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At 10:02 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, November 30, will be a Council dark night.**

**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, November 23, 2010 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, Deputy City Attorney Thompson-Bell, 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 the above item and 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. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Jake Nash.

Councilmember Furey 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, November 18, 2010.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Numark 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 Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Scotto requested the City Council's concurrence to grant Councilmember Rhilinger an excused absence from the meeting due to illness and hearing no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former city commissioner Ann Smisek, who passed away on November 16, and a moment of silence was observed in her honor.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-116 RE ROBIN GLENN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-116**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING ROBIN GLENN UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-116. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-117 RE JOHN NASH**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-117**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN JOHN NASH UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-117. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

Mayor Scotto presented the proclamation to John Nash, who accepted with appreciation.

Fire Chief Racowschi commended Captain Nash for his exemplary service on the Fire Department and wished him well in his retirement.

**6C. PROCLAMATION HONORING A. Y. OLDS**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation honoring **A. Y. Olds** for his dedicated service to the youth of the community to Mr. Olds, his wife Joyce and son Jim.

Tom Tobin, national executive director of the American Youth Soccer Organization, commended Mr. Olds for his tireless efforts to build AYSO as an early pioneer of the organization.

**6D. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FROM PROVIDENCE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY MEDICAL CENTER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$10,384.50 from Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center of Torrance to upgrade the Fire Department Zoll monitor/ defibrillators and cell phones assigned to the rescue units with ability to transmit heart related data from the patient directly to the hospital's physicians and cardiologists.

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

On behalf of Providence Little Company of Mary, Kristina Crews, Pre-hospital Care Coordinator, and Deborah Fehn, Director of Business Development, presented the check to Fire Chief Racowschi, who accepted with appreciation.

7. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**  
None.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE NPDES STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a third amendment to consulting services agreement with Carollo Engineers (C2009-240), in the amount of \$14,900, for a total not to exceed amount of \$303,763, to prepare a Monitoring and Reporting Plan for Machado Lake Toxics Storm Water Regulations.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to approve Consent Calendar Item 8A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

12. **ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

12A. **AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE BEVERAGE VENDING SERVICE AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT RE SNACK VENDING SERVICES.**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Approve an amendment to the City's beverage vending agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Southern California (C2008-011) extending the term by one year for the period of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011; and
- 2) Approve an agreement with Joe Gonzalez to provide snack vending services for the period of December 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reviewed the staff recommendation.

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

12B. **APPROVAL OF LEASE FOR WESTERN MUSEUM OF FLIGHT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution determining certain city-owned property not required for city purposes and that leasing the property is in the public interest and approve a lease of City-owned property to the Southern California Historical Aviation Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation for the development of the Western Museum of Flight on vacant and unimproved property located at the east end of Torrance Municipal Airport, Zamperini Field.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine reported that this action is necessary to facilitate the relocation and expansion of the Western Museum of Flight at Torrance Municipal Airport, Zamperini Field, and provided an overview of the three-phase project.

Mayor Scotto voiced support for the project, relating his belief that having the museum in Torrance is a great asset.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-118**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY NOT REQUIRED FOR CITY PURPOSES AND THAT LEASING THE PROPERTY IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (WESTERN FLIGHT MUSEUM)

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-118. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

**12C. LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF TOWER AT CITY HALL COMPLEX**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve an option to license and form of license agreement with Clearwire Wireless, LLC a Nevada limited liability company for location of support equipment at ground level and antenna equipment on portion of the City Hall Communication Tower located north of the City Hall Complex at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine briefly reviewed the proposed license agreement. He noted that should there be any interference with the City's communication equipment, Clearwire must immediately correct the problem or terminate use until a solution is found.

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

**12D. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE DIAL-A-TAXI SERVICE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the 1st amendment to the Dial-A-Taxi contract service agreement (C2009-007) with Administrative Services Co-Op, d.b.a South Bay Yellow Cab and United Checker Cab Co-Op, (C2009-008) with All Yellow Taxi, Inc; and (C2009-009) with Bell Cab Company and;
- 2) Appropriate an additional \$115,000 for an amount not to exceed \$465,000 for the period of January 27, 2010 to January 26, 2011.

