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At 12:56 a.m., Wednesday, June 16, 2010, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

June 15, 2010

**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, June 15, 2010 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

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

12A. APPROVAL OF ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTING 2008 STRATEGIC PLAN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the proposed Action Plan for implementing the Strategic Plan adopted August 12, 2008, and the corresponding Fiscal Year 2010-2011 funding plan.

With the aid of slides, Assistant City Manager Giordano reviewed the proposed Action Plan for implementing the 2008 Strategic Plan along with the FY 2010-2011 funding plan totaling \$20,212,000 per written material of record. She explained that Action Plan targets have been grouped into three categories: Policy-related targets - \$308,000 FY2010-11 funding; Continuous improvement targets - \$19,904,000 FY2010-11 funding; and Narrative targets – no funding requested at this time because they focus on the City's infrastructure system and improvements are addressed in the Capital Budget. She noted that as requested at the May 18, 2010 Council meeting, a metric has been devised to measure energy savings and will be included in the Action Plan under Energy Saving Projects.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Assistant City Manager Giordano reported that the majority of the funding is coming from grants for Storm Water Basin Enhancement - \$3,100,000 and Transit - \$16,650,000; and the remainder is coming from reserve funds allocated for specific purposes: Strategic Plan - \$247,000, Economic Development – \$140,000, Downtown Redevelopment Agency - \$60,000, and AB939 funds - \$15,000. She confirmed that none of the funding was coming from the City's operating budget.

Mayor Scotto and Councilmembers commended Assistant City Manager Giordano and staff for doing an excellent job on the Action Plan.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to approve the Policy Action Targets and funding plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to approve the Continuous Improvement Targets and funding plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to approve the Narrative Targets inclusive of energy metric measurements. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the oversight of the Action Plan, and it was the consensus of the Council to create a City Council Strategic Plan Oversight Committee, with committee members to be appointed and meeting schedule to be determined at a future date.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to create a City Council Strategic Plan Oversight Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:13 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6.

The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:35 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by former Commission on Aging member Art Callen. 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 Friday, June 11, 2010.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey 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 Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Rhilinger requested an excused absence from the June 22 and July 13 City Council meetings due to a scheduled vacation.

Mayor Scotto gave a brief update on the City Council Ad Hoc Legislative Advocacy Committee meeting with the advocacy firm of David Turch and Associates on June 10. He reported that two of the five projects submitted to Congresswoman Harman for consideration will be forwarded to the House Appropriations Subcommittees: South Bay Regional Forensic DNA Lab - \$800,000 (53% of funding needed) and South Bay Regional Intermodal Transit Center - \$1.2 million (60% of funding needed). He noted that two water projects submitted to Senator Boxer for consideration – North Torrance Well Field (\$15 million) and Machado Lake (\$1.5 million) – are currently awaiting funding status.

Councilmember Numark requested an excused absence from the June 22 City Council meeting because he will be out of town on business.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Harry Stuver, Torrance, expressed concerns regarding possible lead contamination at Towers Elementary from the nearby Redondo Beach Police Department firing range and urged the Council to take action on this issue.

7B. Anthony Patchett, environmental attorney, echoed comments regarding the Redondo Beach Police Department firing range.

7C. Arthur Evans, Torrance, expressed concerns about the possibility that storm drains at Entradero Park are contaminated with lead due to debris from the firing range.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. CONTRACT RE AIR CONDITIONING NETWORK CONTROLLER AT CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Communications and Information Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Control Technologies West, Inc. for \$23,150 with a 5% contingency of \$1,158 for the purchase and installation of Network Controller for the Cultural Arts Center air conditioning;
- 2) Authorize an increase to the annual purchase order with Dell Computers (#1005) for \$3,514 and approve \$1,720 internet costs, VPN access and LAN jack installation; and
- 3) Appropriate \$29,542 from the Cultural Arts Center Enterprise to the Cultural Arts Center Network AC Controller project.

8B. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADA UPGRADES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve a contract amendment with Withee Malcolm Architects (C2008-139) extending the term from June 30, 2010 to December 31, 2010 for Police Department Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades (FEAP #657).

8C. AGREEMENT RE GYMNASTICS AND TENNIS CLASSES

Considered separately, see page below.

