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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – OCTOBER 9, 2012

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At 9:10 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**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, October 9, 2012 in the Council Chamber 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.

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 the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(a).

The City Council reconvened at 7:00 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 Torrance Youth Council member Shiloh Schatzkamer.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Salvation Army Captain Neil Navarro.

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, October 4, 2012.

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 vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLMENTAL ITEMS – None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brewer announced that the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Torrance Unified School District on Thursday, November 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the TUSD board room located at 2336 Plaza Del Amo.

Councilmember Furey reported that there has been a large increase in West Nile Virus cases and urged residents to take precautions against mosquitoes by staying indoors during dawn and dusk hours, using repellent before going outdoors, eliminating standing water, and repairing damaged window screens. He noted that dead birds should be reported by calling 877.968.2473 or online at www.LAWestVector.org.

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the City Council will hold a Community Outreach meeting on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park located at 2400 Jefferson Street.

City Clerk Herbers announced that residents may register for the free Commissioner Certification Training class on Tuesday, October 30, by contacting the City Manager's office at 310.618.5880 or online at www.TorranceCA.gov/CommissionerCert.htm. She noted that the class is required for Torrance residents to be eligible to submit applications for Commission appointments in January 2013 and the certification is valid for two years.

City Clerk Herbers announced that Sample Ballots are being mailed to registered voters from September 27 through October 16 and Vote by Mail applications may be filed between October 8 through October 30. She noted that persons wishing to receive the sample ballot electronically may do so by going to www.LAVote.net. She offered a reminder that all voted ballots must be received either at the polls or at the LA County Registrar's office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day November 6.

Mayor Scotto acknowledged the presence of students from El Camino College and the University of Southern California.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-74 RE THEODORE LAMPKIN

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING POLICE SERVICES OFFICER **THEODORE LAMPKIN** UPON
HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-74. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the resolution to Theodore Lampkin, who accepted with appreciation.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE “FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring October 7 through October 13 as **Fire Prevention Week** in the City of Torrance to Fire Public Education Officer Laura Bednar.

Officer Bednar announced that the Torrance Police Department will be holding a Safety Fair in the Sears parking lot on Saturday, October 6, and Sunday, October 7.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE STILLMAN SAWYER FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation congratulating The Salvation Army as it celebrates the opening of its new facility, the **Stillman Sawyer Family Service Center**, to Salvation Army Captain Neil Navarro.

Jack Messerlian announced that the grand opening of the Stillman Sawyer Family Service Center, 820 E. Lomita Boulevard, will take place on Friday, October 5, at 4:00 p.m.

6D. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Torrance Centennial Committee that City Council accept and file the quarterly report from the Centennial Committee covering the period of July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012.

Laurie Love, chair, Torrance Centennial Committee, and Dee Hardison, vice chair, highlighted Centennial events that took place from July 1 to September 30, 2012, including the Centennial Community Parade and dedication of the Torrance Centennial Plaza, and briefly reviewed upcoming events. Dr. Love noted that the Centennial celebration will culminate with the Birthday Bash on October 28, at Wilson Park, which will feature live entertainment, a petting zoo, gourmet food trucks, craft booths, softball competitions, pony rides, train rides, and precision skydivers.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

6E. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO TORRANCE CENTENNIAL BUDGET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Centennial Committee that City Council:

- 1) Accept \$13,535.44 in miscellaneous revenues from Centennial sales of promotional items, Centennial bricks, and arts & crafts vendor fees and
- 2) Appropriate \$13,535.44 to the Torrance Centennial Budget - FEAP #739.

Laurie Love, chair, Torrance Centennial Committee, reported that almost \$160,000 has been raised for the Centennial celebration from the sale of promotional items and commemorative bricks.

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

6F. SUBSIDY OF RENTAL/PERMIT FEES FOR CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BASH CELEBRATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consider subsidy and select an option to cover cost of City facilities rental and permit fees in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the Centennial Birthday Bash scheduled for Sunday, October 28, 2012 at Charles H. Wilson Park from the following options:

- 1) Centennial Committee budget to cover 100% of the rental of City facilities and permit fees in the amount of \$5,726;
- 2) City's Community Events Support Program to cover 50% of the rental of City facilities and permit fees in the amount of \$2,863; or
- 3) City's Community Events Support Program to cover 100% of the rental of City facilities and permit fees in the amount of \$5,726.

Councilmember Rhilinger reported that the Centennial Committee is requesting that the City provide a 100% subsidy for rental and permit fees. She noted that such fees are routinely subsidized by the City for charitable events and if, as expected, the Birthday Bash comes in under budget, the fees will be returned to the City.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to approve Option No. 3. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announce that the annual Fall Historic Home Tour will be held on Saturday, October 13, and Sunday, October 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with tickets available for \$20 at the museum located at 1345 Post Avenue.

