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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – JANUARY 14, 2020

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At 9:11 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. for closed session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, January 21, 2020 is 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 a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Chen, Goodrich, Griffiths, Herring, Mattucci, Rizzo and Mayor Furey

Absent: None.

Present: Other Staff Present: City Manager Jackson; Assistant City Manager Chaparyan; City Clerk Poirier; City Attorney Sullivan

Agenda Item 14 was considered out of order at this time.

14. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 14A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Initiation of Litigation), and 14B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Significant Exposure to Litigation), pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) and 54956.9(d)(2).

The City Council reconvened in public session at 7:01 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 Rizzo.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Chen.

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

City Clerk Poirier reported the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Blvd and on the City's website on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths, moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud number and title of 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 Herring and passed by 7-0 vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Item 9A was withdrawn. Supplemental material available for item 10A.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Poirier invited City staff and members of the public to view Torrance Artist Guild member Robin Kirk's mixed media art on view in the City Clerk's Office for the month of January.

City Clerk Poirier announced city staff and members of the public can explore the new voting experience at the Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd Street in Gardena at 6:30 p.m. on January 16. The City of Torrance is hosting a demonstration January 21, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Library Meeting room, 3301 Torrance Blvd.

Fire Chief Serna announced the Fire Department along with other agencies, has been investigating concerns regarding air monitor readings of benzene at West High school. The Fire Department is working with the AQMD to locate the source of the levels. On Friday, January 10, 2020 Torrance Fire Department deployed the HazMat team which determined there is no immediate threat to the health or safety of West High students and faculty or the surrounding community. The Fire Department will continue to work closely with TUSD to keep the community informed. Air monitor readings can be viewed at www.torranceair.org and questions regarding air monitoring should be directed to Dr. Andrea Paladori at (909) 396-3282.

Mayor Furey asked to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of long-time resident and business owner Albert Avoian, who passed away on December 22, 2019 at age 88.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE TORRANCE SERVES

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring January 20, 2020 – February 16, 2020 as Torrance SERVES: Service Leader Celebration Month to Jennica Chaparro, City of Torrance Volunteer Coordinator.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Members of the public spoke.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of December 3, 2019, December 10, 2019, and December 17, 2019.

8B. PURCHASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY FOR 465 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve the purchase Environmental Liability Insurance through Alliant Insurance Services of Newport Beach, CA at a total premium not-to-exceed \$154,668.50 from January 17, 2020 to January 17, 2030.

8C. AWARD CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ROOFING REPLACEMENT

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract services agreement to Weather Tech Roofing, Inc. of El Cajon, CA (B2019-52) in the amount of \$89,352 with a 5% contingency of \$4,468 for roofing replacement at Madrona Marsh Nature Center for a one-year period beginning January 14, 2020 and ending January 13, 2021; and
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$8, 935; and
- 3) Appropriate \$102,755 in Proposition A Grant Funds to the new project.

MOTION: Councilmember Herring moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by 7-0 vote.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION FOR FULL AND FAIR FUNDING OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS

In response to an oral request from Councilman Chen on December 10, 2019, this item is presented to City Council to discuss and consider adoption of a Resolution for Full and Fair Funding of California Schools.

Item was withdrawn.

9B. NOVEMBER 2019 INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council accept and file the Investment Report for the month of November 2019.

In response to questions from a member of the public, Deputy City Treasurer Awshee confirmed in November the funds ending balance decreased approximately from \$2.1 million to \$149.9 million, consistent with the cash flow projections. Of the \$149.9 million, \$46.9 million is invested in Leaf, yielding 2.103% in November. Overall in November the portfolio yielded 2.024% a decrease of 4.5% bases points from October. Seven purchases were made in November, totaling \$5.3 million to diversify the City's portfolio and lock in long-term interest rates. Four investments redeemed \$6.5 million. Currently, there are no Puerto Rican Bonds being held by the City of Torrance. The City does hold a CD with First Bank of Puerto Rico, which the City receives regular interest payments.

MOTION: Councilmember Chen moved to accept and file. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by 7-0 vote.

9C. CAMPAIGN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council provide direction on whether to enter into a two-year Campaign Law Enforcement Agreement with the Fair Political Practices Commission that was previously approved by the City Council on November 5, 2019.

City Attorney Sullivan addressed the Councils concern regarding reimbursement of unspent funds. The current policy of the FPPC is to not reimburse unspent funds. Mr. Sullivan agreed this is an unfair practice of the FPPC and recommended to further research the policy.

A member of the public spoke.

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to table for 45 days. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mattucci and passed by 7-0 vote.

9D. STATUS OF CITY TREASURER

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council accept and file a status report on the City Treasurer.

Assistant City Manager Chaparyan reported on the status of the City Treasurer.

Members of the public spoke.

MOTION: Councilmember Mattucci moved to accept and file. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed 7-0 vote.

10. HEARINGS

10A. PUBLIC HEARING RE TORRANCE TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing to allow comments on the renewal of the Torrance Tourism Business Improvement District; and
- 2) Consider an increase to the City's annual membership contribution to Discover Torrance.

Economic Development Manager Fulton presented on behalf of the Tourism Business Improvement District (TTBID), governed by Discovery Torrance.

Members of the public spoke.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 7-0 vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Chen moved to concur with staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 7-0 vote.

11. AGENCY AGENDA – None Scheduled.

12. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

12A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3862

Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 3862 adding a new Section 12.1.8 to Chapter 2, Article 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code regarding the City Manager's authority to appropriate and expend funds.

A member of the public spoke.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3862. Seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 7-0 vote.

12B. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3864

Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 3864 amending Chapter 1, Article 4 of Division 9 of the Torrance Municipal Code by amending Section 91.4.1(h); amending Chapter 2, Article 2 of Division 9 by amending Section 92.2.10(a-b); amending Chapter 1, Article 2 of Division 9 by amending Section 91.2.169 and adding a new Section 91.2.176; amending Chapter 2, Article 2 of Division 9 by adding a new Section 92.2.11, all amending provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units within residentially zoned properties and designated areas Citywide.

A member of the public spoke.

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Ordinance 3864. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Chen and passed by 6-1 vote with Councilmember Griffiths voting no.

13. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

A member of the public spoke.

Councilmember Goodrich requested Council concurrence to have staff draft a resolution opposing the Southern California Association of Government's regional housing needs assessment.

Councilmember Herring and Mayor Furey spoke.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Considered out of order, see page 1.

15. ADJOURNMENT


At 9:12 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, January 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. for closed session, with the regular business meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, January 21, 2020 is a Council dark night.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Chen and passed by 7-0 vote.

Attest:



Rebecca Poirier
City Clerk of the City of Torrance



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on February 25, 2020