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At 8:21 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. **Tuesday, July 3 will be a Council dark night.**

June 26, 2012

**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 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 in the City Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Barnett.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, 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 Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation and 18B) Real Property - Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(c) and §54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:02 p.m. with all members present except for Councilmember Barnett.

City Attorney Fellows advised that during closed session on Item 18A, the City Council authorized him to initiate a legal action by a unanimous 6-0 vote and that the details would be disclosed upon request after the lawsuit has been filed.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Fire Chief Racowschi.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA / MOTION TO
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

Deputy City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, June 21, 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger 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 vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Numark announced that cooling centers for summer 2012 will be located at the Bartlett Senior Center, 1318 Cravens Avenue, and the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, with additional information on the City's website.

Councilmember Brewer announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Torrance Unified School District on Monday, July 9, at 4:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room for an update on joint projects.

Councilmember Rhilinger reported that the City Council Transportation Committee met this afternoon for a staff presentation on the implementation of Rapid Bus service to Long Beach, the high occupancy transit lane service to downtown Los Angeles, and proposed changes to Torrance Transit schedules and routes and an item will be forwarded to the Council in mid-July.

Fire Chief Racowschi announced that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly Community Alert Siren testing on Wednesday, July 4, at approximately 11:30 a.m., with additional information available at 310.212.4756.

Fire Chief Racowschi offered a reminder that all fireworks are illegal in the City of Torrance and the Fire Department will be patrolling during nighttime hours on the 4th of July to ensure compliance with this restriction.

Police Chief Neu reported that there will be an extra deployment of police officers on the 4th of July patrolling City parks and assisting with crowd control at Torrance Beach during fireworks displays.

Community Services Director Jones announced that due to the impacts of the down-turn in the economy, the decision had to be made to discontinue the Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration at Charles H. Wilson Park in 2011, thus there will be no celebration again this year.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired City library employee Hannah Saville who passed away June 18 at the age of 87.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **PROCLAMATION RE "PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH"**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of July 2012 as **Parks and Recreation Month** in the City of Torrance to Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson Hazel Taniguchi and Commissioner Todd Hays.

Ms. Taniguchi reported on a recent study which indicated that California residents strongly support funding for parks and recreation facilities and believe they are essential to quality of life.

6B. **RECOGNITION OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM**

Mayor Scotto recognized the North Torrance High School wrestling team as CIF Southern Section Division III Dual Meet Champions and presented certificates to coaches: Luke Santos, Shawn Haratani, and Matt Wasan; and team members: Heshawa Bamunuarachchi, Josh Barranco, Jameson Campbell, Gunner Engen, Kenji Fujimoto, Joey Gonzalez, Jordan

Gurrola, Sehyuk Gwoun, Justin Kawanishi, Java Maglasang, Johnson Mai, Anthony Miyaguchi, Kyosei Nagai, Anthony Preciado, Keith Thompson, Brandon Yee, and Jong Yoo.

6C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF TORRANCE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE DONATIONS

Recommendation

The Centennial Committee recommends that City Council:

- 1) Accept a \$500 donation from Britt & Associates for the Photo Contest;
- 2) Accept a \$500 donation from John and Maureen Nunn for the Photo Contest;
- 3) Accept a \$2,500 donation from Dr. Smile for the Photo Contest;
- 4) Accept \$29,951.30 in miscellaneous revenues from Centennial sales of promotional items and bricks; and
- 5) Appropriate \$33,451.30 to the Torrance Centennial Budget - FEAP #739.

Laurie Love, Chair of the Torrance Centennial Committee, reported that approximately 785 commemorative bricks have been sold for the Centennial Plaza and sales are officially closed, but the Committee will continue to work with anyone who wishes to purchase bricks as long as they can be manufactured in time to be installed in the plaza.

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

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Debbie Hays, Centennial Committee, announced the "Where's Jared" photo location contest, with details available at www.torrancecentennial.org.

7B. Ted Marsh, Torrance, expressed concerns about the quality of the water at the apartment complex on Newton Street where he is a tenant.

7C. Bob Chiota and Joel Massa, Friends of Torrance Exceptional Athletes, reported on fundraising efforts to build bocce ball courts at Columbia Park that can accommodate the physically challenged, with additional information at www.friendsofTORREA.org.

7D. Mike Don introduced himself as the new executive director of the South Bay Bicycle Coalition and reported on efforts to identify funding to implement the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan and educate the public about safe bicycling.