7B. Bob Dworkin, Del Amo Rotary Club, announced that Torrance Rotary Clubs will hold their annual USC/UCLA tailgate luncheon on Tuesday, November 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve an agreement amendment between the City of Torrance and the City of Redondo Beach (C2008-124) to pay Redondo Beach the amount of \$20,812 for two more years of the Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load, Shoreline Water Quality Monitoring program.

8B. RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AND PARKING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize a third amendment to the Reciprocal Easement and Parking Agreement by and between RHP, LLC as master tenant of Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center located at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard, known as Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center and RHP, LLC as master tenant of the property formerly known as Auto Center located at 25210 Crenshaw Boulevard.

8C. SUBLEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 3445 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Considered separately, see below.

MOTION: Councilmember Numark moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar Item 8C was considered separately at this time

8C. SUBLEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 3445 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consent to a sublease by and between The Regents of the University of California (Tenant) and JAS Madison I, LLC (Landlord) for City owned property located at 3445 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 100.

Councilmember Brewer announced that due to a conflict of interest, he would recuse himself from consideration of this item and exited the Council Chamber.

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

Councilmember Brewer returned to the dais.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. AD HOC STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT ON 2012 BALLOT MEASURES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee that City Council approve and concur with the Committee's position on the state and local ballot measures on the 2012 General Election to be held on November 6, 2012.

Mayor Scotto, chair of the Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee, reported that the Committee met on October 3, 2012 to review the 11 State ballot measures on the 2012 General Election ballot with analysis provided by City staff and that 5 of the measures met the established criteria for the City to take a position.

Management Associate Jones reviewed the Committee's recommendations and the City Council took the following action on the measures listed:

Proposition 30 – *Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding.*

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation to take no position on Proposition 30. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

Proposition 31 – *State Budget. State and Local Government.*

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation to oppose Proposition 31. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

Proposition 34 – *Death Penalty Repeal.*

Councilmember Rhilinger, echoed by Councilmember Furey, related her preference that the Council take no position on this measure in deference to the many citizens who have strong opinions on this issue.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation to oppose Proposition 34. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by 5-1 roll call vote, with Councilmember Furey dissenting and Councilmember Rhilinger abstaining.

Proposition 35 – *Human Trafficking. Penalties. Sex Offender Registration.*

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation support Proposition 35. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

Proposition 36 – *Three Strikes Law. Sentencing for Repeat Felony Offenders.*

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation to oppose Proposition 36. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

Measure J – *Accelerating Traffic Relief, Job Creation County of Los Angeles.*

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation to take no position on Measure J. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

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The City Council met as the Cable Television Public Access Foundation from 8:45 p.m. to 8:57 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Numark announced that the grand opening of the South Bay Entrepreneurial Center, located at 1108 Sartori Avenue, Suite 120, will be held on Wednesday, October 10, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

17B. Councilmember Numark announced that the Torrance Symphony will present an encore performance featuring the three winners of the 2012 Young Artists Concerto Competition and a selection of Broadway favorites on Saturday, October 20, at 8:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Theatre, with additional information www.TorranceSymphony.org.

17C. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the L.A. South Towns Show Chorus will be presenting *Be Careful What You Wish For* on Sunday, November 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Theatre, with additional information available at www.LASouthTowns.org.

17D. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the South Bay Environmental Services Center, located at 20285 S. Western Avenue, Suite 100, will be offering a holiday light exchange on November 13-16, whereby Edison customers may exchange two strings of working incandescent holiday lights for energy efficient LED lights. She noted that trade-ins are on a first come/first serve basis while supplies last.

17E. Councilmember Rhilinger, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff schedule a presentation by Walter Rosencranz of Car2Go at an upcoming Council meeting regarding a proposal to implement a regional car sharing/car rental program in the South Bay.

17F. Councilmember Brewer reported that a delegation from Kashiwa, Japan, will be visiting Torrance on Thursday, October 11, through Sunday, October 14, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Sister City program.

17G. Councilmember Furey announced that an Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 2000 W. Artesia Boulevard, on Saturday, October 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

17H. Councilmember Furey announced that a consortium of Chambers of Commerce from the South Bay area will be holding the first annual South Bay Business Hall of Fame luncheon on Friday, November 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ayres Hotel, located at Rosecrans and the 405 Freeway, with additional information at www.sbacc.com.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Approved on November 6, 2012