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At 9:53 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. for closed session, with the regular meeting 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, October 20, 2020 at 5:32 p.m. via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Goodrich, Griffiths, Kalani, Mattucci, and Mayor Furey

Absent: Councilmember Chen

Present: City Manager Chaparyan, City Attorney Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk III Harbaugh-Shirazi and other staff representatives

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, 14B) Conference With Labor Negotiator, 14C) Threat To Public Services Or Facilities, and 14D) Real Property – Conference With Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), California Government Code §54957.6, California Government Code §54957, and California Government Code §54956.8.

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 Kalani.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Mattucci.

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

Deputy City Clerk III Harbaugh-Shirazi reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

MOTION: Councilmember Mattucci 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 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Chen absent.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred. Supplemental material was available for items 9E, 9G, 9H, and Oral Communications.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Griffiths announced the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee met virtually Monday October 19, 2020 to discuss safety concerns during the 2020 Seaside Ranchos holiday lights display. The Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will be making a recommendation to City Council next week.

Councilmember Griffiths shared the Los Angeles County West Vector Board of Trustees held a special meeting virtually on October 8. On October 6, a mosquito at the Madrona Marsh Preserve tested positive for West Nile virus. Since programs have been on hiatus due to COVID-19 there is no impact to program schedules. He added the Madrona Marsh is now open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Councilmember Kalani announced the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee will meet virtually Monday October 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for a Fire Department presentation on the basic life support ambulance program (BLS). The agenda can be found on the City's website.

Mayor Furey announced the Social Services Commission will be holding a Homeless Plan Listening Session virtually on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6 p.m. The meeting agenda and information on how to participate is available at TorranceCA.gov/HomelessPlan.

Deputy City Clerk III Harbaugh-Shirazi announced the mailing of Sample Ballot booklets was completed on Tuesday, October 13. Visit LAVote.net information, find a vote center, locate a ballot drop-off location, or track a ballot. A ballot drop-off box was installed between the Torrance Personnel building and the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS – None scheduled

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public spoke.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of September 22, 2020.

8B. ACCEPT AND FILE 2019-2020 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the Civil Service Manager that City Council accept and file the 2019-2020 Civil Service Commission annual report.

8C. APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve a first amendment to the lease agreement with Riviera Little League of Torrance, CA (C2019-127) amending the indemnification language in response to COVID-19.

8D. PURCHASE ORDER FOR TWO (2) 2021 ELGIN CNG CROSSWIND J SWEEPERS WITH AUTOCAR CHASSIS

Recommendation of the Public Works Director and General Services Director that City Council authorize a purchase order with Haaker Equipment Company of La Verne, CA in the amount of \$771,561.08 (including sales tax) for two (2) 2021 Elgin CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) Crosswind J Sweepers with Autocar chassis as a cooperative purchase with Sourcewell.

8E. APPROVE CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DISPOSAL OF NON-HAZARDOUS SOLID WASTE FILL MATERIALS

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a contract services agreement with Chandler's Sand & Gravel, dba Chandler's Recycling of Irvine, CA for an amount not-to-exceed \$660,000 (\$220,000 annually) for the disposal of non-hazardous solid waste fill materials for a three-year period beginning October 20, 2020 and ending October 19, 2023, with the option for two additional one-year extensions and an annual consumer price index (CPI) adjustment with a 5% cap.

8F. AUTHORIZE RECOGNITION AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENT FOR SUB-TENANT OF ROLLING HILLS PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize a Recognition and Attornment Agreement by and among Rolling Hills Plaza, LLC, a California limited liability company, United Healthcare Services, Inc., a Minnesota corporation and the City of Torrance with regard to a sublease of City-owned property located at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard, also known as Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center (C-053).

MOTION: Councilmember Kalani moved to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Chen absent.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9A. 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 (for Discussion Only); and
- 2) Determine whatever action deemed appropriate for responding to Orders from the County of Los Angeles and the State of California Regarding COVID-19.

