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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – OCTOBER 11, 2011**

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At 7:22 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**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 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Sutherland.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, 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 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 except Councilmember Sutherland. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Transit Director Turner.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger.

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

Agenda Secretary Semana reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, October 6, 2011.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer 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 Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Sutherland).

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Public Works Director Beste reminded viewers that Del Amo Boulevard between Maple Avenue and Madrona Avenue would be closed for construction from October 11 through November 8.

Agenda Secretary Semana reminded voters that the next election is Tuesday, November 8; that voter registration closes on October 24; that sample ballots have been mailed out and will continue through October 18; and that the last day to apply for vote-by-mail ballot is November 1. Visit [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) for more information.

Agenda Secretary Semana announced that reservations are currently being accepted for the final Commissioner Certification class for 2011 to be held Wednesday, November 9. She noted that this free two-hour class is required prior to applying for a seat on any of the Torrance commissions: that reservation forms are available at [www.torranceca.gov/CommissionerCert.htm](http://www.torranceca.gov/CommissionerCert.htm) or the City Clerk's office and are due by Wednesday, November 2; and that appointments will be made by the City Council on January 24, 2012 for terms beginning on February 1, 2012.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Robert Anderson who passed away October 3.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. PROCLAMATION RE "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 9 through October 15 as **Fire Prevention Week** in the City of Torrance to Fire Public Education Officer Laura Bednar.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Michael Bird, resident, announced that a dedication ceremony to rename West High School Stadium the "Fred Petersen Stadium" will be held on Friday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. before the homecoming football game, located at 20401 Victor Boulevard.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of September 13, 2011.

**8B. AUGUST 2011 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for August 2011.

**8C. RENEWAL RATES FOR SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Acting Human Resources Director that City Council approve renewal rates for Short Term Disability (STD) at \$0.665 per \$100 of covered payroll, and Long Term Disability (LTD) at \$0.429 per \$100 of covered payroll with the current carrier, The Standard Insurance Company, beginning January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2012; for a total expenditure of \$518,698 per year.

**8D. APPROPRIATION OF STATE ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council appropriate and allocate \$28,500 of State Asset Forfeiture funds for the purchase of a call logger for Police and Fire Department communications.

**8E. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the first amendment to the fee agreement with Rutan & Tucker (C2011-156) to provide legal services in the case of Thomson v. Torrance Police Department for an additional \$80,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$110,000.

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

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. VACATION OF PORTION OF VAN NESS WAY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a Resolution summarily vacating a portion of Van Ness Way north of Del Amo Boulevard.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-91**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF A STREET EASEMENT ON VAN NESS WAY (PREVIOUSLY ARLINGTON AVENUE) NORTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Numark moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2011-91. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Sutherland).

**12B. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER AND RAPID BUS PROGRAM BRANDING**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Council Transportation Committee that City Council:

- 1) Receive the Committee report from the September 27, 2011 meeting and concur with the Committee recommendation to develop designs that emphasize the Torrance Regional Transit Center as part of the entire 15 acres with consideration for residual uses for remaining acres; and
- 2) Approve the Torrance Transit Rapid Bus Program branding.

Councilmember Rhilinger, chair of the City Council Transportation Committee, shared a rendering of the proposed exterior design for Torrance Transit rapid buses, which incorporates the word "Rapid" so they will be easily distinguishable from local buses.

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

**12C. PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE WITH CITY OF LOMITA**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve an agreement with the City of Lomita for an exchange for \$260,000 in City of Torrance General Funds for \$400,000 respectively of Proposition A Local Return Funds from the City of Lomita and appropriate \$260,000 from Unappropriated Capital Improvement Fund.

Finance Director Tsao reported that the exchange will help maximize capital improvement funds because the City will be exchanging \$0.65 in General Funds for every \$1.00 of City of Lomita Proposition A Funds.

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

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Rhilinger announced that Friday, October 14, is the deadline to submit an application for the Centennial kick-off event "Lights, Camera, Action" to be held Sunday, November 6, noting that applications are available through the Community Services department or at [www.torranceca.gov/centennial](http://www.torranceca.gov/centennial).

**17B.** Councilmember Barnett related his belief that it was appropriate that the West High School stadium be named after former coach Fred Petersen.

**17C.** Councilmember Numark announced that the Torrance Symphony will be presenting a concert on Saturday, October 15, at 8:00 p.m. in the Armstrong Theatre, which is free to symphony members.

17D. Mayor Scotto echoed comments on former coach Fred Petersen and encouraged the public to attend the dedication ceremony at the stadium on October 21.

17E. Mayor Scotto reported that AB 3041, which was signed into law by Governor Brown this week, requires the state to divert 75% of waste from landfills by 2020 and it also compels businesses and apartment buildings with 5 units or more to establish recycling programs by July 1, 2012.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:22 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

*Adjourned in Memory of  
Robert Anderson*

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 15, 2011