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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 11, 2015**

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At 8:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business 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 an adjourned regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Goodrich, Griffiths, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey.

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Poirier 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) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.8.

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 Councilmember Griffiths.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rizzo.

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

City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, August 6, 2015.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett 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 Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Item 12A.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Weideman announced that the Armed Forces Day Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Assembly Room to discuss the 2016 Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration.

Councilmember Griffiths announced that the City Council Ad Hoc Web Redesign Committee met earlier today to review the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the city-wide web redesign and will be forwarding a recommendation to the City Council.

City Clerk Poirier announced that the next Commissioner Certification Training Class will be held on Tuesday, September 29, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Nakano Theatre. She noted that residents may register online at [www.torranceca.gov/1936.htm](http://www.torranceca.gov/1936.htm) or by calling 310-618-5880 and the deadline to register is September 23.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. INTRODUCTION OF TORRANCE SISTER CITY KASHIWA, JAPAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Torrance Sister City Association President Dan Fichtner introduced the following exchange students and their adult leader visiting from Kashiwa, Japan, and Mayor Furey presented them with plaques: Yukiko Kanno, Mizuki Niwa, Shoko Onuma, Natsaki Sugima, Reiko Takatsuka, Hiroki Matsushima, Hanoko Senda, Hiroki Tanimoto.

**6B. RECOGNITION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5280 EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Rotary Club of Del Amo President John Pollaro introduced the following exchange students and their American hosts and Mayor Furey presented them with certificates: Abigail Carde, Lorenza Pasotti, Kajal Desai, Anna Maria Mayer, Christina Johnson, Elisa Finadri, Wallace Liew, Jonas Gerstenberg, Emma Robertson, Rio Toyama, David Schulman, Ichinosuke Ito, Will Wisen, Max Orpi Kirby.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Duncan Tooley, Torrance, requested support for the Social Host Ordinance, which would hold adults who provide alcohol to minors legally responsible, and discussed the devastating effects of underage drinking.

**7B.** David Oster, Torrance, thanked Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian for giving him a tour of Torrance Airport.

**7C.** Mark Stephenson, Torrance, stated that several weeks ago the City Council authorized Executive Management Category 2 positions to receive car allowances as part of their "PERS-able" benefits, which is an illegal unauthorized CalPERS benefit. He further stated that Torrance Police officers have been receiving marksman pay as part of their wages for at least the past 5-6 years, with numerous retired police officers now receiving retirement benefits from it, which is an unauthorized and illegal assignment of taxpayer resources. He asserted that marksman pay is special compensation that must be written into the contract per California Government Code Section 571(B)(1)(a) requirements and neither current nor previous contracts call out marksman pay. He expressed concerns that this issue was brought to the City's attention in August 2011 by way of a CalPERS audit, but nothing has been done to correct it.

**7D.** Janet Payne, Torrance Historical Society, reported on a tour of Torrance landmarks given to Kashiwa, Japan exchange students, which included a visit with former Mayor Ken Miller and a luncheon hosted by the Doubletree Hotel. She announced that the Torrance Historical Museum will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays for the month of August, with special events/exhibits each week, noting that on August 13 memorabilia from Louis Zamperini will be on display. She also announced that a special evening walking tour will be held on Saturday, September 5.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of July 21, 2015.

**8B. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING FOR LEADERS PROJECT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a \$10,000 grant from the California State Library and a \$1,500 donation from the Friends of the Torrance Library for the Lifelong Learning for Leaders project for the Torrance Library System.

**8C. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE 2013 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Approve a first amendment to the 2013 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Subrecipient Agreement with the City of Los Angeles (C2014-039), reducing the award by \$18,644 for a revised total award of \$103,934; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager as the City's signatory to the amendment.

**8D. PROPOSITION 84 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for an amount not to exceed \$16,165.75 to prepare a Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program grant application that includes the City of Torrance North Torrance Well Field Project, I-108 (Phase III).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW BUS SHELTERS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve an agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) providing the City of Torrance \$880,000 and approve appropriation of funds for the installation of 29 new Bus Shelters for Torrance Transit Line 3 Rapid service.

