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At 9:03 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. **August 31, 2010 and September 7, 2010 will be Council dark nights.**

**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 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 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.

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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) Public Employee Performance Evaluation, 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and 18C) Conference with Labor Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.7(b)(1), 54956.9(a) and 54957.6.

The City Council reconvened at 7:02 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Community Services Director Jones.

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 19, 2010.

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 roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brewer announced that a Helicopter Roundtable meeting will be held on Thursday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

Fire Chief Racowski announced that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly siren alert testing on Wednesday, September 1, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Management Associate Hoang announced that the City, in partnership with Southern California Edison, has designated the following cooling centers to provide relief in the event of a heat emergency: 1) Bartlett Senior Center – open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday; and 2) Katy Geissert Civic Center Library open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. He noted that a complete list of cooling stations in L.A. County is available by dialing 211.

Public Works Director Beste offered water-saving tips and reminded the public that restrictions on water usage are still in effect, noting that yards may not be watered during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

City Clerk Herbers announced that appointment to various city commissions and committees is open only to those who have completed or renewed Commissioner Certification training and that a class has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 27. She reported that reminders to make reservations will be sent out after Labor Day and interested Torrance residents may leave name, address, phone and email information with either the City Manager's office at 310.618.5990 or the City Clerk at 310.618.2870.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-77 RE CRAIG CAMPBELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING FIREFIGHTER/ PARAMEDIC **CRAIG CAMPBELL** UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-77. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the Resolution to Craig Campbell, who accepted with appreciation.

Fire Chief Racowski commended Firefighter/ Paramedic Campbell for his many years of dedicated service and offered well wishes for his retirement.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION PREVENTION AND RECOVERY MONTH

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of September as **National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Prevention and Recovery Month** in the City of Torrance to Freddie Gomez of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency.

6C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FROM EXXON MOBIL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$10,000 from Exxon Mobil Corporation to be used for Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

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

Max Ocansey, Refinery Manager for Exxon Mobil Torrance, presented the \$10,000 donation to Mayor Scotto, who accepted with appreciation.

6D. RECOGNITION OF WEST TORRANCE LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

Mayor Scotto recognized the West Torrance Little League All-Star Team, 9-10 year-olds, for winning the Section 4 championship and presented certificates to team members Zachary Babbitt, Nathan Baker, Anthony "AC" Catellon-Santos, Sammy Hayes, Justin Hight, Timmy Kelso, Travis Kircher, Wonseok Lee, Matthew Rhillinger, Tanner Schafer, Ryan Schneider, Adam Surls, Caleb Terrill, Jonny Vogt and Tyler Young and team manager Dave Kircher and coach Pete Schafer. Coach Todd Hayes was unable to attend.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Tammy Kahn, board president, and Chris Wolf, executive director, Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation, highlighted upcoming events in the 2010-11 season.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of July 13, July 20, July 27, and August 3, 2010.

8B. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council accept the 2007 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant (UASI 07) contract and appropriate and allocate \$54,443 for Police equipment and supplies.

8C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR TERRORISM LIAISON OFFICER TRAINING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council:

- 1) Accept and appropriate the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) grant in the amount of \$24,803 for Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) training; and
- 2) Approve a sub-recipient agreement with the County of Los Angeles and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

8D. AGREEMENT RE ALTA LOMA PARK RECREATION ADDITION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve an amendment to the consulting agreement with Chester Smith & Associates Inc. (C2009-141) for the Alta Loma Park Recreation Addition (FEAP#715) to extend the term from July 31, 2010 to July 31, 2011.

8E. AGREEMENT TO LEASE GROUNDWATER RIGHTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve an agreement to temporarily lease 150 acre-feet of groundwater rights to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, a non-profit California Corporation, at \$125 per acre-foot during the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

8F. LANDFILL GAS EXTRACTION BLOWER/CARBON SYSTEM PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve and appropriate from the Sanitation Enterprise fund balance the amount of \$114,000 for a Landfill Gas Extraction Blower/Carbon System project at the City Yard; and
- 2) Approve a one-year agreement with Shaw Environmental for a not to exceed amount of \$160,000 to provide operation, maintenance, and compliance testing services for said system at the City Yard and appropriate from the Sanitation Enterprise fund balance.