8D. AGREEMENT FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a license agreement with Honeywell International Inc. for seven (7) groundwater monitoring wells.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8B and 8D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

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

8C. AGREEMENT RE GYMNASTICS AND TENNIS CLASSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an agreement with Chris Olsen of Fit Kids Gymnastics to provide gymnastics classes in an amount not to exceed \$42,600 and
- 2) Approve an agreement with Scot Crofut to provide tennis classes in an amount not to exceed \$41,748.

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Parks and Recreation enterprise fund budget.

Councilmember Rhilinger noted that she had a conflict of interest with regard to the agreement for tennis classes and must abstain from the vote on that item.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve the agreement with Chris Olsen. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve the agreement with Scot Crofut. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote, with Councilmember Rhilinger abstaining.

9. COMMUNITY SERVICES

9A. USE OF WILSON PARK FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR EVENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a request to utilize Diamonds 1 and 2 at Charles H. Wilson Park on January 30, 2011 for an event sponsored by KSCI-TV Channel 18 celebrating the Lunar New Year Festival.

Councilmember Rhilinger excused herself from consideration of this item due to a conflict of interest and exited the Council Chambers.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine reported that the concept for this event was submitted to the City Council for approval because it is a new event for Wilson Park and it has regional significance. He noted that the applicant has met with the City's Special Events Team and will reimburse the City for all costs associated with the event.

Larry Potter, KSCI-TV, briefly described the Lunar New Year Festival to be held at Wilson Park on January 30, 2011.

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

Councilmember Rhilinger returned to the dais.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. APPROVAL OF ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTING 2008 STRATEGIC PLAN

Considered earlier in the meeting, see pages 1-2.

12B. PURCHASE ORDER FOR HYBRID GASOLINE-ELECTRIC BUSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a purchase order with New Flyer of America, of St. Cloud, MN to purchase twelve (12) hybrid gasoline-electric buses at a cost not to exceed \$7,800,000 (Cooperative Procurement Pilot Program City of Montebello - RFP No. 06-01).

Transit Administration Manager Mills reported that this purchase is part of a three-phase Fleet Modernization Project; that the hybrid buses to be purchased are the same as the 10 buses recently put into service by Torrance Transit; and that the purchase will be funded by a combination of federal, state and local grants.

Transit Director Turner noted that passengers have commented positively on the new hybrid buses, which began service on June 2.

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

12C. RESOLUTION APPROVING FY 2010-11 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND SELECTION OF ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution approving the City's appropriations limit for fiscal year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$1,395,827,276; 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.

Administrative Analyst Eng noted that this action is required in order to comply with the Gann Initiative.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 2010-2011 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND SELECTION OF THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2010-54. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

12D. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2010-2011 OPERATING BUDGET AND 2010-2011 CAPITAL BUDGET

Considered after Agenda Item 13B, see page 16.

13. HEARINGS

13A. CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council:

- 1) Hold a public hearing on the proposed levy of assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011; and,
- 2) Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and ordering the improvements in connection with the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1.

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

Arthur Evans, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the purpose of the assessment, which was provided by City Manager Jackson.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972, PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIII D OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2010-55. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

At 8:04 p.m., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency and Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item 5A was considered concurrently with Agenda Item 13B.

13B. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2009-2011 OPERATING BUDGET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager and the Finance Director that City Council conduct the 2nd public hearing and budget workshop on the proposed budget revisions for the second year of the City's two-year 2009-2011 operating budget.

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

City Manager Jackson noted that responses to questions from the first Public Hearing/Budget Workshop held on June 7 were included in the agenda item.

Mayor Scotto invited comments from the public.

Mary Hoffman, president of Torrance Rose Float Association, urged the Council to continue funding the Rose Parade float. She clarified that TRFA raises between \$20,000 – 25,000 per year and of that, \$10,000 goes directly to the cost of the float, \$5,000 covers the entry fee, and the remainder is used to provide transportation and meals for volunteers. She reported that she is working on a fundraising strategy for 2012, which would include a reception for donors at the Tournament of Roses headquarters in Pasadena.

Howard Schneider, president of Torrance Fire Fighters Association, voiced objections to the proposed reduction in safety personnel and noted that TFFA has presented alternatives to achieve the desired budget reductions, but those suggestions were rejected.