James Lee, Torrance Transit, reported that the proposed agreement with LACMTA will provide funding for 29 new bus shelters along the Line 3 Rapid bus route, which will include an electronic information board that will display real-time passenger information.

Councilmember Goodrich related his belief that this is a long overdue and much needed project.

In response to Councilmember Griffiths' inquiry, Mr. Lee advised that the project will be put out for bid via the RFP process and that any excess funds will be put toward the maintenance of the shelters.

Mayor Furey noted supplemental material showing where each of the shelters will be located.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote.

**12B. 2014 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT CONTRACT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Police Chief and Communication and Technology Director that City Council:

- 1) Accept the 2014 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant contract;
- 2) Appropriate and allocate the award in the amount of \$1,000,000 for interoperable communications equipment; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager as the city's signatory for the contract.

Administrative Analyst Sentinella reported that the City has been awarded \$1 million from the 2014 State Homeland Security Program for communications infrastructure that will foster radio interconnectivity among Area G cities and further enhance the region's capacity to operate on a common radio frequency in case of a man-made or natural disaster. He provided background information about the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) currently in use by 30 fire, police and emergency services agencies in the region. He noted that the City Manager has recommended that City Council request that the Public Safety Committee schedule a meeting for briefing on the South Bay ICIS with a report back to the full Council.

In response to Councilmember Griffiths' inquiry, Administrative Analyst Sentinella clarified that the police department, the fire department and emergency services will all be part of the interoperable communications system and related his understanding that ambulance contractors will not be involved.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, questioned whether the project will meet requirements in the 2015 SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants. He also asked if any part of the grant was being used for police department personnel costs.

Administrative Analyst Sentinella advised that the grant is subject to SAFECOM requirements and compliance with all mandates and requirements must be confirmed before the procurement of any equipment. He reported that none of funds will be used for police department personnel costs.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote.

## **12C. APPROVAL OF LIBRARY REORGANIZATION**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Administrator that City Council approve the Library reorganization to implement the following changes:

- 1) Approve the revised and re-titled class specifications for Senior Library Technician and Library Technician;
- 2) Approve the newly created class specification for Senior Library Page;
- 3) Approve the revised job description for Library Page;
- 4) Approve the upgrade of 2.0 FTE Junior Library Clerk II positions to Library Technician and the deletion of 0.5 Junior Library Clerk II; and
- 5) Adopt a Resolution pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2014-99 for employees represented by the Torrance Library Employees Association (TLEA) to implement the title changes for Senior Library Technician and Library Technician and the addition of the new classification Senior Library Page.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence briefly reviewed the staff recommendation. She reported that TLEA concurs with the reorganization and that the Civil Service Commission approved the revised/retitled class specifications for Senior Library Technician and Library Technician and the new class specification for Senior Library Page at their meeting on August 10.

Mayor Furey noted that a great deal of work went into the reorganization and commended staff for their efforts.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-60**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-99 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING  
HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED  
BY THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (TLEA)

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-60. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**17A.** Councilmember Rizzo reported that he enjoyed attending the opening night for the production of *Hairspray* at the Armstrong Theatre on Saturday night and the Summerfest fundraiser for the Volunteer Center on Sunday.

**17B.** Councilmember Griffiths wished his son Alex a happy 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**17C.** Mayor Furey announced that the Torrance Education Foundation will be holding a fundraiser at the Comedy and Magic Club on Wednesday, August 26, in honor of Gene Drevno, former City Councilwoman and founding member of the TEF, with proceeds to fund a scholarship in her name, and additional information is available at 310-972-6418.

**17D.** Mayor Furey encouraged everyone to go see *Hairspray* at the Armstrong Theatre, noting that there are only four more performances on August 15, 16, 21, and 22, with additional information on the Torrance Theatre Company website.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:

/s/ Patrick J. Furey

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ R. Poirier

Rebecca Poirier  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on September 15, 2015