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At 8:41 p.m. City Council adjourned to Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a joint meeting with the Traffic Commission at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 in the West Annex Commission meeting room.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Numark.

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

Topics of discussion included an overview of the proposed Traffic Commission Work Plan.

The City Council recessed at 6:20 p.m.

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The City Council reconvened at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber to conduct regular business with all members present except Councilmember Numark.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Transit Director Turner.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Brewer.

**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 11, 2013.

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 Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred. Supplemental material was available for item 15.1A.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Public Works Director van der Linden announced that the Torrance Municipal Water Department received a citation from the California Department of Health Services on April 15, 2013 for failure to perform quarterly sampling/monitoring for Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs) on a new groundwater well, Well No. 9 located in McMaster Park. He emphasized that water from this source has always been completely safe and the citation was for a monitoring violation only. He reported that water from the well was tested for VOCs prior to being put into production and the results indicated non-detectible levels and on-going water samples continue

to show non-detectable levels. He advised that customers living in the affected area (Artesia Boulevard north to Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue east to Western Avenue) will be notified by the end of the week and the Water Department has taken corrective action to ensure compliance with all state and federal sampling/monitoring requirements in the future. He noted that additional information regarding the citation was available at www.TorranceCA.gov under the water utility services tab or by calling 310.781.6900.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the City Council Ad Hoc Naming of Public Facilities Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 17, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager Assembly room to consider naming the Torrance Certified Farmers' Market in honor of Mary Lou Weiss.

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the City of Torrance will be offering a free re-usable shopping bag or pet waste bag dispenser in exchange for 10 plastic shopping bags on Friday, July 19, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in front of City Hall at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

Councilmember Brewer provided information about cooling centers being operated this summer at the Bartlett Center, 1318 Cravens Avenue, and the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, with additional information available at 310.618.5880 or on the City's website www.torranceca.gov/news.htm.

Councilmember Furey reported that West Nile virus has been detected in the area and urged the public to take precautions, including wearing insect repellent containing DEET when engaging in outdoor activities, mosquito-proofing their homes, and eliminating stagnant water where mosquitos breed. He noted that complaints about improperly maintained swimming pools can be lodged by calling Vector Control at 310.915.7370 and dead birds should be reported so they can be tested for the virus by calling 877- WNV-BIRD.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the City Council will be filling the vacancy on the City Council by appointment at the July 23, 2013 City Council meeting and that applications were still being accepted and must be returned to the City Clerk's office no later than 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, with additional information available at 310.618.2870.

Mayor Scotto reported that Bill Wright, who has served as the City's representative on the Metropolitan Water District Board for the past 19 years recently tendered his resignation; requested that staff prepare proper recognition for his dedicated service; and noted that he will be making an appointment to fill this vacancy in the upcoming weeks.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RECOGNITION OF DEL AMO ROTARY CLUB YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Rotary Club of Del Amo youth exchange program participants Clementine Vitrey and Marguerite Soudan from Lyons, France were introduced by International Director Wilson Benitez and they each shared a few words about their experience visiting Southern California.

6B. PRESENTATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY REBATE CHECK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council accept a \$7,938 rebate check from the Gas Company.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to accept the rebate check. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

Marcella Lowe, Southern California Gas Company, and Marilyn Lyon, South Bay Environmental Services Center, presented the rebate to Mayor Scotto, noting that the rebate represents savings from heating costs as a result of the installation of a pool cover at Benstead Plunge.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Daniel Saulmon, resident, voiced objections to the City's denial of liability in connection with the shooting of David Perdue during the hunt for accused killer Christopher Dorner.

7B. Janet Payne, Torrance Historical Society, announced that the 9th annual "Rock Around the Block" event will be held on Thursday, July 18, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in front of the museum at 1345 Post Avenue and includes vintage cars, music, games, and food, with additional information available at 310.328.5392.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of June 18, and June 25, 2013.

8B. CONTRACT RE DNA SENIOR CRIMINALIST

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council approve a three-year contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department for a DNA Senior Criminalist, for the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016, and authorize the total contract expenditure not to exceed \$206,500 for the first year.

8C. CONTRACT RE NORTH TORRANCE WELL FIELD PROJECT INSPECTION SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council award a contract services agreement with KOA Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$132,000 to provide construction inspection services for the North Torrance Well Field Project, CIP I-108, Phase I (RFP 2013-27).