City Manager Chaparyan provided an update on the COVID-19 recovery efforts. He shared LA County remains in the Purple Tier in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, meaning there continues to be widespread transmission of the virus. He touched on the Business Assistance Program and the downtown outdoor pilot program. On October 14, the County updated their online brochure and shared a presentation on business reopenings such as breweries and the mall. The Community Services Department will be hosting a drive-in movie night at Wilson Park on Friday, October 30 and the bocce courts are slated to reopen Saturday, October 24. He stated street sweeping is taking place but citations are not being issued.

Councilmember Griffiths inquired if a response was received from the letter issued by the beach cities mayors regarding consideration for reopenings.

City Manager Chaparyan stated nothing was received to his awareness, but staff can follow up.

Mayor Furey confirmed as a signatory, he did not receive a response either.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to accept and file. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kalani and passed by 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Chen absent.

9B. ADOPT ORDINANCE TO ADD EXHIBIT A-1 TO EXISTING FRANCHISE ORDINANCE NO. 3722 CONCERNING CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, LP

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Categorical Exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the Guidelines implementing CEQA; and
- 2) Adopt an Ordinance to add Exhibit A-1 to an existing Franchise Ordinance No. 3722 reflecting an additional 214 feet of pipeline and a new 10' x 16' underground vault; and
- 3) Approve an Ordinance Summary for Publication.

Planning Manager Gregg Lodan reviewed the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Griffiths asked about the new actual revenue amount rather than an estimate of a couple hundred dollars.

Planning Manager Lodan stated staff is estimating based on the project that the increased amount would be approximately \$382.

Councilmember Griffiths posited since the fee is set by the PUC, staff isn't given a firm amount until the pipeline is accrued.

Planning Manager Lodan explained it is dependent on the length of the pipeline, the diameter of the pipe, and the installation of the vault and once it's completely installed staff will have a better idea.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3886, adopt categorical exemption from CEQA, and approve ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Chen absent.

9C. ADOPT ORDINANCE TO ADD EXHIBIT A-2 TO EXISTING FRANCHISE ORDINANCE NO. 3723 CONCERNING CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, LP

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Categorical Exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the Guidelines implementing CEQA; and
- 2) Adopt an Ordinance to add Exhibit A-2 to an existing Franchise Ordinance No. 3723 reflecting an additional 305 feet of pipeline; and
- 3) Approve an Ordinance Summary for Publication.

Planning Manager Lodan reviewed the staff recommendation.

MOTION: Councilmember Kalani moved to concur with staff recommendation and adopt Ordinance No. 3887, adopt categorical exemption under CEQA, and approve an ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Chen absent.

9D. AWARD PURCHASE ORDER FOR ASPHALT CONCRETE, MIXES, AND SS-1H EMULSION FOR A PERIOD OF 5-YEARS

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council award a purchase order to Sully-Miller Contracting Company DBA Blue Diamond Materials of Brea, CA in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,750,000 (\$550,000 per year) for asphalt concrete, mixes, and SS1-1H emulsion (B2020-29), on an as-requested basis for a five (5) year period from October 20, 2020 to October 19, 2025.

Street Operations Manager Steve Robinson reviewed the staff recommendation, noting there was a scrivener's error on the second page in the paragraph below the vendor description.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to approve Item 9D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Chen absent.

9E. REVIEW AND APPROVE DRAFT APPEAL LETTER OF CITY'S 6TH CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA) ALLOCATION

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council review and approve the draft appeal letter of City's 6th Cycle RHNA allocation.