Transit Administration Manager Mills reported that the Dial-A-Taxi program has experienced substantial growth in the level of participation; that approximately 5,400 more tickets will be used than budgeted for the year of 2010; and that this has resulted in a \$115,000 shortfall. He stated that staff has concerns that projected growth in the Dial-A-

Taxi program will result in further budget problems in 2011 and future years, therefore, staff will be meeting with the Commission on Aging and the Transportation Committee to explore possible solutions.

Councilmember Numark stated that he favored exploring the possibility of advertising on City buses as a means of maintaining funding for the program rather than reducing the monthly ticket allocation or increasing fares, and Mr. Mills confirmed that this option will be explored.

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

### **13. HEARINGS**

#### **13A. ORDINANCE AMENDING SPEED LIMITS ON ANZA AVENUE**

##### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director and Police Chief that City Council adopt an Ordinance to amend Section 61.10.2 of the Torrance Municipal Code to remove Anza Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway and amend Section 61.10.3 to add Anza Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway with a maximum speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan reported that an Engineering and Traffic Survey of this segment of Anza Boulevard revealed that it was necessary to raise the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour in order to enable the Police Department to use radar equipment to enforce the speed limit. He noted that the Traffic Commission voted unanimously to concur with the recommendation at the November 1, 2010 Traffic Commission meeting.

Steve Polcari, Anza Avenue, thanked the City for taking this action, relating his belief that enabling the police to use radar to enforce the speed limit will slow traffic and make the street safer for residents.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

**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).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 3734**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 61.10.2 AND 61.10.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3734. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

**13B. ADOPTION OF LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO 2010 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution with finding of fact in support of certain City of Torrance local amendments to the California Building Codes, 2010 Edition;
- 2) Hold the first reading of proposed Ordinance adopting the California Building Codes 2010 with the local amendments; and,
- 3) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Building Administration Manager Segovia reviewed the staff recommendation.

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-119**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF UNIQUE GEOLOGIC, TOPOGRAPHIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE JUSTIFYING certain AMENDMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-119. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

**ORDINANCE NO. 3735**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, 2, 3, 9, AND ADDING NEW CHAPTERS 12 AND 13 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE. ALL OF WHICH ADOPT OR AMEND THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE VOLUMES 1 AND 2 WITH APPENDICES, THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE WITH APPENDICES, THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, AND THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3735. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

**13C. ADOPTION OF LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO 2010 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution with finding of fact in support of certain City of Torrance local amendments to the California Fire Code, 2010 Edition;
- 2) Hold the first reading of proposed Ordinance adopting the California Fire Code 2010 with the local amendments; and,
- 3) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Sr. Fire Prevention Specialist Kazandjian reviewed the staff recommendation.

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-120**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF UNIQUE GEOLOGIC, TOPOGRAPHIC, AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE JUSTIFYING AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, INCLUDING CERTAIN APPENDICES

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2010-120. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

**ORDINANCE NO. 3736**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3736. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

The City Council briefly recessed from 8:08 p.m. to 8:19 p.m.

**13D. EAS09-00005, CUP09-00023, TTM71250, DIV09-00004, GPA09-00001:  
OLD TOWN REDLANDS, LLC/ DOROTHY CAKE FAMILY TRUST**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Planning Commission that City Council deny the appeal and take the following action on property located at 20525 Hawthorne Boulevard:

- 1) Adopt a Negative Declaration; and
- 2) Adopt Resolutions approving a Conditional Use Permit to construct a self-storage building with underground parking and interim RV storage in conjunction with a Tentative Tract Map to consolidate Assessor's Parcel Number 7524-008-029, 7524-020-038, 7524-020-074, 7524-020-016 and 7524-020-017 into two lots and to subdivide Assessor's Parcel Number 7524-008-028 into three to match existing parcel usage, a Division of Lot for a lot line adjustment between Assessor's Parcel Numbers 7524-008-029, 7524-020-038, 7524-020-016, 7524-020-017, and a General Plan Amendment to reconcile a proposed new lot to match existing zoning on property located in the ML(C4) Zone.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council uphold the appeal and take the following action on property located at 20525 Hawthorne Boulevard:

