

July 7, 2009

**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 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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 – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(a).

The City Council reconvened at 7:02 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Parks and Recreation Commissioner Hazel Taniguchi.

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 Thursday, July 2, 2009.

**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 Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Assistant City Manager Giordano announced that Consent Calendar Items 8O and 8T had been withdrawn and deferred to the July 14 meeting.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Management Associate Barthe-Jones announced that applications for the 2010 Census Complete Count Ad Hoc Committee are available online at [www.TorranceCA.gov/2010census](http://www.TorranceCA.gov/2010census) and will be accepted until July 17, with appointments to made at the July 28 City Council meeting.

Management Associate Barthe-Jones announced that applications for the Torrance Centennial Committee are available online at [www.TorranceCA.gov/Centennial](http://www.TorranceCA.gov/Centennial) and will be accepted until August 4, with appointments to be made at the August 25 City Council meeting.

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications will be accepted from the current eligible list to fill vacancies on the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission and the Water Commission, with appointments to be made on July 28. She noted that a mailing will be sent to those currently qualified and applications are due in the City Clerk's office no later than July 22.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view the watercolors of Torrance Artist Guild member Ann Pietzman on view in the City Clerk's office for the month of July.

Mayor Scotto announced that a memorial service for Jackie Decker will be held on Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Riviera United Methodist Church located at 375 Palos Verdes Boulevard, Redondo Beach.

Mayor Scotto thanked Councilmember Brewer for acting as mayor pro tem for the past six months and announced that Councilmember Barnett would be acting as mayor pro tem until December 31, 2009.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-53 RE POLICE OFFICER PAUL EDWARD HILL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-53**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER **PAUL EDWARD HILL** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER NEARLY TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-53. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the proclamation to Officer Paul Hill.

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

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of July 2009 as ***Parks and Recreation Month*** in the City of Torrance to Steve Robbins, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**6C. PROCLAMATION RE TORRANCE CHINESE SCHOOL**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation commending and expressing appreciation to **Torrance Chinese School** as it celebrates its 20th Anniversary to Principal Steven Hsiao.

**6D. PROCLAMATION RE EARTHWATCH FELLOWSHIP AWARD**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation to **Jessica Whitlock** commending and congratulating her upon receiving the Earthwatch Fellowship Award for "Team 1 of Climate Change at the Arctic's Edge."

**6E. RECOGNITION OF NORTH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM**

Mayor Scotto recognized **North High School Girls Softball Team** for winning the CIF Division IV championship for the second consecutive year and presented certificates to coaches: Howard Miller, Bryce Hadley, Joe Rodriguez, Jim Carrico, and Rich Rosato; and team members: Olivia Alvarez, Samantha Alvillar, Kelsey Cairns, Jennifer Crawford, Amanda Fernandez, Monique Gonzales, Bailee Haberman, Sydney Hallen, Stephanie Hua, Analina Laezza, Marissa Merced, Alexandra Perez, Hayley Rodriguez, Melissa Shearer, Jordan Stamps, Coco Tualii, Celina Thornton, Lexi Vernon, Chloe Wilson, Molly Winders, and Amanda Wondergem.

**6F. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FOR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY REPOSE TEAM PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council accept and appropriate a \$10,000 donation from ExxonMobil Corporation to be used for Fire Department Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) program.

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

John Child, ExxonMobil Safety, Health and Environmental Manager, presented a check for \$10,000 to Mayor Scotto, who expressed appreciation for this generous donation.

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

**12A. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FOR LIBRARY LIVE HOMEWORK HELP**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$30,000 from Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance to fund the Library Live Homework Help program for fiscal year 2009-2010, FEAP #622 Library On-Line Homework Help Program.

City Librarian Weiner provided background information about the Library Live Homework Help program and thanked Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center for their generous donation.

Michael Hun, CEO of Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center, stated that the medical center was pleased to provide funding for this worthwhile program, noting that a link will be included to the medical center's Healthy Choices website.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhilinger moved to accept and appropriate the donation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmember Numark abstaining.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Doug Austin, resident, spoke of the nuisance of pigeons nesting on his roof as a result of being fed at the adjacent park. He related his understanding that existing regulations prohibiting the feeding of animals at parks are difficult to enforce and requested that action be taken on this matter.