Planning Manager Lodan reviewed the staff recommendation with the aid of slides. He explained the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) is a process by which jurisdictions in California plan for future housing development to accommodate population growth. As part of the process, each jurisdiction is assigned a number of housing units that must be planned for in their housing elements and is broken down by household income type. The City is not responsible to build the units but it is expected to facilitate residential production. Planning Manager Lodan broke down the RHNA process in its 8-year cycle, explaining the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) develops methodology to allocate housing units to its member cities with public input. He shared SCAG recommended an allocation of 2,572 units for Torrance and the methodology for the allocation and stated SCAG ultimately adopted an alternative "Coastal City" approach with 4,928 units allocated to Torrance by shifting units from the Inland Empire to coastal counties. He concluded Torrance prepared a draft letter of appeal based on land constraints and minimal availability of vacant land; inconsistency with the SoCal Connect Plan; changed circumstances due to the pandemic; and the draft RHNA allocation is unrealistic and based on faulty assumptions. He concluded staff will file an appeal with SCAG requesting a reduction in 2,228 units.

Mayor Furey stated the allocations are egregious to every city in the beach area and were thrown under the bus by the Inland Empire. It was decided since all the jobs are in the western portion of the state, all the houses should be as well. He opined it is short sighted and if the Inland Empire did have the additional housing they would probably have more jobs as well. He shared in his experience it is not a requirement to build the units; it's a requirement to find locations where they could be built and in years past Council has gone with the Hawthorn Blvd. Strategic Plan area. Mayor Furey stated he has mentioned before to SCAG cities are preparing for new housing yet the projections for the population of California are diminishing so much that the state may lose congressional representation in Washington D.C. He concluded SCAG is using bad numbers to come up with a bad idea and the City has to appeal the decision.

Councilmember Griffiths stated he has spent a lot of time trying to familiarize himself in relation to some of the housing bills that have come out of Sacramento in the last couple of years that are affecting zoning and development and eliminating local control, which piggybacks with the RHNA allocations. He thanked staff for their thorough job detailing the Item and noted it will

dramatically affect the look and feel of the community over the years if these houses get built. Councilmember Griffiths mentioned the Embarcadero Institute did a study that challenges the numbers provided to SCAG and estimates those numbers were double counted and are greatly overstated. He noted in looking at the numbers when the state was growing rapidly the allocated numbers were low and now the state growth rate has slowed yet the numbers have shot up dramatically. He stated his concern for the possibility of playing with the numbers for political purposes and in the past, cities haven't been penalized for not building the requested units under their RHNA allocation. He shared he's been hearing there will be bills passed that penalize cities who don't meet those requirements. He reiterated the need to appeal as the numbers presented to Torrance are unrealistic and don't make sense for today's society. He asserted housing allocations are based on trying to keep people close to their jobs and COVID plus telecommuting, was not taken into consideration with the development of allocations for cities. He requested clarification on the four different income categories, asking how a very low income category house can be built in Torrance without subsidies from the government, how the numbers get allocated across income categories, and how the City is expected to achieve those classifications.

Community Development Director Danny Santana explained the income categories are defined as part of the process the California Department of Housing and Community Development lays out each RHNA cycle period. He added the recommendation in the reduced number of allocations is based on applying the same percentage allocation of overall number of units to the associated income category. He confirmed it is near impossible to realize that kind of housing in a very low or low income classification without a state subsidy or a well-funded nonprofit buying property. The state removed a lot of the tools that communities used in order to realize subsidized housing – namely the redevelopment program – which has crippled local communities in how they can achieve these figures. He noted without those subsidies, the only real tools that communities have are to allow for developer incentives like density bonuses which increase scale, density, and intensity of development, or by having offset fees whereby a community can adopt a local ordinance that has an inclusionary housing component or reduced income qualifying units or pay an in lieu fee that the local jurisdiction puts towards government housing that would be developed by the local jurisdiction.

Councilmember Griffiths emphasized without financial support from somewhere to help achieve low cost housing for the low income category, it's almost impossible for Torrance to build those units. Looking at the percentages of the very low, low, moderate, and above moderate in the 5th cycle versus the 6th cycle, he noted the 6th cycle above moderate numbers and the very low numbers are the same percentage of the total but in the 5th cycle, the very low category was almost half the number of the above moderate number. He stated not only did the city's numbers go up in quantity, but they also went up in the very low income category percentage, which is the hardest category to achieve. He posited the new numbers presented in the letter may need some adjustment because the very low income numbers are going to be difficult to build. He mentioned his concern that Sacramento may come up with bills that will come after the City if significant progress to meeting these numbers isn't made. He requested clarification on who is suing the cities mentioned in the supplemental for their failure to meet certain housing guidelines, asking if it is the State or other agencies or attorney groups capitalizing on these laws.

