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At 9:37 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for closed session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference or other electronic means.

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilmembers Ashcraft, Chen, Goodrich, Griffiths, Kalani, Mattucci, and

Mayor Furey

Absent:

None.

Present:

City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Chaparyan,

City Attorney Sullivan, City Clerk Poirier and

other staff representatives

Mayor Furey announced that Saturday, May 30, 2020, subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Thursday, May 28, 2020, the City Manager proclaimed a local emergency due to civil unrest. The Torrance Municipal Code requires City Council to ratify a proclamation of local emergency by the City Manager within seven days. Because time is of the essence the City Manager and the City Attorney requested that the Council consider this matter in open session as agenda item 9E. Additionally, due to the civil unrest, the City Manager and City Attorney request an item be added to the Closed Session agenda as Threat to Public Services or Facilities – Consultation with City Attorney and Police Chief, to be considered as item 14C pursuant to California Government Code §54957. In order to take action on a matter that is not on the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by two-thirds vote of the Council that immediate action is necessary and the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Chen moved to take action on the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 7-0 vote.

Mayor Furey announced that the items will be added to the agenda as 9E and 14C.

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

14. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 14A) Conference With Labor Negotiator, 14B) Real Property – Conference With Real Property Negotiator, and 14C) Threat to Public Services or Facilities pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6, Government Code §54956.8, and Government Code §54957.

The City Council reconvened in public session at 7:00 p.m. No formal action was taken on any item considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Ashcraft.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Chen.

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

City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, May 28, 2020.

MOTION: Councilmember Chen moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the 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 Griffiths and passed by 7-0 vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Item 9C was deferred to June 9, 2020. Supplemental material available for items: 9D and Oral Communications. Item 9E was added to the agenda.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Chen reminded the public that the 2020 Census is still accepting submissions online, by mail, and by phone. To submit online visit 2020census.gov.

City Clerk Poirier announced the City of Torrance is currently accepting applications for the Planning Commission. The application deadline is Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Since City Hall is closed, applications will only be accepted via U.S. Mail or via email to CityClerk@TorranceCA.gov. Postmarks will not accepted. Applicants must be an elector of the City of Torrance and have completed Commissioner Certification training within the last two years to be eligible for appointment.

Fire Chief Serna announced that the Torrance Refining Company monthly community alert siren testing will take place Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. and more information is available by contacting (310) 212-1852.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-37 RE MICHAEL SIMMONS

Resolution No. 2020-37 honoring Captain Michael Simmons of the Torrance Fire Department upon his retirement from the City of Torrance after twenty-nine years of service.

MOTION: Councilmember Kalani moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-37. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Chen and passed by 7-0 vote.

Fire Chief Serna commended Captain Simmons for his dedicated service.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – None Scheduled.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9A. SUBMISSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANT APPLICATION

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the submission of the Transit Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Corona Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant application in the amount of \$7,910,110; and
- 2) Appropriate \$7,910,110 to the Transit Department's FY2020 and 2021 operating budget.

Transit Manager Lee reviewed the staff recommendation.

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

9B. AMENDMENT FOR TRAPEZE PAYROLL SYSTEM INTERFACE AND ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a second amendment to Software License and Maintenance Agreement with TripSpark Technologies, an operating division of Trapeze Group Inc., of Mississauga, Canada (C99-239) for an amount not-to-exceed \$240,987 for the enhancement of the Trapeze OPS payroll system interface with the City's new ADP payroll system.

Transit Manager Lee reviewed the staff recommendation.

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

9C. REVISIONS TO FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 OF THE 2019-21 OPERATING BUDGET

Recommendation of the City Manager and Finance Director that City Council review the proposed revisions to fiscal year 2020-21 of the previously adopted 2019-21 two-year Operating Budget.

Item was deferred to June 9, 2020.

9D. COVID-19 RECOVERY UPDATE AND OPTIONS FOR RESPONDING TO ORDERS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Receive COVID-19 Recovery Update; and
- Discuss and consider taking whatever action deemed appropriate for responding to Orders from the County of Los Angeles and the State of California Regarding COVID-19: and
- 3) Ratify Public Order No. 2020-9; and
- 4) Ratify Public Order No. 2020-10; and
- 5) Consider adoption of a Resolution indicating the City of Torrance is essential and in support of fair, direct federal emergency support to reopen and rebuild local American economies.

