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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – JUNE 5, 2012**

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At 8:12 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

June 5, 2012

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened for a Workshop on the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 in the Nakano Theatre at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Herbers, City Attorney Fellows, City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, department heads and staff.

The Workshop included a review of the revised architectural concept for the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal based on direction from the City Council at the May 15 City Council meeting and a presentation of architectural finishes and treatments.

The City Council recessed at 6:30 p.m., and reconvened for regular business at 7:04 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Deputy Fire Chief Dumais.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger.

**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 Friday, May 31, 2012.

**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 vote.

**4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred. Supplemental material available for Items 8D and 12D and Question and Answer material available for Item 8G.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Fire Chief Dumais reported that ExxonMobil will be conducting their monthly testing of the Community Alert Siren on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at approximately 11:00 a.m., with additional information available by contacting ExxonMobil at 310.212.1852.

Councilmember Numark invited the public to the City Yard Open House at 20500 Madrona Avenue on Saturday, June 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., which will include a Disaster Preparedness Expo, Environmental Fair, and Car Show.

City Clerk Herbers announced that polls will be open until 8:00 p.m. for today's statewide Primary Election and a sample ballot, polling locations and election results can be found on the Los Angeles County Registrar website at [www.LAVote.net](http://www.LAVote.net).

City Clerk Herbers apologized to Torrance voters who have been inconvenienced by having polling places in Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Redondo or Lomita. She stated that she has encouraged L.A. County Registrar staff to contact her when they cannot find suitable locations in Torrance for polling places, but they failed to do so. She invited voters who feel their interests have not been well served to send their comments to her via email or regular mail for forwarding to the L.A. County Registrar.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the deadline for Commission applications is Wednesday, June 6, at 5:30 p.m. and appointments to fill vacancies will be made at the June 12 City Council meeting. She noted that the next Commissioner Certification class will be held on October 30, 2012.

City Clerk Herbers announced that Leadership Torrance 2012 is coordinating an on-line Centennial photo contest and people are invited to submit memorable photos of living, working or playing in Torrance. She stated that winners will be chosen in the categories of people, landmarks and business with prizes to be awarded on July 22 at an exhibition at the Toyota Auto Museum. She noted that there will be a fundraiser for the photo contest at Mimi's Café on Wednesday, June 6, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and information about the contest was available online at [www.OurTorrancePhotos.com](http://www.OurTorrancePhotos.com).

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired City of Torrance employee Thomas O'Brien who passed away May 29 at the age of 71.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. APPROVAL OF CENTENNIAL EVENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Torrance Centennial Committee that City Council approve additional Centennial events.

Laurie Love, chair of Torrance Centennial Committee, reported that with the three additional events listed in the agenda item, there will be a total of 71 Centennial events culminating with the Birthday Bash in October 2012.

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

**6B. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE DONATIONS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Centennial Committee that City Council:

- 1) Accept a \$250 donation from Law Offices of Paul B. Rorie for the Photo Contest;
- 2) Accept a \$100 donation from South Bay Financial Works for the Photo Contest;
- 3) Accept a \$500 donation from the Torrance Historical Society for the Photo Contest;
- 4) Accept a \$500 donation from Sue Herbers, City Clerk for the Photo Contest;
- 5) Accept a \$4,500 donation from Wells Fargo Bank for the Centennial Community Parade;
- 6) Accept \$27,853.85 in miscellaneous revenues from Centennial sales of promotional items and bricks;
- 7) Approve transfer of \$16,000 from Community Services Operating Budget to FEAP #739; and
- 8) Appropriate \$49,703.58 to the Torrance Centennial Budget - FEAP #739.

Laurie Love, chair of Torrance Centennial Committee, reported that a total of \$370,140 has been raised to offset the cost of Centennial activities, including the construction of Centennial Plaza, the Centennial Community Parade, the Birthday Bash and promotional materials.

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

**6C. RECOGNITION OF SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Mayor Scotto recognized the South High School Boys Volleyball Team for winning the CIF Southern Section Division III Boys Volleyball Championship for the first time in the school's history and presented certificates to the following: Coach Kevin McElwee, Athletic Director Kevin Van Waardenburg and team members: Jason Chang, Andy Gage, Kenichi Hackman, Daniel Hart, Brent Lenhard, Ross Madenwald., Cameron Moore, Garrett Niida, Justin No, Peter Nordel, Josh Riblett, Vincent Rios, Milosh Stojcic, Tyler Tholen, and Chris Wulpern.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Charles Deemer, Torrance, related his understanding that Santa Monica was considering closing its municipal airport and encouraged the City to take a proactive approach with regard to the potential impact on Torrance Airport.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of April 17, April 24, and May 1, 2012.

