

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 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Rhilinger.

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) Conference with Labor Negotiator and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6 and 54956.9(a).

The City Council reconvened at 7:12 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Brewer.

Councilmember Numark gave the non-sectarian invocation.

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

Deputy City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, September 10, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey 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 (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

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 **WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson noted supplemental material available at the meeting on Agenda Item 12G.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Brewer announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee would meet on Monday, October 5, at 4:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly Room to discuss a proposed message board to be placed at the corner of Madrona Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-79 RE NORMAN L. REEDER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING **NORMAN L. REEDER** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-79. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

Mayor Scotto presented the Resolution to Norm Reeder and commended him for his dedicated service. Mr. Reeder commented on the many changes that have occurred during his tenure at the Library Department and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

6B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-80 RE DOUG WALTER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING **DOUG WALTER** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-80. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

Mayor Scotto presented the Resolution to Doug Walter and commended him for his dedicated service.

6C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-82 RE DR. LAURIE LOVE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING **DR. LAURIE LOVE** FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-82. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

To be presented at a later date.

6D. PROCLAMATION RE “COASTAL CLEANUP DAY”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, September 19, 2009 as ***Coastal Cleanup Day*** in the City of Torrance to Beach Captain Cyndy Rosell; Co-Captains Jeff Kidd and Leslie Cortez; and team members: Sonya Vicerra, Paul Mejia, and Karin Baker from Honda; Maribel Denner from Marriott; Emily Chen from Torrance Young Professionals; and Pat Sandt from Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Rosell invited everyone to participate in Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 19, with registration to begin at 9:00 a.m. at Miramar Park.

6E. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of September as ***National Preparedness Month*** in the City of Torrance to Tracy Bonano, Emergency Services Coordinator.

Emergency Services Coordinator Bonano invited everyone to attend the City's Disaster Preparedness Expo on Saturday, October 10, which will include exhibits, emergency supply vendors and an earthquake simulator. She noted that the event will also include a Red Cross blood drive and encouraged people to sign up online at www.givelife.org.

6F. PROCLAMATION RE HANS STIERLE

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation and commemorative coin to Hans Stierle, founder of American Youth Soccer Organization, commending him for his outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the youth of the community. He noted that due to Mr. Stierle's vision over 650,000 children now participate in AYSO, which was founded in Torrance in 1964.

Presentations were also made by National AYSO: Mike Wade, President; Tom Tobin, Director of Program & Volunteer Services; Lynn Berling-Manuel, Chief Marketing Officer; John Ouellette, Coach; Margie Close, Special Programs Administrator; and Debbie Goodman, Executive Secretary.

Del Amo Rotary Club President Ralph Seifer invited everyone to attend the dedication of plaque honoring Mr. Stierle as founder and first president of AYSO at Jefferson Middle School on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 between 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

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The Council briefly recessed from 8:15 p.m. to 8:34 p.m.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

7A. Maureen Gray, massage therapist, reported on the California Massage Therapy Council and new State regulations regarding massage therapy.

7B. Barnesha Chatterfield, American Postal Workers Union, thanked the City Council for adopting Resolution No. 2009-74 opposing the closure of the Marcelina and Walteria post offices. She requested that the resolution be amended to reflect the addition of the Del Amo Fashion Center post office.

7C. City Clerk Sue Herbers announced that on Saturday, September 26, a group of individuals who attend Weightwatchers at Work at the City will participate in "Walk Like MADD," a 5K walk in support of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She thanked TPOA for their donation and noted that donations could be made at <http://support.MADD.org> under WOW Torrance.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR TRAFFIC & LIGHTING SUPERVISOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the revised class specification for Traffic & Lighting Supervisor.

8B. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the revised class specification for Public Safety Communications Supervisor.

8C. RESURFACING OF PARKING COMPOUND AT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and City Treasurer that City Council approve the transfer of \$126,942.07 from the Trust and Agency Fund to FEAP #563 to support the resurfacing of the parking compound at the Police Department.

8D. CONTRACT RE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPUTER ROOM AIR CONDITIONING UNIT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Electro-Air Company for \$85,700 with 5% contingency of \$4,285 to furnish and install an air conditioning unit in the Police Department Computer Room (B2009-30);
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$8,570, \$13,300 for rental of the air conditioning unit and \$1,750 for deputy inspections; and
- 3) Appropriate \$44,832 from the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund to the Police Department Computer Room Air Conditioning Unit (FEAP #699).