8G. AGREEMENT RE WILSON PARK PARKING LOT REHABILITATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a budget transfer of General funds in the amount of \$300,000 from the Del Amo Boulevard Extension, T-30 to FEAP #741 Wilson Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation;
- 2) Approve the plans and specifications for the Wilson Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation, FEAP #741 (B2010-13);
- 3) Accept corrected bid total of \$270,296.81, submitted by Rafael 26 Construction, Inc.; and

- 4) Award a public works agreement to Rafael, Inc. in the amount of \$270,296.81 for the Wilson Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation, FEAP #741 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$13,514.84.

8H. RECOGNITION AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENTS RE TORRANCE TOWNE CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve Recognition and Attornment agreements with TW Holdings, Inc, a California corporation, dba Total Woman Gym & Day Spa for City-owned property located at northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw known as Torrance Towne Center.

8I. AGREEMENT RE IMPLEMENTATION OF USED OIL PAYMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with K.J. Services Environmental Consulting in the amount of \$70,337.52 to continue implementation of the City's Used Oil Payment Program for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

8J. APPROVAL OF TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize the Torrance Youth Council to conduct their annual workshop on Sunday, September 12, 2010, at the ATTiC Teen Center, 2320 West Carson Street.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8J. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE AND MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR DISCOVER TORRANCE TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve an annual membership fee of \$33,000 to be transferred from the Visitors Bureau program budget and authorize one time expenditure of \$100,000 to be appropriated from the Economic Development Reserve to assist with start-up costs for Discover Torrance Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID).

Economic Development Manager Fulton reported that staff was recommending that the City secure a voting seat on the Discover Torrance Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) board for an annual membership fee of \$33,000, which is the average fee paid by member hotels, and approve a one-time grant of \$100,000 in order to expedite the improvement district's launch. She explained that the grant will benefit the 14 member hotels, which employ hundreds of people in Torrance, as well as benefit the City as a whole due to anticipated increases in business as a result of focused

branding and marketing efforts. She noted that the City formerly paid \$21,000 per year to the Chamber of Commerce for the maintenance of a visitors' center and website and this funding will be used to offset the \$33,000 membership fee.

Charles Deemer, resident, questioned how long the annual dues would continue, and Mayor Scotto advised that the initial commitment to TBID would be for five years, after which the effectiveness of the improvement district would be evaluated.

Councilmember Numark proposed making the \$100,000 a loan payable over five years instead of a grant since it appears that the district will have adequate funding once it is up and running.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Economic Development Manager Fulton reported that TBID anticipates an annual budget of approximately \$500,000 per year and that a \$70,000 shortfall is projected for this year due to cash flow issues.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to approve the annual membership fee and to authorize a \$100,000 interest-free loan to be repaid over five years. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed as reflected in the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager Jackson questioned whether the Council would consider forgiving the annual payment on the loan if there are revenue increases that can be directly attributed to TBID's marketing efforts, and Councilmembers indicated that they were willing to consider this at the time of TBID's annual report.

10B. CERTIFICATION OF 2009 GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council consider and adopt a Resolution to approve minor modifications and clarify language to certify the 2009 General Plan Housing Element as recommended by the Department of Housing and Community Development for a Certified Housing Element.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna reported that the California Department of Housing and Community Development has requested that minor modifications be made and clarifying language be added to the 2009 General Plan Housing Element in order to certify it and the Resolution incorporates these changes.

In response to Mayor Scotto's inquiry, Community Development Director Gibson confirmed that the changes do not affect the City's ability to maintain local control over development projects.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, requested clarification regarding some of the terms in the staff report, which was provided by Community Development staff.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-29 AND APPROVING MINOR
MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE 2009 GENERAL PLAN
HOUSING ELEMENT **GPA04-00002: CITY OF TORRANCE**

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-80. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

10C. RESOLUTION APPROVING PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AT 122 CALLE DE ARBOLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution reflecting City Council decision at the February 9, 2010 meeting to deny an appeal of a Planning Commission decision and approve a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a new two-story single family residence on property located within the Hillside Overlay District, in the R-1 Zone at 122 Calle de Arboles.

