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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 25, 2015

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**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 25, 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 Weideman.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Athia Carrim, International Institute of Tolerance.

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 20, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Agenda Item 8F was withdrawn and deferred to a later date.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Poirier announced that a 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/commissioner_cert.htm or by calling 310-618-5880 and the deadline to register is September 23.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-63 RE ANDREW C. FRESQUEZ

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **ANDREW C. FRESQUEZ** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-63. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-64 RE GERALD R. ENIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING **GERALD R. ENIS** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-64. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE “PLAY BALL DAY”

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, August 29, as “Play Ball Day” in the City of Torrance to Recreation Services Supervisor Richard Brunette and Kevin Tyler, owner of Torrance Batting Cages.

Mayor Furey reported that www.PlayBall.org is a collaborative on-line website sponsored by Major League Baseball and USA Baseball designed to inspire people to play ball and it features educational resources for players, coaches, umpires and parents along with an interactive map. He noted that during the month of August 2015 mayors throughout the country are encouraging the promotion of our national pastime and as part of this effort, Torrance Batting Cages will be giving away free “Play Ball” T-shirts and a \$5 batting cage token to the first 25 youths who mention the Play Ball program on August 29, and Torrance Library will be giving away bookmarks listing baseball-related books.

6D. SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD PRESENTATION/ UPDATE

Jan Vogul, South Bay Workforce Investment Board Executive Director, gave a brief presentation/update on the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. He invited the Mayor and Council to attend an orientation on September 29.

6E. OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION/ UPDATE

Fran Fulton, Economic Development Manager, and Domenica Megerdichian, Management Associate, gave a brief presentation/update on the Office of Economic Development, highlighting efforts to promote, attract and retain businesses in Torrance.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Jennifer Harris, Behavior Health Services, reported on the Social Host Ordinance, designed to discourage adults from providing alcohol to minors, and the Project Choice Program, which focuses on strategies to help youths avoid becoming involved in drugs.

7B. Dolly Cross, Torrance Art Museum Advocates, invited everyone to attend the closing of the “Studio System” exhibit on August 29 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. She also announced a fundraiser to be held on September 12.

7C. Charles Deemer, Torrance, announced that a public hearing on the proposal to combine the Metro Silver Line with Line 450 will be held on September 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Grand Annex located at 434 West Sixth Street, San Pedro.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of July 28, 2015.

8B. SUBSIDY OF RENTAL FEES FOR USE OF KEN MILLER RECREATION CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the subsidy of rental fees in the amount of \$705 for the use of the Ken Miller Recreation Center for 2015-2016 by the Torrance Artists Guild.

8C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the 2014-2015 Parks & Recreation Commission annual report.

8D. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Cultural Arts Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the 2014-2015 Cultural Arts Commission annual report.

8E. LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a license agreement with Honeywell International, Inc. for three (3) horizontal groundwater monitoring wells for the former Honeywell facility located at 23215 Early Avenue.

8F. JUNE 2015 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for June 2015.

Item was withdrawn and deferred to a later date.

8G. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS RE JAIL FOOD SERVICE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Ratify the first amendment to the contract with Los Angeles County Sheriff Department for jail food service (C2013-175) for a period of five (5) years;
- 2) Approve a second amendment to the contract and authorize the Chief of Police as the amendment signatory; and
- 3) Authorize the Chief of Police as signatory for subsequent amendments to the contract (C2013-175) that do not incur costs exceeding the total contract amount of \$124,000.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. APPROVAL OF RFP FOR CITY-WIDE WEB REDESIGN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Ad Hoc Web Redesign Committee that City Council approve the request for proposals for the City-wide web redesign and issue to previously qualified vendors.

Mayor Furey stated that at the July 15, 2014 City Council meeting, he requested Council concurrence to create an ad hoc committee to assist with the redesign of the City's website and the committee was tasked with the following objectives: 1) Create visually attractive webpages showcasing information aimed at local community members; 2) Adopt a user-centric approach throughout, particularly in site architecture and content that speaks in visitors' language and offers relevant information with fewer click throughs; 3) Create and implement a search engine optimization strategy that uses best practices in design and content; 4) Maximize site usability through current web design/development best practices, relevant content, useful functionality and a high degree of interactivity 5) Increase amount of visitor quality time on website by interlinking relevant content to increase click depth; and 6) Explore valuable functionality to keep the user engaged and foster long-term relationships. He commended the Ad Hoc Web Redesign Committee for doing an excellent job of covering all of these areas in the proposed request for proposal.

Councilmember Griffiths, chair of the Ad Hoc Web Redesign Committee, reported that the committee reviewed, modified and was now requesting approval of a request for proposal (RFP) for the upcoming citywide web redesign. He explained that the redesigned website will include a new modern look and feel that markets the city, features activities, information, and events, and welcomes the community to easily locate information. He noted that the website will also use up-to-date technologies to allow users a better experience and make it easier for staff to manage the content. He advised that the RFP will be sent to six qualified vendors that were chosen through the request for qualification (RFQ) process completed earlier this year.

Cable and Community Relations Manager Smith thanked the Ad Hoc Web Redesign Committee and the Citywide Web Redesign Team.

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

12B. EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE RESOLUTION CLARIFYING INSURANCE PROVISION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Executive and Management Employees Resolution No. 2015-58, implementing clarification of the insurance provision.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that the resolution clarifies that term life insurance benefits are adjusted to 65% of the value upon reaching the age of 70 and 50% at age 75.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-58 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-65. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Mayor Furey, with Council concurrence, requested that staff return with an item to approve a Council dark night for Tuesday, November 3, 2015 in order to allow the Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee to participate in a legislative trip to Washington, D.C.

17B. Councilmember Goodrich invited the public to attend a ribbon cutting for the new electric vehicle charging stations behind the Benstead Plunge and the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library on Saturday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a "Drive Electric Week" event at 10:00 a.m. featuring the newest electric vehicles from dealerships throughout Torrance, which will be available for test drives. He thanked staff for organizing the event.

17C. Councilmember Griffiths announced that as part of the Community Services Department's "Movies in the Park" program, the movie *Happy Feet* will be shown on Saturday, August 29, at El Retiro Park beginning at dusk.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:57 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 1, 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