**7B.** Bonnie Mae Barnard, Save Historic Old Torrance, announced a historic home tour July 11 through July 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with tickets available at [www.savehistoricaltorrance.com](http://www.savehistoricaltorrance.com) for \$20 per person.

**7C.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, invited everyone to attend the 5th annual Rock Around the Block party on Thursday, July 16, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in front of the Torrance Historical Museum, 1345 Post Avenue.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of April 21, April 28, May 5, and May 12, 2009.

**8B. PURCHASE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council authorize the purchase of Microsoft and other computer software on an as needed basis for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from Compucom for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

**8C. FEE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the third amendment to the fee agreement with the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (C2008-168) to provide legal services in the matter of Tillitt v. City of Torrance, LA Superior Court Case No. BS115581 for an additional \$35,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$95,000.

**8D. FEE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR INDEPENDENT COUNSEL**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the sixth amendment to the fee agreement with Jenkins & Hogin (C2007-155) to provide independent counsel to the Civil Service Commission, by extending the term through June 30, 2010.

**8E. TORRANCE COMPUTER LOAN BENEFIT PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council appropriate \$44,000 from the Computer Loan Fund and approve a purchase order for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 to Dell Inc. of Round Rock, TX, the approved vendor for the City of Torrance Computer Loan Benefit Program.

**8F. CONTRACT FOR EXCURSIONS FOR FY2009-2010**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve a contract with MS Tours, Inc. dba Main Street Tours in an amount not to exceed \$129,600 for excursions planned through the Cultural and Recreation Services Divisions for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

**8G. LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETINGS AT BRANCH LIBRARIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve of the Library Commission convening five regularly scheduled meetings in 2009-2010 at the branch libraries rather than at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

**8H. PURCHASE ORDER RE STREET SWEEPER TRUCK**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a purchase order to Haaker Equipment Company of La Verne, CA, in the amount of \$236,225.90 including sales tax and tire fees, to furnish one (1) new and unused propane-fueled Elgin "Crosswind J" street sweeper truck as a cooperative purchase with the City of Arcadia (Ref: Arcadia Purchase Agreement # 3331-3304);
- 2) Appropriate \$166,225.90 from the Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund; and
- 3) Appropriate \$70,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Alternative Fuel Vehicles.

**8I. ALLOCATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUND**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council appropriate and allocate \$25,000 of asset forfeiture funds to the Miscellaneous Projects account.

**8J. PURCHASE ORDER FOR READY MIX CONCRETE AND SLURRY MIX**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve the second year renewal option for purchase order with Catalina Pacific Concrete Co. of Azusa, CA, (PO # 2009-269) for ready mix concrete Class "A", Class "C" and slurry mix, on an as needed basis, in an amount not to exceed \$312,355. The term of the second year will be from August 13, 2009 to August 12, 2010.

**8K. PURCHASE ORDER FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to Econolite Control Products of Anaheim, CA, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the sole source purchase of traffic control equipment and signal hardware on an as needed basis from August 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

**8L. MAY 2009 INVESTMENT REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for May 2009.

**8M. PURCHASE ORDER FOR PARAMEDIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council authorize a purchase order to Bound Tree Medical, LLC of Dublin, OH to furnish paramedic medical and pharmaceutical supplies on an as requested basis (Ref. City of Berkley #09-10348-C) for a period of one (1) year in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 (includes sales tax) with an option to extend for an additional period up to a maximum of five years for a combined total of \$325,000.

**8N. PURCHASE AGREEMENT RE WATER METERS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Public Works Director that City Council authorize a purchasing agreement with Measurement Control Systems, Inc. of Santa Ana, CA in an amount not to exceed \$397,000 to purchase Neptune brand water meters on an as needed basis during the period of July 8, 2009 through July 7, 2010, with the option to renew annually through the year 2013.

**8O. AGREEMENT RE TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council approve a contract services agreement with Intratek Computer Inc. to provide temporary staffing services to the City in connection with information technology technical assistance for an amount not to exceed \$135,000 beginning on August 1, 2009 and ending on July 31, 2010.

Item was withdrawn and deferred to the July 14, 2009 Council meeting.

