purchase order to Equarius Waterworks of Torrance, CA in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 to furnish Neptune brand water meters, registers and parts on an as needed basis for a period of three years effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

Fleet Services Manager Botiller reported that the City converted to an automated meter reading system in 2006, which has sped up the meter reading process and improved accuracy, and this purchase order is for various parts necessary to maintain the system.

Mayor Furey noted that Equarius Waterworks is located in Torrance and it's the only company in California authorized to distribute Neptune brand products.

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

**12B. RESOLUTION RE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Administrator that City Council adopt a Resolution pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2014-26 for employees represented by Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) implementing changes to compensation and reflecting the title change for Records Management Supervisor in the amount of \$34,000.

Item was withdrawn.

**12C. RESOLUTION RE RESTATED BOND INDENTURES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of Amended and Restated Bond Indentures relating to the City of Torrance Variable Rate Revenue Bonds (Torrance Memorial Medical Center), Series 2010B and Series 2010C.

Finance Director Tsao reported that this action was being taken at the request of Torrance Memorial Medical Center and noted that the City serves as a conduit with regard to the issuance of these bonds and has no liability for their repayment.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-42**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AMENDED AND RESTATED  
BOND INDENTURES RELATING TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE VARIABLE RATE  
REVENUE BONDS (TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, SERIES 2010B  
AND SERIES 2010C) AND RELATED ACTIONS

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-42. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

**12D. RESOLUTION RE ISSUANCE OF 2015-16 TAX REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution approving the sale and issuance of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN) not to exceed \$38,000,000.

Finance Director Tsao advised that the City has been issuing Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes since FY2007-08 as they assist with fluctuations in the City's cash flow and allow for the pre-payment of annual pension costs at a discount of approximately 3.7%.

In response to Councilmember Weideman's inquiry, Finance Director Tsao reported that staff expects the cost of the funds to be between 0.55% and 0.80%.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the \$4.5 million post-employment benefit reserve account, which was provided by Finance Director Tsao.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-43**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 AND THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TAX AND TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,000,000 THEREFOR

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-43. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

**12E. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FY 2015-2016**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution approving the City of Torrance appropriations limit for fiscal year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$2,609,438,117; and selection of the percentage change in State per Capita Personal Income as the cost of living factor, together with the increase in the Los Angeles County population, as the annual adjustment factors for the same fiscal year.

Accountant Fujioki reported that the Gann Initiative requires cities to establish an appropriations limit each year; that the Finance Director was recommending the selection of the percentage of change in State per Capita Personal Income and the increase in the Los Angeles County population as annual adjustment factors; and that this results in a limit of \$2,609,438,117 which is 17 times more than the appropriations subject to this limitation.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the \$3.38 million increase in FICA payroll taxes listed in the staff report and Finance Director Tsao agreed to provide this information at a later date.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-44**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 2015-16 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND SELECTION OF THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-44. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

**12F. RESOLUTION RE PREMIUM CHANGES FOR TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2014-38 for employees represented by the Torrance City Employees Association (TCEA) implementing changes to premiums in the amount of \$12,975.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that this action will allow for the addition of 10 bilingual paid positions and adds a 2.5% step to the existing pay range for Reprographic Equipment Operator to account for additional responsibilities.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-45**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-38 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (TCEA)

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-45. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

**12G. RESOLUTION RE PREMIUM CHANGES FOR ENGINEERS/TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2014-30 for employees represented by the Engineers and Torrance Fiscal Employees Association implementing changes to premiums in the amount of \$20,175.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that this action will add a Lead Senior Planner position and Senior Planning Associate position to the Community Development Department.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-46**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-30 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING  
HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED  
BY ENGINEERS/TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-46. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

**12H. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE UNARMED SECURITY SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager, Community Services Director, and Transit Director that City Council approve a second amendment to the agreement with World Private Security, Incorporated (C2013-132) in the amount of \$195,434.84 to provide unarmed security services for the City of Torrance, extending the term from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$567,102.52.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan stated that World Private Security has performed in accordance with the standards in its contract, therefore staff was recommending that the contract be extended for one year. He reported that the firm's main duty is to provide security for the Transit Department, but additional hours have been included for the provision of security at the Farmer's Market. He noted that this is the last year of the contract so a Request for Proposal will be prepared prior to the contract's expiration.

Councilmember Ashcraft reported that she received clarification from Transit Director Turner that security guards come in each day to pick up a City vehicle and a radio for their shift, but they do not take the vehicle home.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan advised that the security guards are available at all times to respond to any incident that might occur on a bus.

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

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Barnett commended the Torrance Historical Society and City staff for the ceremony on Memorial Day at the City's Veterans Memorial Wall.

**17B.** Councilmember Goodrich noted that he attended the rededication of Towers Elementary School last Friday night and stated that he was pleased residents passed the school bonds that enabled the improvements and appreciates their continued involvement which allows Torrance to maintain its high level of education.

**17C.** Councilmember Goodrich reported that the radio, computer and electronics market hosted by the W6TRW Amateur Radio Club on a monthly basis for the last 40 years at Northrup Grumman in Redondo Beach is looking for a new location, and with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff explore potential venues in Torrance, especially those that may bring an economic benefit to the city.

**17D.** Councilmember Griffiths offered well wishes to Councilmember Goodrich and his wife on the impending birth of their son.

**17E.** Councilmember Rizzo announced that Help the Children will be holding a veterans' appreciation event offering free home improvement supplies to all active and retired members of the military, on Saturday, June 6, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at 5600 Mansfield Way in Bell.

**17F.** Councilmember Weideman reported that he and other Councilmembers attended the opening of an art exhibit "Beautiful Taiwan" at the Chinese Cultural Center in El Monte last Saturday, at which the City of Torrance was presented with a painting which is now displayed on the third floor of City Hall.

**17G.** Councilmember Ashcraft reported that she also attended the rededication of Towers Elementary and noted that the school was celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**17H.** Mayor Furey announced that there will be a household hazardous waste/e-waste roundup on Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at American Honda.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business to commence at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:

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

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

Approved on July 7, 2015