- 1) Adopt a Negative Declaration; and
- 2) Adopt Resolutions denying a Conditional Use Permit to construct a self-storage building with underground parking and interim RV storage in conjunction with a Tentative Tract Map to consolidate Assessor's Parcel Number 7524-008-029, 7524-020-038, 7524-020-074, 7524-020-016 and 7524-020-017 into two lots and to subdivide Assessor's Parcel Number 7524-008-028 into three to match existing parcel usage, a Division of Lot for a lot line adjustment between Assessor's Parcel Numbers 7524-008-029, 7524-020-038, 7524-020-016, 7524-020-017, and a General Plan Amendment to reconcile a proposed new lot to match existing zoning on property located in the ML(C4) Zone.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

With the aid of slides, Planning Manager Lodan briefly reviewed the proposed project, which includes the consolidation of parcels that comprise an existing mobile home park into one lot, the creation of a new lot to allow for the construction of a self-storage facility, and the subdivision of one lot on Hawthorne Boulevard into three lots to match existing usage. He reported that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the project on October 6, 2010, however staff has the following concerns: 1) the General Plan Amendment would reduce the land available for future housing construction; 2) the self-storage project would not generate significant employment opportunities or sales tax; 3) no physical improvements are proposed for the lots on Hawthorne Boulevard; and 4) the FAR (floor area ratio) of the self-storage facility exceeds that specified in the Business Park General Plan designation. He suggested that a potential alternative would be to develop the vacant property on Spencer in conjunction with a comprehensive commercial development, which includes the property on Hawthorne Boulevard.

Indicating that he was inclined to support the project, Councilmember Sutherland noted that the lot where the self-storage facility would be located has been vacant for 30-40 years and would likely sit vacant for many more years should this project be denied.

David Boyd, project architect, reported that the applicant considered several options for developing the vacant lot, but determined that the proposed self-storage facility was the most viable because it would generate very little traffic and it would have the least impact on the adjacent mobile home park. He noted that in conjunction with the project, the applicant will construct curbs, gutters and sidewalks along the project's frontage and dedicate a five-

foot strip of land for street improvements. He explained that the applicant was proposing to subdivide the parcel on Hawthorne Boulevard into three parcels to match existing usage because this would provide for more options when leasing these properties. He pointed out that the proposed FAR of 1.2 was consistent with other self-storage facilities in Torrance.

Councilmembers Brewer, Barnett, Furey and Sutherland disclosed that they had each met with the applicants to discuss the project.

In response to questions from the Council, Mr. Boyd explained that the existing carwash on Hawthorne Boulevard has a long-term lease with 27 years remaining and subdividing the Hawthorne Boulevard parcel would provide for more flexibility when marketing the remaining portion to prospective tenants. He confirmed that access from Spencer Street would be maintained for all three parcels on Hawthorne Boulevard.

Responding to Mayor Scotto's inquiry, Mr. Boyd reported that the vacant lot has been in escrow since February 2008 and the sale will only be completed if the necessary entitlements for the self-storage facility are approved.

Mayor Scotto expressed concerns about approving entitlements for a project that may never go forward, noting that the project includes a provision whereby there may be interim RV storage on the self-storage facility site for a period of up to 24 months.

Mr. Boyd explained that it's currently very difficult to obtain financing for construction and it was felt that the situation should improve within a couple of years.

Keith Hagaman, co-owner/developer of the project, stated that they have every intention of developing this property, noting that the income from RV storage is very meager compared with what the self-storage facility would produce, and emphasized that they do not intend to sell any of the parcels.

John Rowan, co-owner/developer of the project, reiterated that they have no plans to sell any of this property and intend to hold it for the long term. He related his experience that national retailers prefer to "to have their own pad" for insurance purposes, therefore the subdivision of the parcel on Hawthorne Boulevard was proposed.

City Manager Jackson advised that the City has been advocating the consolidation of small parcels along Hawthorne Boulevard because the lack of large parcels hampers efforts to redevelop vacant sites and staff was opposed to the proposed subdivision since it was contrary to this goal.

Councilmember Numark noted that the developer's and staff's goals seem to be at odds.