Robert Feldman, Torrance, expressed concerns that fees for programs very beneficial for seniors, such as chair yoga, could be increased; Mayor Scotto reported that no fee increases were being proposed at this time.

Cary Jordahl, Harbor City, urged the Council to continue to fund the summer musical program. He noted that he is part of a new group that is being formed to raise funds to enrich and expand the program, however they could not commit to raising a large sum of money at this time.

In response to Councilmember Furey's inquiry, Community Services Director Jones reported that \$63,000 is allocated for summer musical expenses and performances bring in approximately \$38,000 so the net cost is \$25,000.

Mario Palacio, Torrance, voiced support for the Aquacade program, noting that his two daughters now compete in synchronized swimming on a national level as a result of their participation in the program.

Responding to questions from the Council, Community Services Director Jones clarified that the \$7500 cost of the Aquacade listed in the staff report (Group D – Program Changes Alternatives) reflects the cost of both the synchronized swimming class and the two Aquacade performances minus the class fees and ticket sales.

Kimberly Osbern, an Aquacade participant, urged the Council to retain the Aquacade, relating her experience that it helps participants become more physically fit and builds character.

Lisa Ramos, Torrance, head coach of synchronized swim team, reported that she has participated in the Aquacade/ synchronized swim team program for 14 years and urged the Council to continue to fund this worthwhile program.

Kristina Ramos, Torrance, an Aquacade participant, voiced support for the Aquacade program, noting that it helps build confidence, provides a healthy outlet for kids during summer months, and fosters strong friendships.

Councilmember Brewer asked if other classes offered by the City, i.e. dance classes, have a net loss similar to the Aquacade.

Community Services Director Jones reported that the Aquacade program is more expensive than other programs due to added staffing costs for lifeguards and specialized instructors.

Grace Larrea, Harbor City, coach of synchronized swim team, discussed the benefits of the Aquacade program and urged the Council to retain it.

Cindy Wells, vice president of Torrance Rose Float Association, encouraged the Council to continue to fund the Rose Parade float at least through 2012 as a special float is planned to kick-off the City's centennial celebration.

Debbie Collins, president of Torrance City Employees Association (TCEA), stressed the importance of retaining the Clerk Typist position in the Recreation Services Division and proposed eliminating such events as Oodles of Noodles, the Aquacade and

the Halloween Carnival to fund it. She suggested that consideration be given to reducing subsidies to the Cultural Arts Foundation and the Torrance Symphony and eliminating cultural arts grants if the Council chooses to fund the Rose Parade float.

Curt Dittman, Engineers Association, expressed concerns about the proposal to move a Public Works Inspector from the Community Development Department to the Public Works Department for the purpose of inspecting Capital Improvement Projects.

City Manager Jackson recommended reverting to the original proposal to eliminate the Public Works Inspector position if the Engineers Association is concerned about shifting this position to the Public Works Department.

Art Callen, Torrance, thanked the Council for supporting the wide range of senior activities offered by the City of Torrance.

The Council briefly recessed from 9:01 p.m. to 9:17 p.m.

The Council discussed the items on the Program Changes Alternatives list (Group D) beginning with the elimination of the Concert in the Park series (\$25,000).

Community Services Director Jones clarified that the Concert in the Park series encompasses five concerts at Columbia Park (\$4,000 each) and Movies in the Park at various parks (\$5,000).

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to eliminate the Concerts in the Park series/Movies in the Park series. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey.

Councilmember Brewer offered a substitute motion.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to reduce the number of Concerts in the Park from five to one and to retain the Movies in the Park series (\$16,000 savings). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by a 5-2 vote with Councilmembers Rhilinger and Sutherland dissenting.

The Council discussed the proposal to eliminate library hours on four Sundays (28 Sundays instead of the current 32) for a savings of \$12,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to continue the current Sunday library schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey.

Councilmember Numark offered a substitute motion.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to eliminate one Sunday from the library schedule, and the motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Scotto called for a vote on the original motion.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to continue the current Sunday library schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Numark dissenting.

The Council discussed the elimination of Oodles of Noodles for a savings of \$16,500.