**8B. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 71250**

Considered separately, see page 5.

**8C. PURCHASE ORDER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAM SUPPLIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize an annual purchase order to Smart and Final, Iris Company, of Torrance, CA in an amount not to exceed \$45,450 to furnish various program supplies throughout the year, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

**8D. APPROVAL/APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR "BEAT THE ODDS" SCHOLARSHIP**

Considered separately, see page 5.

**8E. 2010-2011 NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY GRANT RECIPIENT REPORTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file completed Financial and Narrative Statement Reports from the 2010-2011 Non-Profit Social Services Agency grant recipients.

**8F. PURCHASE/INSTALLATION OF BUS FAREBOXES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a purchase order with Cubic Transportation Systems Incorporated, at a cost not to exceed \$123,721, for the purchase and installation of new fareboxes on transit buses.

**8G. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE JANITORIAL SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an assignment of agreement (C2011-045) for American General Services Inc. under their new corporate name, Alternative Cleaning System Corporation; and
- 2) Approve an amendment to the agreement with Alternative Cleaning System Corporation (C2011-045) for additional janitorial services at certain City facilities for a new not to exceed amount of \$78,095 per year for the period of June 1, 2012, through March 9, 2014.

**8H. APRIL 2012 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for April 2012.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8C and 8E through 8H. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar Items 8B and 8D were considered separately at this time.

**8B. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 71250**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 71250; and
- 2) Accept a 140' x 5' street easement on Spencer Street. This Final Parcel Map allows the subdivision of one parcel into two lots on property located at 20525 Hawthorne Boulevard located in the ML (C4): Limited Manufacturing (Shopping Center) Zone. This project is owned by Dorothy Cake. The Final Parcel Map substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Community Development Director Gibson provided clarification of the parcels involved in this action.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Brewer dissenting.

**8D. APPROVAL/APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR "BEAT THE ODDS" SCHOLARSHIP**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Torrance Youth Council and the Community Services Director that City Council approve and appropriate \$4,000 from the Youth Council Donation Account for warrants to be issued to four 2012 "Beat the Odds" scholarship recipients.

Councilmember Brewer commended the Youth Council for raising the funds for this scholarship.

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

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. RESOLUTION APPROVING FY2012-2013 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT/ SELECTION OF ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that Council adopt a RESOLUTION approving the City of Torrance appropriations limit for fiscal year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$2,190,970,024; and selection of the percentage change in non-residential assessed valuations as the cost of living factor, together with the increase in the County's population, as the annual adjustment factors for the same fiscal year.

Accountant Villanueva reported that according to the Gann Initiative, government entities must approve an appropriations limit each year based on selected growth factors, and the City's limit for 2012-2013 is \$2,190,970,024.

Finance Director Tsao clarified that the Gann Initiative was meant to control the growth of government, however, Torrance's appropriations limit far exceeds the City's budget because it has grown exponentially, while spending has decreased due to the recessionary economy.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-56**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 2012-2013 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND SELECTION OF THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-56. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

**12B. POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES PROTECTION MEASURE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council take a position of support for the County Board of Supervisors in setting a Property Owner Election on the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Clean Water, Clean Beaches Protection Measure, for the residents of Los Angeles County to vote on an annual water quality fee for the cities to comply with existing and pending stormwater and urban run off water quality regulations.

Public Works Director Beste reported that staff was recommending that the City Council take a position of support for holding a property owner election in accordance with Proposition 218 on the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Clean Water, Clean Beaches Protection Measure. He explained that the measure would provide a dedicated long-term funding source to address the cost of complying with stormwater regulations by imposing a fee on property owners based on the size of the property and impervious area. He noted that the majority of homeowners would pay \$54 annually, which would be included on their property tax bill, and that commercial, industrial and government-owned parcels would also be subject to the assessment. He advised that Torrance is expected to receive approximately \$2.44 million per year from these fees.

City Manager Jackson provided clarification regarding the election process, noting that mail-in ballots will be sent to all property owners.

