

August 11, 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 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, Deputy City Attorney Sullivan, 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 Labor Negotiator and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6 and 54956.9(c).

The City Council reconvened at 7:03 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Brewer.

Councilmember Rhilinger gave the non-sectarian invocation.

**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, August 6, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson announced that Item 10A had been withdrawn and deferred to a later date.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Barnett announced that the Ad Hoc City Council Committee on Commission Review would be meeting on Monday, August 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Meeting Room.

Management Associate Barthe-Jones announced that Torrance Centennial Committee applications were available online at [www.torranceca.gov/centennial](http://www.torranceca.gov/centennial) and in the City Clerk's office and must be submitted by Wednesday, August 26, with appointments to be made on Tuesday, September 1.

Councilmember Numark announced that the City Council Transportation Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, August 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly Room to discuss bus advertising.

Councilmember Furey requested an excused absence from the August 18, 2009 City Council meeting.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RECOGNITION OF LEADERSHIP TORRANCE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR "TORRANCE SAVES LIVES" PROGRAM**

Mayor Scotto recognized Leadership Torrance Alumni Association for the "Torrance Saves Lives" program, which encourages groups to organize blood drives to address the acute blood shortage during summer months.

Councilmember Numark provided background information about the Torrance Saves Lives program, noting that more 600 pints of blood were collected this year.

With the assistance of Leadership Torrance Alumni Association President Lynn Cardelli, Mayor Scotto presented certificates to the following organizations in recognition of their participation in this year's Torrance Saves Lives campaign: American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Boeing Company Torrance, City of Torrance Employees, El Camino College Torrance, ExxonMobil, Herbalife International, ITT Technical Institute Torrance, Keller Williams Realty South Bay, Marriott Hotel South Bay, North High School, Phenomenex, South Bay Bruins, South High School, Torrance Police Department, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., and 24 HR Home Care.

Kim Davis, donor recruiter for American Red Cross, expressed appreciation to everyone who participated in the blood drives.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** June Lee, Torrance, thanked the Torrance Police Department for participating in the "National Night Out Against Crime" on Tuesday, August 4, by attending open houses held throughout the city. She encouraged residents to form Neighborhood Watch groups.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. AGREEMENT WITH L.A. CONSERVATION CORPS RE MADRONA MARSH Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize an amendment to the agreement with Los Angeles Conservation Corps (C2008-075), for conservation services at the Madrona Marsh, extending the term from June 30, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and add \$12,084 in unspent grant funds for an amount not to exceed \$64,829.

Considered separately, see page 4.

**8B. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF ATTIC TEEN CENTER FOR YOUTH COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize use of the ATTiC, a Torrance Teen Center, by the Torrance Youth Council to conduct their annual workshop on Sunday, September 6, 2009.

**8C. APPROPRIATION FOR 2009 "BEAT THE ODDS" HONOREES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and the Torrance Youth Council that City Council appropriate \$5,000 from the Youth Council Donation Account for warrants to be issued to the five 2009 "Beat the Odds" honorees. Funding is available in the Youth Council Donation Account.

**8D. ACCEPTANCE/ APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FOR VISUAL ARTS ACTIVITIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a grant from the County of Los Angeles, Fourth District Arts Education Partnership Program in the amount of \$6,671.16 to be used for visual arts activities.

**8E. PURCHASE OF CNG-FUELED FRONT-LOADER REFUSE TRUCK**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the sole-source purchase of one (1) 2010 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueled Peterbilt 320/Heil front-loader refuse truck from Rush Peterbilt Truck Center of Pico Rivera, CA in the amount of \$299,845.36 including sales tax and tire fees; and
- 2) Appropriate \$299,845.36 from the Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund balance to the Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Revolving Replacement Fund.

**8F. PURCHASE OF CNG-FUELED SIDE-LOADER REFUSE TRUCKS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the sole-source purchase of two (2) 2010 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueled Peterbilt/Heil 7000 automated side-loader refuse trucks from Rush Peterbilt Truck Center of Pico Rivera, CA in the amount of \$667,414.08, including sales tax and tire fees; and
- 2) Appropriate and transfer \$667,414.08 from the Sanitation Enterprise Fund balance to the Fleet Services Vehicle and Equipment Revolving Replacement Fund.

**8G. AWARD OF LEASE FOR VANPOOL VEHICLES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council award a five-year lease vanpool lease program to Enterprise Rideshare of Anaheim, CA (B2009-26) for eleven (11) passenger vans for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2014.

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

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

**8A. AGREEMENT WITH L.A. CONSERVATION CORPS RE MADRONA MARSH**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize an amendment to the agreement with Los Angeles Conservation Corps (C2008-075), for conservation services at the Madrona Marsh, extending the term from June 30, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and add \$12,084 in unspent grant funds for an amount not to exceed \$64,829.

Councilmember Sutherland noted that the \$12,084 in unspent grant funds was available because staff was able to grow plants on-site at Madrona Marsh instead of buying them for the Madrona Marsh median re-landscaping project. He commended staff for their efforts.

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

**10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**10A. APPROVAL OF GRANT/ LOAN WITH TORRANCE AUTO CENTER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a grant/loan agreement with the Torrance Auto Center in the amount of \$250,000 to provide economic assistance in order to retain the business within the City of Torrance.

Item was withdrawn.

**16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3720**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3720**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 14 OF CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 3 TO THE  
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPY  
REGULATIONS

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3720. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed as reflected in the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Scotto reported that City Attorney staff was looking into the possibility of distinguishing day spas from massage establishments.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan noted that there was supplemental material available on this topic.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:23 p.m. to 7:24 p.m.

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**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Numark invited the public to attend a free showing of the movie *Ratatouille* at Greenwood Park on Saturday, August 15, at 8:00 p.m.

**17B.** Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Torrance Employee Variety will be held on Saturday, September 12, 7:00 p.m., at the Armstrong Theatre.

**17C.** Councilmember Sutherland reminded the public that the final performances of *Damn Yankees* will be Friday, August 14, at 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Theatre.

**17D.** Councilmember Brewer encouraged the public to attend weekend community events.

**17E.** Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, directed staff to continue to investigate the possibility of distinguishing between day spas and massage establishments with regard to the recently enacted ordinance.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:27 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 18, 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 October 6, 2009