Councilmember Numark proposed retaining funding for Oodles of Noodles in the amount of \$3,000 to offset rental and labor expenses in case a sponsor can be found to cover the remainder. Councilmember Rhilinger noted that the event can always be added back to the schedule if a sponsor can be found to cover the cost.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to eliminate funding for Oodles of Noodles. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Numark dissenting.

The Council discussed reducing the Park Ranger program for a savings of \$17,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to continue the Park Ranger program unchanged. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

The Council discussed the Summer Musical program, and Councilmembers indicated their preference to continue the program since the net cost is only \$25,000 as opposed to the \$63,000 listed in the agenda item.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to continue the Summer Musical program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

The Council discussed the elimination of the 4th of July celebration at Wilson Park in July 2011 for a savings of \$115,000 (\$50,000 Community Services/\$65,000 Police Department).

Councilmember Rhilinger expressed support for retaining the fireworks show because it is enjoyed by everyone within viewing distance.

Police Chief Neu advised that full police deployment would be necessary if the fireworks show is retained in order to provide crowd control.

Councilmember Brewer stated that he favored eliminating this event for 2011 to offset the cost of the 2012 Rose Parade float.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to eliminate the 4th of July Celebration at Wilson Park for 2011. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Rhilinger dissenting.

The Council discussed the elimination of the Aquacade program for a savings of \$7,500.

Councilmember Rhilinger indicated that she favored eliminating the Aquacade due to the relatively high subsidy required for a program that has only 31 participants.

Councilmember Brewer, echoed by Councilmember Sutherland, expressed support for the Aquacade as it is a long-standing unique program.

Mayor Scotto asked about the possibility of increasing fees, and Community Services Director Jones proposed raising fees from \$75 to \$125 per participant and increasing ticket prices from \$2 for youth/seniors to \$5 and from \$5 for adults to \$7.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to continue the Aquacade program with the cost to be offset with increases in participation fees and ticket prices as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

The Council discussed the elimination of the Halloween Carnival for cost savings of \$5,500, and it was the consensus of the Council to continue funding this event.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to continue the Halloween Carnival. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

The Council discussed the elimination of the Environmental Fair for a cost savings of \$6,500.

Councilmember Numark related his understanding that this event could be funded by a source other than the General Fund, and Public Works Director Beste reported that the Environmental Fair could be funded by the Water Fund or Sanitation Fund due to the emphasis on conservation.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to continue the Environmental Fair with funding to be provided by the Public Works Water and/or Sanitation funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

The Council discussed reducing community nonprofit grants by 50% for a savings of \$20,000.

Councilmember Sutherland indicated that he favored eliminating the grants (\$40,000) in order to save City programs.

Councilmember Brewer, echoed by Councilmember Barnett, voiced support for reducing the grants by 50% as proposed.

Councilmember Numark reiterated his earlier suggestion that City commissioners be given the opportunity to donate their stipends to the grant program.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to reduce community nonprofit grants by 50%. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Sutherland dissenting.

The Council discussed reducing the General Fund subsidy to the Parks and Recreation Fund by \$100,000.

Mayor Scotto proposed delaying action on this item until a study on the impact of reducing the subsidy could be completed. Councilmember Rhilinger noted her

agreement with this approach, indicating that she was particularly concerned about the impact on senior programs.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to delay consideration of the reduction in the General Fund subsidy to the Parks and Recreation Fund for six months, with staff to prepare a report on the impact. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

The Council discussed the elimination of the low income exemption for seniors/disabled for refuse services for a cost savings of \$79,000, and it was the consensus of the Council to continue this exemption.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to continue the low-income exemption for seniors and disabled for refuse service. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

The Council discussed charging for park facility usage to recover utility costs estimated to generate approximately \$74,000.

Responding to questions from the Council, Sr. Business Manager Minter provided clarification of the proposal, which consists of three components: 1) fees for youth sports field usage - \$22,800; 2) building rental fees from nonprofit organizations - \$27,540; and 3) fees for short-term two-hour permits for sports fields - \$21,000.