**8P. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FOR ADULT PROGRAMMING**

Considered separately, see page 7.

**8Q. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR CITY YARD IMPROVEMENTS/ STREET SWEEPER TRANSFER STATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council reject all bids received on June 11, 2009 for construction of the Torrance City Yard Improvements and Street Sweeper Transfer Station, FEAP #572 (B2009-019).

**8R. RELOCATION OF WATER PIPELINE FOR DEL AMO BLVD. EXTENSION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council

- 1) Approve a Water Pipeline Relocation Agreement with the California Water Service Company to establish the terms and conditions for the City to relocate an existing water pipeline for the Del Amo Boulevard Extension Project, T-30. Expenditure: \$56,000; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Water Pipeline Relocation Agreement and any and all other documents related to the establishment of easements for the 18-inch water pipeline, without further action by the City Council.

**8S. CONTINGENCY INCREASE FOR ONE STOP PERMIT CENTER**

Considered separately, see page 8.

**8T. AGREEMENT AMENDMEN TO WAIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST RE PURCHASE OF 465 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the second amendment to agreement for consulting services (C2009-003) to waive any conflict of interest with the law firm of SMITHTRAGER LLP to provide legal services to the City in connection with the proposed purchase of the 465 Crenshaw Boulevard site.

Item was withdrawn and deferred to the July 14, 2009 Council meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Numark moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8N, 8Q, and 8R. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Calendar Items 8P and 8S were considered separately at this time.

**8P. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FOR ADULT PROGRAMMING**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$14,920 from the Friends of the Torrance Library to present adult programming at the six Torrance libraries in fiscal year 2009-2010.

Principal Librarian Thayer acknowledged the Friends of the Torrance Library for their generous support.

Helen Ball, Friends of Torrance Library, announced a paperback book sale to be held on Saturday, August 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

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

**8S. CONTINGENCY INCREASE FOR ONE STOP PERMIT CENTER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve an increase in the contract contingency with GA Design, Architecture, and Planning (C2007-049) for the One Stop Permit Center in the amount of \$45,000.

Councilmember Sutherland indicated that he was not in favor of this increase, relating his belief that some of the structural issues discovered during the demolition process would have been apparent if the design firm had done a more thorough inspection of the site.

Facility Services Manager Landis reported that several support elements do not correspond to structural drawings provided to the engineer, which were the basis of the design.

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

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FOR LIBRARY LIVE HOMEWORK HELP**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$30,000 from Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance to fund the Library Live Homework Help program for fiscal year 2009-2010, FEAP #622 Library On-Line Homework Help Program.

Considered out of order, see page 3-4.

**12B. RESOLUTION NAMING LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AS LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR SOLID WASTE ISSUES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a Resolution regarding the designation of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Solid Waste Management Program as the local enforcement agency for the City of Torrance with regard to the State of California's standards for solid waste handling and disposal.

Public Works Director Beste advised that this change is necessary due to a reorganization of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rhlinger moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmember Furey abstaining.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-65**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 77-123 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND AUTHORIZING THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM BE DESIGNATED THE CITY'S LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR SOLID WASTE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-65. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmember Furey abstaining.

**12C. AGREEMENT RE DEL AMO BOULEVARD EXTENSION PROJECT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an Overpass Agreement with the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Company and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the construction and maintenance of the Del Amo Boulevard Extension Project, T-30;
- 2) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement and any and all other related documents for the Del Amo Boulevard Extension, without further action by the City Council; and
- 3) Authorize the expenditure of \$1,132,913 for costs associated with the agreement.

Lauren Sablan, Public Works Department, briefly reviewed the proposed agreement per written material of record.

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

**12D. RESOLUTION SETTING USER FEES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution setting forth certain fees indexed to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W) May to May of each year for use permits, inspections, and programs in the City of Torrance.

Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn reported that the proposed Resolution is consistent with changes approved by the City Council on June 23, 2009.

Mayor Scotto pointed out that Attachment A of the staff report incorrectly indicates that there was an ALS (Advanced Life Support) assessment fee last year, however, the fee of \$360.25 was only approved on June 23, 2009.