7E. Alicia Popoff announced that Leadership Torrance 2012 is sponsoring an online photo contest in conjunction with the City's Centennial celebration, with additional information available at www.OurTorrancePhotos.com.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a first amendment to the fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (C2009-160) to provide

general legal advice for an additional \$5,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$14,500.

8B. AGREEMENTS RE FY2009-11 RESIDENTIAL SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the specifications for the Fiscal Year 2009-2011 Residential Slurry Seal Program, I-100 (B2012-16);
- 2) Award a one-year public works agreement to Pavement Coatings Co. in an amount not to exceed \$376,366 for construction of the Fiscal Year 2009-2011 Residential Slurry Seal Program, I-100 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$18,818; and
- 3) Award a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$43,950 to AndersonPenna Partners, Inc. to perform construction inspection services for this project.

8C. CLAIM FOR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR FY2012-2013

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve the submittal of the annual claim to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for \$4,932,221 in Transportation Development Act funds (TDA) and \$1,148,147 in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for the Torrance Transit System fiscal year 2012-2013.

8D. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council:

- 1) Approve a second amendment to the fee agreement with Rutan & Tucker (C2010-244) to provide legal services in the case of Crockett v. City of Torrance for an additional \$50,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$110,000.
- 2) Appropriate \$50,000 from the Self Insurance Reserve Fund.

8E. PURCHASE ORDER RE PETERBILT BRAND REPAIR PARTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize a sole-source purchase order with Rush Truck Center of Pico Rivera, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 to furnish Peterbilt brand repair parts for a 12-month term beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

8F. CHANGE ORDER RE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS PURCHASE ORDER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Public Works Director that City Council authorize a change order with Mutual Propane of Gardena (PO#2011-660) to extend the term from July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012 and increase the purchase order by \$11,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$99,000 for the purchase of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) on as needed basis.

8G. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council:

- 1) Approve a second amendment to the fee agreement with Rutan & Tucker (C2011-155) to provide legal services in the case of Bazilius v. City of Torrance for an additional \$300,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$460,000.
- 2) Appropriate \$300,000 from the Self Insurance Reserve Fund.

8H. CONTRACT FOR COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a contract with Kim Fuentes, in an amount not to exceed \$65,520, for commuter transportation (Rideshare) consultant services for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

8I. PURCHASE ORDER FOR RIDESHARE PROGRAM INCENTIVES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council authorize a purchase order, with Just Rewards, for Rideshare Program incentives in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

8J. AGREEMENT RE TENNIS CLASSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve an annual agreement with Scot Crofut to provide fee offset tennis classes in an amount not to exceed \$46,175.

8K. PURCHASE OF CHEVROLET TAHOE POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Chief of Police that City Council authorize a purchase order to Wondries Fleet Group of Alhambra, CA in the amount of \$129,886.85 (including sales tax) for the purchase of four Model Year 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe 2WD 4DR police package vehicles (B2012-13).

8L. PURCHASE ORDER RE NEPTUNE BRAND WATER METERS, REGISTERS AND PARTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Public Works Director that City Council authorize a sole-source purchase order to Equarius Waterworks of Torrance, CA in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to furnish Neptune brand water meters, registers, and parts on an 4as requested basis during the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

8M. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE FY2011-12 CITYWIDE SIDEWALK RAMPING AND GRINDING PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve an agreement amendment in the amount of \$25,000 to the public works agreement with Hardy and Harper, Inc., (C2011-151) for a new not to exceed amount of \$334,225 for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Citywide Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Program, I-109.

8N. PURCHASE ORDER RE TORO BRAND MOWER REPAIR PARTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize a sole-source purchase order to Turf Star Inc, of Hayward CA, in an amount not to exceed \$57,000 to furnish Toro Brand mower repair parts on an as requested basis from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

8O. AGREEMENT RE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FOR DOWNTOWN TORRANCE STREETScape AND MEADOW PARK PARKING LOTS

Considered jointly with Agenda Item 15.1A, see page 8.

Councilmember Rhilinger announced that she was recusing herself from the vote on Item 8J due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8N. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. ADDITION OF STAFF ASSISTANT POSITION RE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager to add one Staff Assistant position in support of the City's Economic Development Program for business retention, outreach and recruitment.