It was the consensus of the Council not to charge fees for youth sports field usage or building rental fees to nonprofit organizations.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation to charge a fee for short-term two-hour permits for sports fields. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

The Council discussed funding for the 2012 Rose Parade float (\$132,000) scheduled to be eliminated per the City Manager's recommended budget modifications (Group A). It was the consensus of the Council to fund the float for 2012, but there was debate regarding whether to fund it with one-time funds, in which case it would be eliminated from the Operating Budget the following year, or to leave it in the Operating Budget and offset the cost with savings from the items just discussed (Group D).

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to use one-time funds for the cost of the 2012 Rose Parade float, and the motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to offset the cost of the 2012 Rose Parade float with savings in the budget. The motion was seconded by Brewer and discussion continued.

Councilmember Sutherland voiced his opinion that it was more prudent to use one-time funds for the float as it would allow the savings from the Group D list to be used to retain staff positions. He offered a substitute motion.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to use one-time funds for the cost of the 2012 Rose Parade float. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by a 4-3 vote, with Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer and Numark dissenting.

It was the consensus of the Council to accept the remaining budget modifications as listed in Group A.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to accept the remainder of Group A recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Numark proposed reducing the travel budget for councilmembers from \$5,500 to \$3,500 and Mayor Scott offered to reduce his travel budget from \$7,500 to \$5,500.

Councilmember Brewer noted that trips to lobby legislators in Washington, D.C. have been very successful in obtaining funding for City projects and expressed concerns that cutting the travel budget could turn out to be penny-wise and pound foolish.

A brief discussion ensued concerning the possibility of pooling the travel budget, but the idea was rejected because it would require Council approval for each trip. It was the consensus of the Council to retain the individual travel budgets with the understanding that if it becomes necessary for the mayor or councilmembers to exceed their allotment, other members of the Council may relinquish funds from their travel budgets.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to reduce the travel budget for councilmembers to \$3,500 and mayor to \$5,500 annually. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Numark proposed increasing non-resident fees for Parks and Recreation classes, noting that while fewer non-residents participated in the classes when fees were raised, the overall revenue to the City increased.

Community Services Director Jones expressed concerns about increasing fees to the point that non-residents would not participate, explaining that the City would not be able to provide such a wide variety of classes without their participation due to the difficulty of meeting minimum class sizes.

City Manager Jackson cautioned that the Council has already approved fee increases for classes totaling \$152,000 based on a market study (Group A) and decreased the budget for *Torrance Seasons*, which is the main means of publicizing the classes until electronic marketing can be implemented.

It was the consensus of the Council to wait until the impact of the current fee increases and changes in marketing can be determined.

Councilmember Numark related his belief that revenues could be increased from non-resident class fees and encouraged staff to explore this issue before the next budget cycle.

The Council discussed the City Manager's recommended modifications listed in Group B – Non-safety position reductions.

Mayor Scotto indicated that he favored retaining the Typist Clerk position in Community Services (\$65,000) and Councilmember Numark proposed retaining the 1.6 Maintenance Worker positions in Community Services (\$104,000).

Councilmember Barnett noted that it would be difficult logistically to eliminate the Typist Clerk position since it would necessitate an employee shuttling between City Hall and the City Yard. He suggested that since the majority of the savings achieved in Group D involve the Community Services Department, it seemed more equitable to preserve positions in this department.

The City Council briefly recessed from 10:47 p.m. to 10:50 p.m.

Councilmember Furey and Councilmember Brewer expressed support for retaining the Typist Clerk and Maintenance Worker positions in the Community Services Department.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to retain 1.0 Typist Clerk position and 1.6 Maintenance Worker positions in the Community Services Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to accept the remainder of Group B recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

The Council discussed the recommended Fire Department reductions (Group C), which would eliminate 2.0 Operation Specialist positions (\$357,000); convert an Administrative Battalion Chief to non-sworn position (\$150,000); and convert an Administrative Fire Captain to non-sworn (\$160,000) for a total reduction of \$667,000.

Mayor Scotto noted that alternative proposals were discussed over the past week, but no agreement could be reached with the Torrance Fire Fighters Association so the City Manager reverted to the original recommendation.

Councilmember Furey expressed concerns about eliminating the two Operation Specialist positions, as these are front-line public safety positions.

Councilmember Rhilinger stated that according to the daily schedule provided for the Operation Specialist, the duties being performed are mostly clerical and she favored eliminating all three of these positions and using clerical staff.