Councilmember Sutherland noted that he voted against the ALS assessment fee at the June 23 meeting, therefore he would be voting "no" on the Resolution.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, General Services Director Ballew confirmed that the box office service fee of \$2.50 per ticket will not apply to tickets for free concerts offered by the Torrance Symphony.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-66**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
SETTING FORTH CERTAIN FEES INDEXED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE  
INDEX FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS & CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W) MAY  
TO MAY OF EACH YEAR FOR USER PERMITS, INSPECTIONS AND  
PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-66. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by a 6-1 roll call vote, with Councilmember Sutherland dissenting.

#### **12E. GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SYSTEMS/APPURTENANCES RE SOUTH SIDE OF SKYPARK DRIVE**

##### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Repeal Resolution No. 2008-77 and adopt a Resolution authorizing a new Grant of Easement to Southern California Edison Company for underground electrical systems and appurtenances along the south side of Skypark Drive west of Crenshaw Boulevard; and
- 2) Approve a change order for additional work related to the undergrounding of overhead electrical systems and appurtenances in the amount of \$43,517 with Southern California Edison Company.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan advised that the previously granted easement needed to be modified because field conditions were different than anticipated.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-67**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-77 AND AUTHORIZING AND  
DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST  
TO AN EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR  
UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND APPURTENANCES

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-67. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**13. HEARINGS**

**13A. CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDING**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that Council:

- 1) Convene a public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, the 2008 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding;
- 2) Receive input from staff on programs of interest to the Chief of Police and City Council as well as the public on the use of the grant funds; and
- 3) Appropriate and allocate \$118,762.50 and any interest to the recommended projects.

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.

Administrative Analyst Sentinella reviewed the staff recommendation that 2008 Citizens Options for Public Safety grant funding be allocated as follows:

Enhance Police scheduling & timekeeping systems	\$49,000.00
Victim assistance program	\$30,000.00
Dispute resolution program	\$17,000.00
Police duty weapons and accessories	\$17,762.50
Uninterrupted power supply (UPS) system maintenance	\$5,000.00

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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

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

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Rhilinger commended staff on the organization of the 4th of July celebration at Wilson Park.

**17B.** Councilmember Sutherland echoed comments on the 4th of July celebration and commended the police department for apprehending suspects involved with an illegal firework operation.

**17C.** Councilmember Brewer echoed comments on the 4th of July celebration and asked staff to look into the possibility of giving the shuttles priority in exiting the parking lot at Wilson Park for next year's event.

**17D.** Councilmember Brewer asked staff to place on the [www.TorranceCA.Gov](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov) website a brief history or explanation of the local buildings named after people.

- 17E.** Councilmember Furey echoed comments regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.
- 17F.** Councilmember Furey, on behalf of West Vector Control District, reminded everyone to wear protective clothing and use insect repellent containing DEET during dusk and dawn outdoor activities and to drain all standing water in order to reduce the spread of West Nile Virus. He noted that dead birds should be reported to 877.WNV.BIRD.
- 17G.** Councilmember Furey, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff look into bringing an item forward addressing the issue of bird feeding at city parks.
- 17H.** Councilmember Furey announced a paperback book sale on Saturday, July 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.
- 17I.** Councilmember Numark echoed comments regarding the 4th of July celebration.
- 17J.** Councilmember Numark reminded everyone that the City of Torrance has a new domain name [www.TorranceCA.Gov](http://www.TorranceCA.Gov).
- 17K.** Councilmember Numark noted that a June 25 article in the *Daily Breeze* indicated that some cities, including Torrance, are charging homeowners who are installing solar panels on their roofs inspection fees that greatly exceed the cost of providing this service and requested that staff looking into this matter.
- 17L.** Mayor Scotto thanked everyone who had expressed support for the difficult decisions made by the City Council two weeks ago when considering the City budget.
- 17M.** Mayor Scotto echoed comments regarding the 4th of July celebration.
- 17N.** Scott Gobble, Southern California Edison, announced that Edison will be conducting upgrades in the next five years, which will include replacing various utility poles and underground switches throughout the community and replacing utility meters with “smart” meters featuring new technology. He noted that residents will be kept informed about any outages during these repairs.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:39 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, July 14, 2009 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 September 1, 2009