PRE09-00004: Obelisk Architects (Mr. and Mrs. Anderson)

Community Development Director Gibson reported that the Resolution reflects the Council's decision at the February 9, 2010 Council meeting to deny an appeal and approve the project at 122 Calle de Arboles.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DENYING AN APPEAL AND APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF
DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE
41 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A NEW TWO- STORY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE ON PROPERTY
LOCATED WITHIN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT
122 CALLE DE ARBOLES
PRE09-00004: OBELISK ARCHITECTS (MR. AND MRS. ANDERSON)

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-81. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

10D. RESOLUTION APPROVING PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AT 209 VIA EL TORO

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution reflecting City Council decision at the July 20, 2010 meeting to approve an appeal of a Planning Commission decision and approve a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of first and second story additions to an existing one-story single family residence in conjunction with a new accessory structure on property located within the Hillside Overlay District, in the R-1 Zone at 209 Via El Toro.

PRE09-00007: Jim & Betsy Delurgio

Community Development Director Gibson reported that the Resolution reflects the Council's decision to approve an appeal and approve the project at 209 Via El Toro. He noted supplemental material amending Condition No. 13 to more accurately reflect the Council's intent as discussed at the July 20, 2010 meeting.

Gene Kusion, Camino de Encanto, requested confirmation that Condition No. 15 means that no vegetation on this lot shall be taller than the height of the existing perimeter walls except for along the front of the house, and Mayor Scotto confirmed that was the intent of the condition.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed as reflected in the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Barnett, Furey, Numark and Mayor Scotto

NOES: Councilmembers Brewer, Rhilinger and Sutherland

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 41 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FIRST AND SECOND STORY ADDITIONS TO AN EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE IN THE REAR ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 209 VIA EL TORO

PRE09-00007: JIM AND BETSY DELURGIO

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-82 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed as reflected in the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Barnett, Furey, Numark and Mayor Scotto

NOES: Councilmembers Brewer, Rhilinger and Sutherland

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS FOR TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution approving the issuance of revenue bonds by the City of Torrance for Torrance Memorial Medical Center (the Borrower), Series 2010A, 2010B, and 2010C.

Finance Director Tsao reported that the Resolution will enable Torrance Memorial Medical Center to obtain financing via tax-exempt bonds to construct a new seven-story tower and other improvements. He noted that legal counsel has confirmed that the repayment of the bonds is the sole responsibility of the borrower and the City will incur no indebtedness by issuing the bonds.

Councilmember Numark announced that he was abstaining from consideration of this item due to his employment.

Craig Leach, president and CEO of Torrance Memorial Medical Center, provided an overview of the hospital's expansion project, which will include 256 new hospital rooms.

Doug Klebe, CFO of Torrance Memorial, thanked the City and Finance Director Tsao for the assistance provided.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the hospital's plans to refund City of Torrance Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 1992, which was provided by Mr. Klebe.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$260 MILLION
AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REVENUE
BONDS (TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER), SERIES 2010

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-83. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmember Numark abstaining.

12B. REVISED/RE-TITLED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR PERMIT TECHNICIAN I

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the revised and re-titled class specification for Permit Technician I.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that the Permit Technician I class specification has been revised to reflect the full range of duties necessary to service the new One Stop Permit Center.

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

12C. PROPOSED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR PERMIT TECHNICIAN II

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the proposed class specification for Permit Technician II.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that it was determined that a senior level Permit Technician position was necessary in order to staff the new One Stop Permit Center.

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

12D. RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING SALARY RANGES FOR PERMIT TECHNICIAN I AND II

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution to implement the proposed salary range for the Permit Technician I and Permit Technician II positions represented by the Engineers and Torrance Fiscal Employees Association (TFEA).