Tim Cummings, Torrance Fire Fighters Association, reviewed the duties of the Operations Specialist and related his belief that this position is a vital part of the Fire Department.

Ken Carter, president of Torrance Fire Chief Officers Association, expressed support for the Fire Chief's alternative proposal that would retain the Administrative Battalion Chief and the Administrative Fire Captain positions with savings realized by

requiring that new hires be paramedic certified (\$270,000) along with additional Fire Department efficiencies (\$40,000).

City Manager Jackson advised that currently nine people have been tentatively offered firefighter positions and only four are paramedic certified, which means that the City could potentially be faced with covering the cost to train them as paramedics along with the eight current firefighters who do not have paramedic certification and this would be a considerable expense.

Howard Schneider, president of Torrance Fire Fighters Association, stated that TFFA would not endorse the cutting of any Fire Department positions, but they do support the proposal to require that future hires be paramedic certified. He reported that several of the eight existing firefighters who do not have paramedic certification have no desire to be paramedics.

City Manager Jackson reported that the City does have the option of rescinding the job offers to those in the current class who do not have paramedic certification.

Mayor Scotto stated that he was not in favor of rescinding job offers, noting that all of the positions eliminated this evening do not involve an individual losing his or her job. He related his belief that the Council's only choice was to go forward with City Manager's original recommendation.

Councilmember Rhilinger indicated that she would support the original recommendation.

Councilmember Brewer stated that he would reluctantly support the original recommendation because an agreement could not be reached with employee organizations on alternative proposals and the budget must be passed.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the recommended Fire Department reductions in Group C as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer, with Councilmembers Furey and Numark dissenting.

The Council discussed the recommended budget modifications in Group E (Phase out of City payment of employee contribution to Public Employee Retirement System) which was approved in concept at the June 7 Council meeting to allow staff to meet and confer on this issue.

Councilmember Numark encouraged staff to explore Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association's approach to this issue, which involves different levels of contribution based on the employee's age at the time of hiring.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to moved to accept Group F – Required use of one-time monies, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to accept Group G – Sources of one-time monies, as presented, allowing the City Manager discretion on placement of any overage of funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Rhilinger restated her motion on Group F to include the allocation of one-time monies for the 2012 Rose Parade float.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to accept Group F – Required use of one-time monies, as presented, with the addition of \$132,000 for the 2012 Rose Parade float entry. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The Council recessed from 12:01 a.m. to 12:50 a.m., Wednesday, June 16, 2010.

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

12D. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2010-2011 OPERATING BUDGET AND 2010-2011 CAPITAL BUDGET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager and Finance Director that City Council adopt Resolutions approving the annual appropriations for the 2nd year (2010-2011 fiscal year) of the 2009-2011 Two Year Operating Budget and for the 5th year (2010-2011 fiscal year) of the 2006-2011 Five Year Capital Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE SECOND YEAR OF THE TWO YEAR OPERATING BUDGET PLAN; AND ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2010-11 FISCAL YEAR

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2010-56. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FIFTH YEAR (2010-11) OF THE CITY'S 2006-11 CAPITAL BUDGET

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2010-57. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

The Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 12:53 a.m., Wednesday, June 16, 2010.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS # 2

17A. Councilmember Barnett congratulated the incumbent Councilmembers for being elected to serve another term along with Treasurer-elect Dana Cortez.

17B. Mayor Scotto echoed congratulations to incumbent Councilmembers, Treasurer-elect Dana Cortez, and City Clerk Herbers who ran unopposed.

17C. Mayor Scotto congratulated Councilmember Numark on his promotion as Chief Executive Officer of American Red Cross.

17D. Mayor Scotto congratulated Torrance CitiCABLE 3 on winning two Star Awards for excellence in government programming with their *This Week in Torrance* and *ArtStudio* programs at the 2010 National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors conference.

17E. Mayor Scotto announced that Sears and Southern California Edison would be hosting an appliance recycling event on Sunday, July 27, with additional information available at 1.800.664.2722.

17F. Mayor Scotto announced that the public could dispose of hazardous household waste at American Honda on Saturday, June 19, at 9:00 a.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:56 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on August 10, 2010