

August 25, 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 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 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.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Deputy Chief Brown.

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 20, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Barnett reported that the Ad Hoc City Council Committee on Commission Review met on Monday, August 24, to discuss the possibility of consolidating certain commissions and another meeting will be scheduled after staff has had an opportunity to gather additional information requested by the committee.

Management Associate Barthe-Jones announced that Torrance Centennial Committee applications were available online at 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 advertising on Torrance Transit buses.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF 2007 BUFFER ZONE PROTECTION PLAN GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the 2007 Buffer Zone Protection Plan grant in the amount of \$177,388;
- 2) Approve the 2007 Buffer Zone Protection Program subrecipient agreement with the County of Los Angeles; and
- 3) Appropriate and allocate grant funds in the amount of \$177,388. for the purchase of authorized equipment.

8B. CONTACT EXTENSION FOR GOVERNMENT CONSULTING AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a contract extension with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (C2008-190) for government consulting and advocacy services for the period of October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 for an additional amount of \$15,720 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$78,600.

8C. CONTACT EXTENSION FOR GOVERNMENT CONSULTING AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a contract extension with Rice/Englander & Associates (C2008-175) for government consulting and advocacy services for the period September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 for an additional amount of \$14,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$56,000.

8D. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL INSPECTION SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director and the Fire Chief that City Council approve a second amendment to the contract services agreement with Charles Abbott Associates, Inc. (C2008-152) to provide industrial and commercial facility inspection services in the additional amount of \$40,000 with a new not to exceed total of \$157,853 and approve the extension of the contract to February 28, 2010.

Considered separately, see page 3.

8E. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE TORRANCE SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a first amendment to the professional services agreement with Willdan Engineering (C2008-166) for a six month term extension from August 12, 2009 through February 12, 2010 to complete consultant services for Torrance Sewer System Management Program, I-97 which are included in the contract.

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

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

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Responding to questions from the Council, Sr. Administrative Analyst Cortez reported that Charles Abbott Associates will be providing training along with inspection services while management of the NPDES industrial and commercial facility inspection program transitions from the Community Development Department to the Fire Department.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RECONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL ACTION RE ORDINANCE NO. 3720

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consider a Motion to Reconsider the adoption of Ordinance No. 3720 relating to massage therapy regulations.

It is further recommended that in the event the City Council determines to reconsider its adoption of the ordinance relating to massage therapy regulations that the matter be brought back to City Council on September 1, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to reconsider the adoption of Ordinance No. 3720 at the September 1, 2009 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12B. AMENDMENT TO ROBINSON HELICOPTER LEASE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a fourth amendment to lease by and between the City of Torrance, a Municipal corporation and Robinson Helicopter Company, Inc., a California corporation (C2003-029).

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine explained that Robinson Helicopter acquired additional parcels for future expansion in May 2008 when the third lease amendment was approved and the proposed fourth amendment addresses the facilities to be built on this land.

Kurt Robinson, Vice President of Robinson Helicopter Company, reported that the company needs to expand their facility because they plan to add another model to their product line, the R-66, which could bring hundreds of new jobs to Torrance.

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

12C. AGREEMENT RE PARTICIPATION IN L.A. COUNTY CONGESTION REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Recommendation

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Torrance Transit to participate in the Los Angeles County Congestion Reduction Demonstration ("ExpressLane") Project in which Torrance will receive \$2,800,000 for capital bus purchase and \$1,200,000 for operating subsidy.

Transit Administration Manager Mills advised that Torrance Transit has been invited to participate in the L.A. County Congestion Reduction Demonstration Project commencing in December 2010 for one year, which involves the conversion of HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes on the 110 Freeway to HOT (High Occupancy Toll) lanes and includes \$2,800,000 for the purchase of four hybrid buses and \$1,200,000 to subsidize their operation.

In response to Councilmember Brewer, Transit Administration Manager Mills confirmed that the City will retain ownership of the buses when the project ends and will use them to replace older buses in the fleet if the project is not extended.

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

12D. AGREEMENT RE L.A. COUNTY RIDER RELIEF TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve an agreement regarding the usage and coupon reimbursement between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and City of Torrance for the Los Angeles County Rider Relief Transportation Program.

Transit Administration Manager Mills reported that the L.A. County Rider Relief Transportation Program will help mitigate the impact of rate increases for lower income passengers.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the redemption of program coupons.

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

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland announced that the 11th Annual Employee Variety Show will be held on September 12 benefiting the American Cancer Society's Torrance Relay for Life, with tickets available at the James Armstrong Theatre Box Office or by calling 310-781-7171.

17B. Councilmember Barnett announced that he attended the 2010 Census Committee kick off meeting and the twelve volunteer committee members are excited to be a part of the process and grateful for the opportunity to assist the City of Torrance.

17C. Councilmember Brewer invited everyone to attend the Torrance Block Party in Old Torrance on Sunday, August 30, from noon to 6:00 p.m., benefiting RSVP (Retired Senior and Volunteer Program).

17D. Councilmember Brewer announced that the 17th Annual Health and Resource Fair, sponsored by the Salvation Army and the Torrance Community Services Department, will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army headquarters, 4223 Emerald Street.

17E. Councilmember Furey extended condolences to the family of Police Officer Steve Kroesen.

17F. Councilmember Furey announced the Barnes and Noble Book Fair supporting the Torrance Education Foundation to be held August 25 through August 27 at their store at 21400 Hawthorne Boulevard.

17G. Councilmember Furey announced the last concert in the Concert in the Park series will be held on Sunday, August 30, at Columbia Park, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. featuring Lil' Mo & the Dynaflo's.

17H. Councilmember Furey wished Happy Anniversary to his wife.

17I. Councilmember Numark congratulated Councilmember Furey and his wife on their anniversary.

17J. Councilmember Numark encouraged the public to attend the Torrance Block Party in Old Torrance on Sunday, August 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., noting that it will include 115 booths.

17K. Councilmember Numark requested, with the concurrence of Council, that the Environmental Commission along with staff investigate policies to encourage the installation of solar panels on residential rooftops. Noting that the Sierra Club recently produced a study on this issue, he encouraged staff to consider offering educational material, providing qualified vendor lists, waiving fees, expediting permit processing procedures (including over the counter issuance), in keeping with the practices of neighboring cities such as Manhattan Beach.

17K. Councilmember Rhilinger announced the 17th Annual Fall Bazaar at the Cultural Arts Center on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

17L. Charles Deemer noted the two change orders for the Torrance Boulevard project and asked if there were any changes to the schedule, and Public Works Director Beste reported that project will be completed on schedule.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:31 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 Labor Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6.

The City Council reconvened at 7:40 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 1, 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