Community Development Director Santana explained in some limited instances it's the State of California, but in staff's research, the majority of the lawsuits were filed by housing advocacy groups. Some are represented by pro bono attorneys and some are not.

Councilmember Griffiths likened the situation to the attorneys suing cities about districting. He voiced his concern about non-state affiliated legal agencies suing to get cities in line with what they perceive the laws to be and added his suspicions that under the current housing feelings in Sacramento, there will be even more of this happening. He asked about the Court Order/Settlement column in the supplemental table and the use of "moratorium on development" as a court order. He noted the payment of attorney fees as a settlement to make the cases go away.

Community Development Director Santana clarified in the majority of these instances, a moratorium was not on development. It was a prohibition of the local jurisdiction from holding up development permits, approvals, and permit issuance for multifamily developments or developments that involve inclusionary measures.

Councilmember Griffiths noted in certain cases it would likely be forcing cities to allow the development to happen even though they may have objected to it. He voiced support for doing the appeal, adding his wishes for more time to file the appeal and have every mayor of local cities sign a joint appeal similarly to Orange County. He asked what happens if the City doesn't prevail in the appeal.

Community Development Director Santana stated there is no follow-up outside of legal proceedings.

Councilmember Goodrich agreed with everything said so far and opined the assessment was a political move by the Inland Empire cities which hold more political clout than Torrance. He thanked staff and voiced his support in pushing back.

Mayor Furey asserted there is no alternative to pushing back. He added it is difficult to get 88 cities on the same page as a county, even when facing draconian orders. Even though SCAG is a multi-county group of governments, he explained the other counties had more weight than Los Angeles. He reiterated these numbers are unreal and hopefully the appeal process will work. In the interim staff will be looking at places where higher density housing can go such as the area by El Camino, or Crenshaw Blvd. and Redondo Beach Blvd.

Councilmember Mattucci appreciated everything mentioned and commended Councilmember Griffiths for his leading role in pushing back. He noted Palos Verdes Estates has been asked to build 82 very low income and 44 low income units and Rolling Hills has been asked to build 20 over the years. He opined it may be political and he doesn't see how areas such as Malibu should be forced to build 27 low income housing units. He added redistribution of low income units is unwise and should be built anywhere they are deemed to fit in the neighborhood. He stated he doesn't want to mow down single family housing to build multifamily apartments. He concluded that having an organization or conglomerate of cities to fight back against Sacramento would be wise and he has little faith in SCAG to fight. He voiced his support opposing this issue.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to concur with the Community Development Director and strongly support this appeal of the 6th cycle RHNA allocation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Chen absent.

9F. ADOPT CEQA EXEMPTION AND AWARD PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL AND ARTERIAL PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT, I-159/I-139

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt finding of a categorical exemption per staff determination, pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the guidelines implementing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Residential and Arterial Pavement Improvement, I-159/I-139 (B2020-23); and
- 2) Approve the plans and specifications for the Residential and Arterial Pavement Improvement, I-159/I-139 (B2020-23) project; and
- 3) Waive minor irregularities in the bid proposed by All American Asphalt of Corona, CA; and
- 4) Award a Public Works Agreement to All American Asphalt of Corona, CA (B2020-23) in the amount of \$3,686,032 and authorize a 15% contingency in the amount of \$552,904 for construction of the Residential and Arterial Pavement Improvement, I-159/I-139 project for a two-year period beginning October 20, 2020 and ending on October 19, 2022.

Councilmember Griffiths recused himself.

