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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – JULY 23, 2013**

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At 9:12 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 6, 2013 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 30 will be a Council dark night.**

July 23, 2013

**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 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

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

Mayor Scotto announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the City of Torrance received a written settlement demand in the matter of David and Lizzette Perdue v. City of Torrance, et al. USDC Case No. CV13-4351(SH). The City Attorney needs immediate instruction from the City Council on this matter and if the Council does not consider this matter tonight, it will not be able to do so until August 6 at the earliest, therefore, the City Attorney has requested that the City Council consider adding this item to the agenda. In order to add an item to the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote that immediate action is required and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to add the item to the closed session agenda as Item 18B2) per California Government Code §54954.2(b)(2) and 54956.9(d)(1). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

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 the City Attorney on the above-mentioned item and agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6 and 54956.9(d)(1).

The City Council reconvened at 7:01 p.m. with all members present. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Fire Chief Racowschi.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Furey.

**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 18, 2013.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Numark 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.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Barnett provided information about the two 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](http://www.torranceca.gov/news.htm).

Councilmember Barnett announced that the City Council Ad Hoc Naming of Public Facilities Committee will be presenting an item at the August 13 City Council meeting regarding the naming of the Certified Torrance Farmers' Market in honor of Mary Lou Weiss.

Councilmember Brewer announced that applications are being accepted for the fourth 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](http://www.TorranceCA.gov/hometownheroes).

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. PRESENTATION OF JARED SIDNEY TORRANCE AWARD TO DAVID SARGENT AND TONI SARGENT**

Mayor Scotto presented the Jared Sidney Torrance award to David Sargent and Toni Sargent in recognition of their contributions to the community. Their extensive history of community involvement was highlighted, using slides to illustrate.

The City Council recessed for a reception from 7:31 p.m. to 7:54 p.m.

**6B. APPOINTMENT TO FILL CITY COUNCIL VACANCY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council take action to fill a vacancy on the City Council by appointment from a list of qualified applicants.

City Clerk Herbers introduced the 15 applicants for the vacant City Council position and each applicant was given an opportunity to address the City Council.

The City Council appointed Kurt Weideman to fill the vacancy on the City Council.

City Clerk Sue Herbers administered the oath of office.

The City Council recessed at 8:47 p.m. and reconvened at 8:56 p.m. with all members present, including newly appointed Councilmember Weideman.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Lisa Golden announced that The Aerospace Players, which is comprised of people who work in the aerospace industry, will be presenting *The King and I* at the Armstrong Theatre on Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27, at 8:00 p.m., with tickets and additional information available by calling the box office at 310.781.7171.

**7B.** Carol Gilles, Torrance Rose Float Association, announced that TRFA will be holding a yard sale on August 8, 9 and 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 3042 Torrance Boulevard, with additional information available at [www.TorranceRoseFloat.com](http://www.TorranceRoseFloat.com)

**7C.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that there will be a free walking tour of historic old Torrance on Sunday, July 28, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in front of the museum at 1345 Post Avenue. She noted that the museum will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays for the rest of the summer in support of the Downtown Torrance Marketplace.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF BENSTEAD PLUNGE CIRCULATION PUMPS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to California Waters Development and California Waters LLC for \$52,062 with a 5% contingency of \$2,603 for replacement of the circulation pumps at Benstead Plunge (B2013-23);
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$5,206; and
- 3) Appropriate \$59,871 from the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund.

**8B. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS RE E-MAIL ARCHIVE SYSTEM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council reject all proposals received on January 31, 2013 (B2013-03) to furnish and install an E-mail archive system.

**8C. CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF FLOORING AT STANLEY REMELMEYER CABLE BUILDING**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Award a contract to V.T.P. Inc. for \$52,855 with a 5% contingency of \$2,643 for replacement of the flooring at the Stanley Remelmeyer Cable Bldg. (B2013-22);
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$5,286; and,
- 3) Appropriate \$48,924 from the Cable Communication Relations Fund and \$11,860 from the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund.

**8D. LEASE AMENDMENT RE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 25225 CRENSHAW BLVD.**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemption to Guideline Section 15301 (existing facilities); and
- 2) Approve a first amendment to lease by and between the City of Torrance, a municipal corporation, ("City"), and Armstrong Garden Centers, Inc., a California corporation, ("Lessee") concerning City-owned property located at 25225 Crenshaw Boulevard for the center known as Armstrong Garden Center (C-417).

**8E. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE AMBULANCE AND PATIENT BILLING SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council approve a first amendment to the agreement for ambulance and patient billing services with Gerber Ambulance Service Company, Inc. (C2011-229) to allow certain exceptions to the contract requirement to provide ambulances that meet the NFPA 1917 standard.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Furey stated that accolades to David and Toni Sargent were well-deserved and congratulated Kurt Weideman upon being appointed to the Council.

**17B.** Councilmember Numark welcomed Mr. Weideman to the Council and thanked all who applied, noting that it was a highly qualified field of applicants.

**17C.** Councilmember Sutherland commented that Torrance is very lucky to have dedicated volunteers like David and Toni Sargent and welcomed Mr. Weideman to the Council.

**17D.** Councilmember Barnett echoed comments on David and Toni Sargent and welcomed Mr. Weideman to the Council.

**17E.** Councilmember Barnett requested an excused absence for the August 6 City Council meeting.

**17F.** Councilmember Brewer offered his congratulations to Mr. Weideman and commended David and Toni Sargent for their commitment to the community.

**17G.** Councilmember Weideman stated that volunteers like David and Toni Sargent are the backbone of the community and he was pleased they were recognized with the prestigious Jared Sidney Torrance award.

**17H.** Councilmember Weideman thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for appointing him to this position and also thanked his wife for her support.

17I. Mayor Scotto thanked everyone involved in the recognition of David and Toni Sargent.

17J. Mayor Scotto welcomed Councilmember Weideman and stressed the importance of being available to constituents.

17K. City Manager Jackson and City Clerk Herbers also offered words of welcome to Councilmember Weideman.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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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 27, 2013