Mayor Scotto commented that while he recognizes that the City would benefit from the proposed fees, he did not believe it was the right time to be adding to residents' tax burden due to the struggling economy. He indicated, however, that he would support the County's efforts to hold an election and let the property owners decide.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the calculation of fees and expenses associated with stormwater regulations, which was provided by City staff.

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

**12C. AGREEMENTS RE CONSTRUCTION OF MEDIAN ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the Beautification of Median Islands on Hawthorne Boulevard from Del Amo Boulevard to Torrance Boulevard, CIP No. A-17 (B2012-02);
- 2) Award a public works agreement to Nobest, Inc. in the amount of \$376,629.65 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$18,831.48; and
- 3) Award a contract services agreement for construction inspection services to Project Partners, Inc. in the amount of \$32,952.

Project Manager Sakamoto provided an overview of the project, noting that funding is available from Prop C local return funds. He noted that construction is scheduled to begin in July 2012 and be completed by September 2012.

Mayor Scotto stressed the need to select suitable plants that can withstand the median environment and to avoid planting shrubs and trees that could obstruct the view of motorists.

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

**12D. APPROVAL OF 2012 ACTION PLAN FOR 2008 STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Council Strategic Plan Committee that City Council approve the 2012 Funding Plan for the 2008 Strategic Plan in the total amount of \$28,607,822 funded through grant funds recently approved in the amount of \$26,610,000, and previous appropriations of \$587,390 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund, and \$400,000 from the General Fund, and recommended new approvals and appropriations in the amount of \$1,010,432.

Councilmember Numark, Chair of City Council Strategic Plan Committee, reported that the projects recommended for funding focus on improving the environment, updating the zoning code, and encouraging economic development.

Assistant City Manager Giordano noted that the 2011 Q4 Strategic Action Plan Report is now available online and staff is in the process of highlighting accomplishments and adding photos to make the report more user-friendly.

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

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Brewer announced that applications are still being accepted for the first phase of the Hometown Heroes Banner Program with applications available at public counters at City Hall and online at [www.TorranceCA.Gov/7491.htm](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov/7491.htm).

**17B.** Councilmember Brewer with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item recognizing the North High School Wrestling Team as CIF Southern Section Division III Champions.

**17C.** Councilmember Brewer requested an excused absence from the June 12 City Council meeting.

**17D.** Councilmember Numark announced the City will be sponsoring a "Torrance Saves Lives" Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, June 12, at the Ken Miller Recreation Center from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with additional information available at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**17E.** Councilmember Rhilinger reminded the public that there will be a Centennial Photo Contest fundraiser at Mimi's Café on Wednesday, June 6, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**17F.** Councilmember Rhilinger encouraged community groups to participate in the Torrance Centennial Community Parade to be held on Sunday, September 16. She noted that applications are available in the City Hall lobby or online at [www.torrancecentennial.org](http://www.torrancecentennial.org) and are due by August 16, 2012, with additional information available by calling the City Manager's office at 310.618.5880.

**17G.** Councilmember Rhilinger announced that a Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup would be held at American Honda on Saturday, June 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. located at 1919 Torrance Boulevard with entrance off of Van Ness Avenue and Harper's Way.

**17H.** Councilmember Sutherland with concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an agenda item discussing the pros and cons of having the City's fire trucks display American flags year-round.

**17I.** Councilmember Sutherland announced that "Downtown Sounds" will be held on Sunday, June 10, with proceeds to benefit the music departments of Torrance schools.

**17J.** Noting that only a small percentage of the population was expected to vote in today's statewide election, Councilmember Sutherland voiced his opinion that those who do not exercise their right to vote should not complain about the results.

**17K.** Mayor Scotto announced that tickets are available for City of Torrance night at the August 26 L. A. Galaxy game, with additional information at 310.630.2154.

**17L.** Mayor Scotto announced that he was appointing Finance Director Tsao and removing Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn from the Oversight Board for the City of Torrance as Successor Agency of the City of Torrance Redevelopment Agency because it has become evident that Mr. Flewellyn's expertise makes him more useful to the board in a staff capacity.

**17M.** Mayor Scotto with concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item to consider subsidizing the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation Gala in the amount of \$5,000.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
None.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:12 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

***Adjourned in Memory of  
Thomas O'Brien***

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers  
Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on July 10, 2012