City Manager Jackson reviewed the staff recommendation and provided an update on the County guidelines for reopening issued on May 28, 2020. He shared updates regarding the City Hall permit center reopening and the Library's curbside service.

A member of the public spoke.

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

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No, 2020-38. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 7-0 vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No, 2020-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 7-0 vote.

9E. RATIFICATION OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND RATIFICATION OF PUBLIC ORDERS

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution ratifying the City Manager's Proclamation of a Local Emergency regarding Civil Unrest; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution ratifying Civil Unrest Public Order No. 2020-1, which imposed a curfew citywide; and
- 3) Adopt a Resolution ratifying Civil Unrest Public Order No. 2020-2, which amended the hours of curfew citywide.

City Manager Jackson introduced the item and explained the need for the proclamations of a local emergency. The declaration was pursuant to the Governor of California who declared Los Angeles County in an emergency area and it provides methodologies to seek state assistance to recover costs related to the emergency, take actions during the civil unrest, and to modify the curfew as allowed by actions of the public or actions of the County of Los Angeles.

City Attorney Sullivan reviewed the staff recommendation and elaborated on the resolutions for this item.

Police Chief Berg provided a public safety update regarding the civil unrest and the protests that took place the weekend prior. She recounted the steps the Police Department took to provide assistance to the cities of Long Beach and Santa Monica and reiterated the Torrance Police Department's mission to protect life and property and support and uphold the First Amendment right to free speech and peacefully assemble, but does not condone illegal activity that physically harms or destroys property.

City Manager Jackson added that Del Amo mall has been closed and noted the impact of the curfew on the reopening of restaurants.

Responding to a question from the Mayor, Police Chief Berg stated the curfew allowed for the monitoring of people coming into the city after looting local areas.

Members of the public spoke.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution Nos. 2020-40, 2020-41, and 2020-42. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mattucci and passed by 7-0 vote.

City Attorney Sullivan stated there was a third resolution for Council consideration under Item 9D.

MOTION: Councilmember Chen moved to reconsider Item 9D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mattucci and passed by 7-0 vote.

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MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-43. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Chen and passed by 7-0 vote.

- 10. **HEARINGS** None Scheduled
- 11. AGENCY AGENDAS None scheduled
- 12. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

12A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3869

Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 3869 approving the first of the two 10-year extensions to Franchise Ordinance No. 3722 granted to Crimson California Pipeline, LP., a California Limited Partnership, to construct, lay, operate, test, maintain, use, renew, repair, replace, move, change the size and number of, and remove or abandon in place a system of pipelines and appurtenances, for the purpose of conducting, transporting conveying and carrying gas, oil, petroleum products and water, on, along, in, under, and across public streets, ways, alleys and places within the city of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilmember Chen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3869. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 7-0 vote.

12B. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3870

Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 3870 approving the first of the two 10-year extensions to Franchise Ordinance No. 3723 granted to Crimson California Pipeline, LP., a California Limited Partnership, to construct, lay, operate, test, maintain, use, renew, repair, replace, move, change the size and number of, and remove or abandon in place a system of pipelines and appurtenances, for the purpose of conducting, transporting conveying and carrying gas, oil, petroleum products and water, on, along, in, under and across public streets, ways, alleys and places within the city of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilmember Kalani moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3870. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 7-0 vote.

13. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public spoke.

Mayor Furey and Council shared their thoughts on current events.

City Manager Jackson spoke.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Considered out of order, see page 1.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:37 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. for closed session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. In compliance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended portions of the Brown Act, members of the Torrance City Council and staff will participate in this meeting via teleconference and other electronic means in our continuing effort to practice social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Members of the public are encouraged to watch the meeting via CitiCABLE Channel 3 (Spectrum) and Channel 31 (Frontier), Over-the-air on 25.2, streaming on TorranceCA.Gov, Facebook @ City of Torrance CA Government, and YouTube Channel TorranceCitiCABLE.

<u>MOTION:</u> Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kalani and passed by 7-0 vote.

Attest:

Rebecca Poirier

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on June 23, 2020