Assistant City Manager Giordano provided background information about the City's Economic Development Program, noting that it was expanded in 2005 with the goal of retaining existing businesses and attracting new ones and this proactive approach has been very successful. She advised that the 2008 Strategic Plan further refined the focus on economic development, however, additional staff is needed to implement the Action Plan for Strategic Plan priorities related to economic development.

Economic Development Manager Fulton discussed the need for a Staff Assistant devoted to Economic Development since she and other members of the Economic Development Team have other responsibilities. She briefly reviewed areas of focus, including developing a Downtown Visioning Plan, reinvigorating the Business Visitation Program, and creating a Small Business Advisory Council.

Councilmember Sutherland expressed support for the addition of this position, relating his belief that the cost will be more than offset by revenues from new businesses that are attracted to Torrance as a result of this program.

Councilmember Numark also expressed support for adding this position, and recommended that economic development efforts be coordinated with the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Brewer voiced his opinion that adding this position will be very helpful as Torrance seeks to attract new businesses as the economy recovers and maintain its business-friendly reputation as the economic hub of the South Bay.

Mayor Scotto noted that the Economic Development Program established in 2005 has been very successful in attracting and retaining businesses during the economic downturn and related his belief that it was vitally important to expand the program as the competition to attract new businesses intensifies.

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

12B. AGREEMENT RE WATER SUPPLY FROM GOLDSWORTHY DESALTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a water pricing agreement with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to provide treated water supply from the Goldsworthy Desalter Project in an estimated amount of \$6 million for the life of the agreement, for fiscal years 2012-2013 through 2013-2014, with an option to extend the agreement for two additional years through fiscal 2015-2016.

Public Works Director Beste advised that the proposed two-year agreement, with an option for a two-year extension, will continue to allow the City to purchase treated water from the Goldsworthy Desalter at a price well below the cost of imported water.

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

15.1. OTHER – SUCCESSOR AGENCY to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance

Consent Calendar Item 80 was considered jointly with Agenda Item 15.1A.

15.1A. AGREEMENT RE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FOR DOWNTOWN TORRANCE STREETSCAPE AND MEADOW PARK PARKING LOTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council, acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, approve a first amendment to the contract services agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance (C2011-121) to provide landscape maintenance for Downtown Torrance Streetscape and Meadow Park parking lots, for a total contract amount of \$77,000.

80. AGREEMENT RE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FOR DOWNTOWN TORRANCE STREETScape AND MEADOW PARK PARKING LOTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a first amendment to the contract services agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance (C2011-121) to provide landscape maintenance for Downtown Torrance Streetscape and Meadow Park parking lots, for a total contract amount of \$77,000.

Planning Associate Chun reported that staff was recommending that the contract with ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance be extended for another year at a cost of \$38,500 (\$22,000 – Downtown Streetscape/\$16,500 – Meadow Park parking lots) for a total contract amount on \$77,000.

In response to Mayor Scotto's inquiry, Finance Director Tsao clarified that Meadow Park parking lot landscaping maintenance is paid for by the property owners that utilize the lots and staff was attempting to recoup the cost from the State of California for the downtown streetscape maintenance, which was formerly paid for by Redevelopment Agency funds.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation for Consent Calendar Item 8O and Agenda Item 15.1A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Rhilinger provided information about the Torrance Centennial Community Parade to be held on Sunday, September 16, in Downtown Torrance at 12:00 p.m. She noted that applications are available in the City Hall lobby or online at www.torrancecentennial.org and are due by August 16, 2012.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

17C. Councilmember Brewer reported on his attendance at the 2012 Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) National Conference, which is being held at the Torrance Marriott.

17D. Councilmember Brewer announced that applications are still being accepted for the first phase of the Hometown Heroes Banner Program and applications available at public counters at City Hall and online at www.TorranceCA.Gov/7491.htm.

17E. Councilmember Furey announced that the Torrance Rose Float Association will be holding a "Restaurants for Roses" fundraiser on Thursday, June 28, at Jersey Mike's Subs located in the Crossroads shopping center.

17G. Mayor Scotto reminded the public that tickets are available for City of Torrance night at the August 26 L. A. Galaxy game.

17H. Mayor Scotto encouraged community groups to sign up for the Torrance Centennial Community Parade.

17I. Mayor Scotto wished every a happy 4th of July and encouraged motorists to be cautious.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:21 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. **Tuesday, July 3, will be a Council dark night.**

***Adjourned in Memory of
Hannah Saville***

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 August 7, 2012