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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
DECEMBER 22, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 P.M. - EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 P.M. - REGULAR BUSINESS BEGINS  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Goodrich, Griffiths, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey

**2. FLAG SALUTE:** Councilmember Weideman

**NON SECTARIAN INVOCATION:** Councilmember Ashcraft

**3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.**

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. on Thursday, December 17, 2015/s/ Rebecca Poirier

**MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES AFTER NUMBER & TITLE** - See Council Rules of Order Section 2.11 (Resolution 2006-65)

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-92** honoring **Scott H. Schneider** of the Fire Department upon his retirement from the City of Torrance after thirty-seven years of service.

**6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-95** honoring **Chief William Racowschi** of the Fire Department upon his retirement from the City of Torrance after thirty-five years of service.

**6C. PROCLAMATION** commending the **Torrance Thanksgiving Steering Committee and Volunteers of the Community** for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of those in need in the City of Torrance.

**6D. Recognition of the Torrance Police Department by the Arts Council of Torrance.**

**6E. Quarterly Update from South Bay Workforce Investment Board - Presentation on [www.southbaybusiness.org](http://www.southbaybusiness.org).**

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 (Limited to a 30 minute period)**

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## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR

*Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

### 8A. Community Services – Accept and appropriate \$16,800 donation from the Friends of the Torrance Library for Youth Services programs. Expenditure: \$16,800.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a \$16,800 donation from the Friends of the Torrance Library for Youth Services programming.

### 8B. Finance – Authorize second amendment to taxicab franchise agreements.

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council authorize the second amendment to the taxicab franchise agreements approving a two year extension at an annual fee of \$35,000 per franchise and \$100 per licensed taxicab with the following taxicab companies:

- 1) Bell Cab (F2009-40)
- 2) South Bay Yellow Cab (F2009-41)
- 3) United Checker (F2009-42)
- 4) All Yellow Taxi (F2009-43)

### 8C. Water Commission and Public Works - Accept and File the Water Commission 2014-15 Annual Report.

Recommendation of the Water Commission and Public Works Director that City Council accept and file the Water Commission 2014-15 Annual Report.

### 8D. Community Services - Adopt categorical exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to Guideline Section 15301 and approve an amended concession agreement for the Las Canchas Tennis Facility, 25924 Rolling Hills Road. Expenditure: None.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt a California Environmental (CEQA) Categorical Exemption to Guideline 15301 (existing facilities); and
- 2) Approve a fourth amendment to the concession agreement with South Bay Tennis Center of Torrance, CA (C2008-243) for the lease and full operation of the Las Canchas Tennis Facility through December 31, 2019, extending the term of the agreement for four years with options for two (2) two-year extensions.

### 8E. City Manager/Human Resources – Approve Proposed Class Specification for Records Management Specialist. Expenditure: None

Recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the Human Resources Administrator that City Council approve the proposed class specification for Records Management Specialist.

## 9. COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 9A. Community Services - Adopt RESOLUTION authorizing a Youth Employment Plan for Proposition A grants.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the City Council adopt a RESOLUTION authorizing a Youth Employment Plan for three Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Proposition A grants.

**9B. Community Services - Adopt RESOLUTION authorizing grant application and a Youth Employment Plan for Proposition A funding and appropriate from Parks and Recreation Open Space Fund. Expenditure: \$510,000.**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize and appropriate \$210,000 in Parks and Recreation Open Space Funding to the Splash Pad Project; and
- 2) Approve a RESOLUTION that authorizes the application for \$300,000 in grant funding and a Youth Employment Plan for the Splash Pad Project. Upon approval of the grant funding, authorize and appropriate the grant funding to the project.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. City Council Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee – Proposed Area G Joint Powers Agreement to develop interoperable radio system; and proposed Police Department transition to a new Records Management System.**

Recommendation of the City Council Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee that City Council concur with the direction of two public safety projects:

- 1) Development of an Area G Joint Powers Agreement to govern a proposed interoperable radio communications system with Torrance as the Prime site and Glendale Interagency Communications Interoperability System as the Master site; and,
- 2) Police department proposed transition to a new Records Management System.

**12B. Community Development – Consider options in drafting an ordinance modifying the Torrance Municipal Code to regulate the keeping of chickens within the City.**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council modify the Draft Hens Ordinance and direct Staff to prepare an ORDINANCE modifying the Torrance Municipal Code to allow the keeping of hens for single family residences within the City.

**12C. City Manager/Human Resources - Adopt RESOLUTION pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2014-39 for employees represented by the Torrance Recurrent Recreation Employees Organization (TRREO) to reflect the title change for Community Services Leaders I – IV and update pay ranges to conform with minimum wage requirements for 2016. Expenditure: None.**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Administrator that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the revised job descriptions for Community Services Leader I-IV; and
- 2) Adopt a RESOLUTION pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) amending Resolution No. 2014-39 for employees represented by the Torrance Recurrent Recreation Employees Organization (TRREO) to reflect the title changes and update pay ranges to conform to minimum wage requirements for 2016.

**12D. City Manager/Human Resources – Approve position upgrade and adopt RESOLUTION amending the Memorandum of Understanding for employees represented by the Torrance City Employees Association (TCEA) to implement the new classification Records Management Specialist. Expenditure: \$10,525.**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Administrator that City Council approve upgrade of 1.0 Office Assistant to 1.0 Records Management Specialist and adopt a RESOLUTION pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2014-38 for employees represented by the Torrance City Employees Association (TCEA) to implement the new classification Records Management Specialist.

**12E. City Manager – Approve continuation of agreement with federal government consulting and advocacy services firm. Expenditure \$72,000.**

Recommendation of the City Manager the City Council approve continuation of services agreement with Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc. of Washington, D.C. to provide federal government consulting and advocacy services in the amount of \$72,000 for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

**12F. City Manager – Approve continuation of agreement with state government consulting and advocacy services firm. Expenditure \$51,000.**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve continuation of services agreement with Joe A. Gonsalves & Son of Sacramento, CA to provide state government consulting and advocacy services in the amount of \$51,000 for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

**12G. Community Development - Adopt ORDINANCE amending Torrance Municipal Code, Division 4, Chapter 11, Section 411 – Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan Implementation. Expenditure: None.**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:  
 1) Adopt an ORDINANCE amending the Torrance Municipal Code, Division 4, Chapter 11, Section 411 to replace language enabling the City to comply with the updated requirements of the recently adopted National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit for the Los Angeles Region; and  
 2) Approve an Ordinance Summary for publication.

**16. 2ND READING ORDINANCES**

**16A. Second and Final reading of ORDINANCE NO. 3792 amending articles 10 and 11 of division 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code to allow the keeping of bees for single family residences, establish standards for the keeping of bees, and establish a review process for bee keeping applications for single family residences.**

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 Staff & Public Comments**

Council order - Ashcraft      Barnett      Goodrich      Griffiths      Rizzo      Weideman

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**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION – City Council Closed Session**

**18A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(California Government Code § 54956.9 (d)(1):

- 1) Katie Bassilios v. City of Torrance  
USDC Case No. CV14-03059 SVW (JEMx)

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**19A. Adjourn City Council to Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, December 29, 2015 and January 5, 2016 are Council dark nights.**

  
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 Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk

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