8E. CONTRACT FOR AIRPORT HANGER RECONSTRUCTION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that the City Council:

- 1) Reject the bid received from Moalej Builders Inc. as non-responsive and the bidder as not-responsible per the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC);
- 2) Award a contract to DLG Electric and Construction for \$42,000 with a 5% contingency of \$2,100 for the Airport Hangar Reconstruction (B2009-25);
- 3) Award a contract to R & S Overhead Doors of South Bay Inc. for \$10,662.47 with a 5% contingency of \$533 and \$3,000 in engineering services;
- 4) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$5,266; and
- 5) Appropriate \$63,562 from the Airport Enterprise Fund for the Airport Hangar Reconstruction Project.

8F. CHANGE IN TERM FOR RECOVERY ACT JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council ratify a change to the term of the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Los Angeles as fiscal agent for the Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), for an updated term beginning March 1, 2009 and ending February 28, 2013.

8G. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR TOWING/STORAGE SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council approve an amendment to Van Lingen Towing, Inc. agreement to extend the term of the agreement through September 16, 2011.

8H. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and the Parks and Recreation Commission that City Council accept and file the Parks & Recreation Commission 2008-2009 Annual Report.

8I. CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Considered separately, see below.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8H. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

Consent Calendar Item 8I was considered out of order at this time.

8I. CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Transportation Committee that City Council accept and file the report on the meeting of August 26, 2009.

Councilmember Numark, chair of the City Council Transportation Committee, reported that the Committee met on August 26, 2009 to discuss the possibility of advertising on Torrance Transit buses and after reviewing information provided by staff, it was the consensus the Committee to postpone any action until February 2010 in the hope that economy improves because there is little demand for bus advertising at this time.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Scotto ordered that the report be accepted and filed.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. REVISED/RETITLED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council:

- 1) Approve the revised and re-titled class specification for Deputy Fire Chief.

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 2009-30 regarding employment compensation for Safety Management Employees to implement the title change for Deputy Fire Chief.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence advised that this action provides for the re-titling of the class specification of Fire Division Chief to Deputy Fire Chief along with minor revisions to job responsibilities to accurately reflect the requirements of the position.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to approve the revised class specification. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-30 SETTING FORTH CHANGES
REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-83. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

Agenda Items 12B through 12E were considered concurrently at this time.

12B. ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE RE 3311 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve modifications to a Lease on City-owned property located at 3311 Pacific Coast Highway by and among the City of Torrance (Landlord), a municipal corporation, Peyton Cramer Ford, a California Corporation (Current Tenant) and Carwell, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (New Tenant) which include:

- 1) Assignment of Lease; and
- 2) Consent to Assignment of Lease; and
- 3) Consent to termination of Sublease and Sub-Sublease; and
- 4) Consent to termination of Sub-Sublease; and
- 5) Modifications to certain terms and conditions of Lease.

12C. ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE RE 3233 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve modifications to a Lease by and among the City of Torrance (Landlord), a municipal corporation, Carwell, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company operating as South Bay Mercedes (Current Tenant) and Peyton Cramer Infiniti, a California corporation (New Tenant) which include a Second Amendment to Lease, Assignment of Lease, and Consent to Assignment of Lease concerning City-owned property located at 3233 Pacific Coast Highway.

12D. ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AND FIFTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE RE 3035-3111 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve modifications to a Lease on City-owned property located at 3035-3111 Pacific Coast Highway by and among the City of Torrance (Landlord), a municipal corporation, Peyton Cramer Infiniti, a California Corporation (Current Tenant) and Peyton Cramer Ford, a California Corporation (New Tenant) which include:

- 1) Assignment of Lease; and
- 2) Consent to Assignment of Lease; and
- 3) Consent to termination of Sublease for Jaguar Franchise; and
- 4) Consent to Ford Sublease; and
- 5) Consent to Ford Sub-sublease; and
- 6) Modifications to certain terms and conditions of Lease.

