

August 19, 2008

**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 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Numark.

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, August 14, 2008.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland 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 Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that Agenda Items 8D and 8E were withdrawn; that Item 13A was rescheduled for August 26; and that Item 13B was deferred to a later date. Mayor Scotto noted that supplemental material was available for Items 8B and 8C.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Jackson announced the appointment of William Racowschi to the position of Fire Chief and briefly reviewed his qualifications.

Each Councilmember and Mayor Scotto congratulated Chief Racowschi on his appointment.

Fire Chief Racowski briefly addressed the City Council and introduced family members present at the meeting.

City Manager Jackson commended Interim Fire Chief Dumais for doing an outstanding job during the transition.

Chairman Brewer reported that the Community Development and Enrichment Committee had met with the Torrance Unified School District to discuss the school bond issue and possible collaborations. Also discussed was a lease agreement with Griffith Adult School and closure of access from Wilson Park to the Torrance High School parking lot.

Councilmember Furey announced that eradication efforts were successful and the recent Mediterranean fruit fly quarantine ended in this area on August 13, 2008.

Public Works Director Beste reminded the public that Torrance Boulevard may experience traffic delays due to water main construction from September to October.

City Clerk Herbers announced that Commissioner Certification Training was scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, and reservations are required, with applications available at www.tornet.com or in the City Clerk's office.

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Brett Morales, on behalf of Thomas Safran and Associates, presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to be used to plant new street trees on Cravens Avenue in downtown Torrance.

Mayor Scotto expressed appreciation for the generous donation.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RECOGNITION OF SYNCHRONIZED SWIM TEAM "SYNCH OR SWIM"

Mayor Scotto recognized and presented certificates to Torrance's Synch or Swim coaches Elizabeth Price and Lisa Ramos and team members, Laura Ettlin, Jordan Howe, Lucy Ishimaru, Alexis Ivans, Camilla Palacio, Carla Palacio and Isabella Park.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-101 RE FIREFIGHTER JOEL S. BONOMI

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING FIREFIGHTER JOEL S. BONOMI UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2008-101. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Brad Stelman, Torrance, expressed concerns about the large number of massage parlors in Torrance, relating his understanding that some of these facilities have been busted by police for illegal activities, but continue to operate.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a license agreement with Equilon Enterprises, LLC, dba Shell Oil Products US for two (2) groundwater monitoring wells.

8B. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FY2007 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE FEDERAL GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Interim Fire Chief that City Council:

- 1) Accept and appropriate the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) federal grant in the amount of \$303,966 for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) as part of a regional Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) SCBA project to provide standardized and interoperable breathing apparatus;
- 2) Approve subgrantee agreement with the City of Los Angeles and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement; and
- 3) Authorize a purchase order be issued to L.N. Curtis & Sons in the amount not to exceed \$303,966 for the cooperative purchase of SCBA with the County of Los Angeles Southern California Area Personal Protective Equipment Consortium (SCAPPEC) Contract No. MA-IS-43634.

8C. CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR SUNDAY PERSONNEL SERVICES AT KATY GEISSERT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize an amendment extending the contract (C2007-141) with Advanced Information Management (AIM) for an additional year to provide contract personnel to staff the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library for 32 selected Sundays beginning September 14, 2008, and ending June 14, 2009, at a cost of \$32,000 per year, increasing the total not to exceed amount to \$64,000.

8D. AMENDMENT TO FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES – RUTAN & TUCKER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the second amendment to fee agreement (C2008-141) with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker for an additional \$100,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$124,000.

Item was withdrawn.

8E. AMENDMENT TO FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES – WOODRUFF SPRADLIN & SMART

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the amendment to fee agreement (C2007-166) with the law firm of Woodruff Spradlin & Smart for an additional \$100,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$124,000.

Item was withdrawn.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13. HEARINGS

13A. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing as required by the Congestion Management Program of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority;
- 2) Adopt a RESOLUTION to self-certify that the City of Torrance is in conformance with local Congestion Management Program (CMP) requirements; and
- 3) Direct staff to submit the CMP Local Development Report (LDR) as required by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Funding: No funding required for this time.

Item was deferred to August 26, 2008.

13B. SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council conduct a public hearing, consider any comments received during the hearing and approve a change to the Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. The Community Development Director also recommends that City Council adopt a Resolution of approval for the Plan.

Item was withdrawn.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3714

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 2 AND SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE FORMAL BIDDING THRESHOLD

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3714. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Councilmember Brewer announced that Einstein for Kids science classes will be held on August 19-21 at Madrona Marsh Nature Center.

17B. Councilmember Brewer, with the concurrence of Council, requested that the North High School girls' softball team receive formal recognition for winning the CIF championship.

17C. Councilmember Furey invited the public to attend Torrance Unified School District's dedication of the Gene Drevno Community Day School on Friday, September 5, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Griffith Adult School campus.

17D. Councilmember Furey invited attendance at the 10th Annual City of Torrance Employee Variety Show on September 27, 2008 at the Armstrong Theatre, with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society Torrance Relay-for-Life as start up funds for the weekend event in May 2009.

17E. Councilmember Numark reported that Los Angeles County recently passed an ordinance to recoup the cost of graffiti removal from the offender and/or the parents of the offender and, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff look into the possibility of adopting a similar ordinance.

17F. Councilmember Numark announced the annual Torrance Symphony Concert in the Park at Wilson Park on Sunday, August 24, at 1:30 p.m.

17G. Councilmember Rhilinger announced a free Star Party to explore the winter sky being held at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center parking lot on Saturday, September 6, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

17H. Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Pediatric Therapy Network would hold their first annual Camp Escapades Waterslides with Councilmember Tom Brewer serving as the master of ceremonies at Seaside School, noting that he will be participating along with TUSD school board member Don Lee.

17I. Mayor Scotto noted that the Torrance Sister City Association's Sayonara Banquet for exchange students returning to Japan will be held on Wednesday, August 20, at the Toyota Meeting Hall. He commended the Sister City Association and host families for doing a great job.

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The Council reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:53 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:54 p.m., the City Council 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, and 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.9(a) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 9:42 p.m. No formal action was taken on any item considered in closed session.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:42 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 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 21, 2008