8D. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE NEC TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council award a contract services agreement with Digital Telecommunications Company, Van Nuys, CA to provide technical support and maintenance for our NEC telephone system (RFP2013-26) in the amount of \$45,787.50 from August 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

8E. CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR TRANSIT TRAINING COORDINATOR

Considered separately, see page 4.

8F. FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP to provide legal services in the case of David and Lizzette Perdue v. City of Torrance, et al., for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000.

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

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

8E. CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR TRANSIT TRAINING COORDINATOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Manager and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the proposed class specification for Transit Training Coordinator classification.

Councilmember Sutherland noted that the proposed class specification for Transit Training Coordinator indicates that the person hired must undergo specialized training and obtain a certificate within one year of being hired and voiced his opinion that the person hired should already possess this certification given the proposed salary for this position.

Transit Director Turner advised that this was meant to provide flexibility during the recruitment process because other agencies require a different type of certification and an existing employee would have to undergo the same training if promoted to a supervisory position.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve the class specification. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. BEACON AWARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Environmental Quality Commission and Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution supporting the City of Torrance participation in the Beacon Award recognition program.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna provided background information about the Beacon Award recognition program, which recognized cities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use, adopt policies and programs to address climate change, and promote sustainability.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
SUPPORTING THE CITY OF TORRANCE PARTICIPATION IN THE
BEACON AWARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-59. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION RE PAY RANGE FOR TRANSIT TRAINING COORDINATOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Manager that Council adopt a Resolution pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2011-79 for employees represented by Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) implementing a pay range for the classification of Transit Training Coordinator. Expenditure: \$118,000.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that the Transit Training Coordinator is a newly created position and the pay range was devised based on similar supervisory positions within the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-79 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION (TPSA)

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-60. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

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

15.1A. RESOLUTION RE LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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, adopt a Resolution approving the Long Range Property Management Plan to be forwarded to the Oversight Board for review and approval as required by AB 1484.

With the aid of slides, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine briefly reviewed the Long Range Property Management Plan, which addresses the disposition of properties owned by the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. He reported that the former Redevelopment Agency has ownership of five properties in Torrance and staff was recommending that all but one be transferred to the City of Torrance and classified “for governmental use.” He explained that the exception is 1919 Torrance Boulevard, which is located on the American Honda campus, and staff is recommending that the parcel be transferred to that company after soil contamination issues have been resolved. He noted that it

was determined that the railroad right-of-way along Border Avenue, which was listed as being owned by the Redevelopment Agency in the draft Long Range Management Plan, actually belongs to the City of Torrance and was therefore removed from the plan.

Responding to questions from the Council, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine provided clarification regarding the estimated value of the properties involved.

Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino, Commission on Aging, stated that she was pleased that the property at 1339 Post Avenue, which houses the Focal Point on Aging, was being recommended for retention and classified as “for governmental use,” and requested that staff contact this agency to alleviate their concerns about the disposition of this property.

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

RESOLUTION NO. SA2013-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. SA2013-04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Brewer reported on topics discussed at the Independent Cities Association Summer Seminar he attended the previous weekend, including the dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies and water issues. He noted that he was elected president of the ICA at that meeting.

17B. Councilmember Furey reported that there remains a critical shortage of foster homes in Torrance and encouraged people to consider being a “resource parent,” which ranges from someone who provides emergency foster care to someone who provides an adoptive home, with additional information available by calling 888.811.1121 or online as www.shareyourheartLA.org.

17C. Councilmember Sutherland encouraged everyone to drink plenty of water when engaging in outdoor activities during the summer and to stay in the shade as much as possible to avoid heat exhaustion.

17D. Councilmember Barnett announced that Shakespeare by the Sea is coming to Wilson Park with presentations of *King John* on Friday, July 26, and *All's Well that Ends Well* on Saturday, July 27, noting that the performances are free of charge and begin at 8:00 p.m.

17E. Mayor Scotto announced that the City was seeking applications for the 4th phase of the Hometown Heroes banner program, noting that brochures and applications are available at the back of the Council Chamber, at public counters throughout City Hall, and online at www.TorranceCA.gov/hometownheroes.

17F. Mayor Scotto shared a quote from Og Mandino, "Take the attitude of a student, never be too big to ask questions, never know too much to learn something new."

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:09 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6 and 54956.9(d)(2).

The City Council reconvened at 8:40 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:41 p.m. City Council adjourned to Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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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 13, 2013