Community Development Director Gibson explained that staff would like to preserve as much long-term flexibility as possible on Hawthorne Boulevard, noting that any project on Hawthorne Boulevard would require discretionary review by the Planning Commission and/or the City Council.

Mr. Boyd indicated that the applicant was willing to maintain the Hawthorne Boulevard parcel as a single parcel to obtain approval of the project.

Councilmember Barnett voiced his opinion that the self-storage facility was attractively designed. He asked if staff would support the project if the parcel on Hawthorne Boulevard was maintained as a single parcel and Community Development Director Gibson indicated that this would address many of staff's concerns.

Councilmember Brewer expressed concerns about carving out the parcel from the mobile home park for the self-storage facility and about the piecemeal development of Hawthorne Boulevard.

City Manager Jackson noted that staff is exploring methodologies for the redevelopment of Hawthorne Boulevard in this area, as well as the area between Lomita and Sepulveda Boulevard.

Councilmember Sutherland related his belief that the government should not intrude on the private sector by telling applicants, who are risking their own money, what to do as long as a project meets all requirements.

Mayor Scotto asked about potential uses for the vacant lot should the self-storage facility be denied, and Planning Manager Lodan advised that it could be used to extend the mobile home park or for some other residential use, for an industrial or commercial project, or the parcel could be consolidated with the parcel on Hawthorne Boulevard for a larger retail/commercial development.

Mr. Boyd pointed out that the carwash's existing 27-year lease precludes a large-scale development for the entire site and voiced his opinion that the proposed self-storage facility was the best solution for the vacant lot.

Mayor Scotto expressed concerns that the RV storage could be an eyesore and noted that getting the owners of the RVs to move them when the time comes to develop the site could become a problem for the developers.

Mr. Hagaman agreed to eliminate the interim RV storage. He related his belief that the proposed self-storage facility would be readily approved if it was a stand-alone project and suggested that the applicants were being penalized because they happen to own the adjacent parcel on Hawthorne Boulevard. He expressed his willingness to eliminate the subdivision of the parcel on Hawthorne Boulevard in order to obtain approval.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Rhilinger).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Numark moved to adopt a Negative Declaration and to deny the appeal and approve the project with the addition of the following conditions: 1) That the property on Hawthorne Boulevard shall remain one parcel; and 2) That the interim RV use shall be eliminated. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed as reflected in the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Barnett, Furey, Numark, Sutherland and Mayor Scotto

NOES: Councilmember Brewer

ABSENT: Councilmember Rhilinger

Councilmember Numark commented that he was pleased that this long-vacant lot would be put to productive use and encouraged the applicant to continue to work with the City on the remaining parcels.

Community Development Director Gibson noted that Resolutions reflecting the Council's action will be brought back for approval at a later date.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**17A.** Mayor Scotto and Councilmembers expressed condolences to the Smisek family.

**17B.** Mayor Scotto and Councilmembers extended Thanksgiving wishes.

**17C.** Councilmember Numark encouraged residents to participate in the annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning.

**17D.** Councilmember Numark announced that Torrance Transit will be offering the Shopper's Special bus service beginning on Saturday, November 27, through Sunday, December 19, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., providing free transportation along the shopping route between the intersections of Carson Street/Del Amo Circle East and Hawthorne Boulevard/Artesia Boulevard.

**17E.** Councilmember Barnett announced that registration for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Turkey Trot will be held from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning in the Sam's Club parking lot on Skypark Drive, with the three-mile fun run beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**17F.** Councilmember Furey encouraged the viewing audience to shop in Torrance on Black Friday.

**17G.** Mayor Scotto encouraged participation in the Turkey Trot.

**17H.** Councilmember Sutherland, echoed by Mayor Scotto, encouraged people who are able to help those in need during the holiday season.

**17I.** City Manager Jackson referring to Agenda Item 12D, noted that the Council may wish to reconsider the \$1 million cap placed on the Senior and Dial-A-Taxi programs because this limit has been exceeded.

Mayor Scotto suggested that additional funding may be available in the Transit budget with the elimination of the MAX program.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:02 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, November 30, will be a Council dark night.**

***Adjourned in Memory of  
Ann Smisek***

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on January 11, 2011

Sue Sweet  
Recording Secretary