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that the Resolution implements the salary range for the Permit Technician I and Permit Technician II positions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
SETTING FORTH WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY
THE ENGINEERS

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-84. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12E. CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO RECONSIDER COUNCIL ACTION ON PRE08-00011 – 2221 WARMSIDE AVENUE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council consider a motion to reconsider City Council decision made at the August 10, 2010 meeting to deny an appeal and deny a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of first and second story additions to an existing one story, single family home in the R-1 Zone, Hillside Overlay District for property located at 22221 Warmside Avenue.

It is further recommended that in the event City Council determines to reconsider the matter that a hearing date be selected and that the hearing be re-advertised to the public. **PRE08-00011: Craig Richmond**

Councilmember Rhilinger explained that she requested that this item be brought forward because when she voted to deny the project, she was unaware that the applicant would have to pay \$4000-4500 in fees to submit revised plans; that the added expense can be avoided if the Council grants a continuance instead of denying the project; and that the only way this can be accomplished is to have the Council reconsider their decision.

Councilmember Barnett noted that he was absent from the August 10 Council meeting but had watched the proceedings and questioned whether he could participate in this action, and City Attorney Fellows confirmed that he could do so.

Craig Richmond, 22221 Warmside Avenue, applicant, reported that he is making progress with his neighbors and thanked the Council for considering this item.

A brief discussion ensued, and City Attorney Fellows provided clarification regarding the scope of the new hearing.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to reconsider the Council's decision on PRE08-00011, with a new hearing date to be determined and the matter to be re-advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13. HEARINGS

13A. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 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.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan confirmed that the City was in conformance with Congestion Management Program requirements.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the credit/debit point system used to track a city's conformance, and Transportation Manager Semaan reported that this system was no longer in effect.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-85. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the 18th Annual Health and Resource Fair, sponsored by the Salvation Army and the Torrance Community Services Department, will be held on Saturday, September 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army headquarters, located at 4223 Emerald Street. She encouraged the public to take advantage of free health screenings and educational material that will be offered at the fair.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland encouraged attendance at the Employee Variety Show to be held on September 11, with proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

17C. Noting the upcoming 9th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Councilmember Sutherland urged that people think less about our differences and more about what binds us together.

17D. Councilmember Barnett offered congratulations to the Torrance Symphony for the successful concert held the previous Sunday in Wilson Park and commended Community Services staff for their efforts.

17E. Councilmember Barnett also congratulated the Torrance Sister City Association for their student exchange program with Kashiwa, Japan, which has been in operation since 1974.

17F. Councilmember Brewer noted that in addition to purchasing a ticket for the Employee Variety Show, people can support fundraising efforts by sponsoring a memorial in the program and/or buying raffle tickets, with additional information available at 310.433.3989.

17G. Mayor Scotto commended the Torrance Symphony for the concert in the park and commented positively on the Wilson Park pond restoration project.

17H. Mayor Scotto commended the Torrance Sister City Association for their well run student exchange program and thanked host families for making the program possible.

17I. Mayor Scotto announced that Southern California Edison, in conjunction with the South Bay Environmental Services Center, will be offering a free lamp exchange where people may exchange up to 10 lamps for more energy efficient models at the K-Mart located at 19330 Hawthorne Boulevard on September 18 and 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

17J. Mayor Scotto noted that with the current practice of making City Commission/Board appointments in January, there is frequently not enough time to interview applicants and he requested, with the concurrence of Council, that the City Clerk bring forward an item exploring the possibility of moving the appointments to February to alleviate scheduling issues related to the holidays.

17K. Noting that appeal hearings for Hillside cases tend to be very contentious, Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, directed staff to look into a mediation process for the parties involved, which would take place after Planning Commission decisions have been appealed. He asked that staff report back with recommendations as to whether the process should be voluntary or mandatory, whether the mediation should be done by staff, the mayor or an outside mediator, whether it would require amending the Torrance Municipal Code, and what the cost would be to the applicant for this process.

17L. City Clerk Herbers invited the Mayor and Council to join her in a walk across the Vincent Thomas Bridge on Labor Day, September 6, at 8:00 a.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:03 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. **August 31, 2010 and September 7, 2010 will be Council dark nights.**

Attest: /s/ Frank Scotto
Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers
Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on September 28, 2010