12E. THREE-PARTY AGREEMENT RE 3035-3111 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a Three Party Agreement among Peyton Cramer Ford, A California Corporation; Ford Leasing Development Company, a Delaware corporation and City of Torrance, a Municipal Corporation concerning a Lease on City-owned property located a 3035-3111 Pacific Coast Highway.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine reported that the four transactions detailed in Agenda Items 12B – 12E are required so that City-owned property at 3035-3111, 3233 and 3311 Pacific Coast Highway can be re-assigned between subsidiaries of AutoNation to allow the relocation of franchises, noting that there are no changes to the terms of the leases.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation in Agenda Item 12B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation in Agenda Item 12C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation in Agenda Item 12D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation in Agenda Item 12E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

12F. RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO VACATE PUBLIC ALLEY SOUTH OF WINLOCK ROAD AND SETTING OF HEARING DATE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution declaring the intention to vacate the public alley south of Winlock Road and west of Tandem Way and setting October 20, 2009 as the date for the hearing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE THE PUBLIC ALLEY SOUTH OF
WINLOCK ROAD AND WEST OF TANDEM WAY IN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING THEREON
AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-84. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

**12G. RESOLUTION MODIFYING EXECUTIVE & MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES
RESOLUTION RE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT HEALTH SAVINGS PLAN**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt an amendment to the Resolution setting forth hours, wages and working conditions for employees covered by the Executive & Management Employees Resolution No. 2008-90 and to adopt a Resolution relating to the Employee Retirement Health Savings Plan (RHSP) to allow distribution of non-vested funds to the deceased participant's beneficiary.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-90 SETTING FORTH CHANGES
REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-85. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT HEALTH SAVINGS PLAN

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-86. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

**12H. NAMING OF WILSON PARK GYMNASIUM AS "DEE HARDISON SPORTS
CENTER"**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Ad Hoc Naming of Facilities Committee that the City Council adopt a Resolution naming the gymnasium at Wilson Park the "DEE HARDISON SPORTS CENTER."

Councilmember Barnett, chair of the Ad Hoc Naming of Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee met on August 4, 2009 to review an application to name the Wilson Park gymnasium after former mayor Dee Hardison and subsequently voted unanimously to recommend that the Council approve the naming of the facility as the "Dee Hardison Sports Center." He noted that Ms. Hardison has a long history of community involvement and has served in many capacities, not only as a former Mayor, City Councilmember and City Commissioner.

Mayor Scotto related his belief that this honor was well deserved, citing Ms. Hardison's long list of accomplishments as detailed in the staff report and the fact that she continues to be a very active volunteer in the community.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
NAMING THE GYMNASIUM LOCATED AT CHARLES H. WILSON PARK
IN HONOR OF DEE HARDISON

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-87. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

Mayor Scotto requested that staff arrange a dedication ceremony for the naming of the gymnasium.

The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 9:10 p.m. to 9:11 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Brewer announced that the North High School Class of 1969 would be holding their 40th high school reunion on Saturday, September 19, at the Ayers Hotel in Hawthorne, with additional information available by contacting Deborah Blair Porter at Deborah.Blair.Porter@gmail.com.

17B. Councilmember Furey reported on his attendance at the 11th Annual Employee Variety Show, noting that over 300 people attended and \$13,000 was raised to benefit the American Cancer Society.

17C. Councilmember Furey announced the 1st Annual "Discover Torrance" dining event from September 13 through 26 with more than 30 restaurants participating and 10% of food proceeds from select restaurants to benefit the Torrance Education Foundation. More information is available at www.discoverTorrance.com.

17D Councilmember Numark commented on his performance at the Employee Variety Show and thanked Rudy and Joyce Jimenez, Linda Cessna, and staff for organizing the show.

17E. Councilmember Numark announced that librarian and Torrance Historical Society member Michael George will be leading a free session on the history of Torrance on Saturday, September 19, at 2:00 p.m. at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

17F. Councilmember Sutherland echoed comments regarding the Employee Variety Show and thanked everyone for their support and participation.

17G. Councilmember Barnett requested an excused absence for the September 22 City Council meeting.

17H. Mayor Scotto echoed comments regarding the Employee Variety Show and commended City staff involved.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:19 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business 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 November 24, 2009