Engineering Manager Beth Overstreet reviewed the staff recommendation and outlined the street areas to be repaved and the anticipated schedule.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with staff recommendation on Item 9F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kalani and passed by 5-0 vote, with Councilmember Griffiths recused and Councilmember Chen absent.

City Council recessed from 9:10 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.

9G. ADOPT RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY OF TORRANCE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-96

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the City of Torrance Conflict of Interest Code and repealing Resolution No. 2018-96.

Deputy City Clerk III Harbaugh-Shirazi reviewed the staff recommendation, adding the Joint Powers Financing Authority and Industrial Development Authority will adopt their own conflict of interest code in the future.

MOTION: Councilmember Kalani moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-111. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Chen absent.

9H. UPDATE ON COYOTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND DIRECTION ON POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF ACTIVE TRAPPING SEASON

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Receive update on the Coyote Management Program; and
- 2) Receive an overview of SBCCOG Survey Results; and
- 3) Receive an overview and discuss the CEQA assessment results; and
- 4) Provide direction to expand the five-month trapping season to 12 months, and adopt findings by reference, under Public Resources Code Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, as set forth in the staff report.

Community Services Director John Jones reviewed the staff recommendation and provided an update on the Coyote Management Program since it transitioned from the Police Department to the Community Services Department. He stated in 2017, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) formed a regional coyote management taskforce which met on a quarterly basis to host educational presentations and workshops but stopped meeting as of February 2018. In recent conversations with SBCCOG they stated they would be open to revisiting this concept. He explained in coordination with SBCCOG, staff developed a survey that was sent to City Managers in the region asking about coyote activity, reporting by citizens, attacks or fatalities attributed to coyotes, interest in participating in a regional effort, and budget of funding sources available to support a regional educational effort. He shared the findings from the survey show all participants are interested in taking a regional approach, but with limited staffing levels and no funding to commit to this endeavor, it would not be a priority for them to support this effort. Regarding expanding trapping season, Community Services Director Jones stated the resulting CEQA consistency analysis determined there would be no impacts to sensitive biological resources under such an amended coyote management program. He concluded with the recommendation to proceed and provided the next steps based on Council's direction.

Councilmember Ashcraft asked how many companies are available if an RFP is put out.

Community Services Director Jones explained staff reached out to other companies and has a short list of 5-6 companies.

Councilmember Ashcraft questioned if the method of trapping and euthanasia had changed from when the program was first put into existence.

Community Services Director Jones responded he was not familiar with the type of method. Responding to follow-up questions from Councilmember Ashcraft, he stated the requirement by state law is if wildlife is trapped the animal down is put down. He reiterated he is unsure of the specific procedure for euthanasia and would ask the potential trapper what they would use and their preference for doing so.

Mayor Furey explained there was an agreement where a veterinarian would come and euthanize with a lethal injection as it is more humane than gas or other methods.

Councilmember Ashcraft requested if injection is a more humane method of euthanizing instead of gassing to emphasize that in the RFP, which Community Services Director Jones confirmed staff can do.

Councilmember Griffiths expressed his concern about the database issue as an unfunded problem not addressed yet and noted the staff report stated it will take several months to implement with an additional unaccounted for cost. He asked if there was any idea what the cost of a new database might be.

Community Services Director Jones explained staff has been researching a couple of vendors who provide this type of service for a database collection for the coyote management program and it ranges between \$10,000 and \$20,000 plus minimal annual licensing costs.

Councilmember Griffiths stated he wished Council we had known that before in discussion of moving coyote management from the Police Department to Community Services. He appreciated the idea of getting competitive bids and asked if there is a definitive answer on if jurisdictions around Torrance are doing any trapping whatsoever.

Mayor Furey shared he was at the SBCCOG Steering Committee meeting asking for their involvement with this issue and explained there is no time, manpower, or inclination to be involved. He added nobody locally is doing any trapping with the exception of some up on the hill being done by a county agency that won't take on any other clients. He concluded none of the neighboring cities in the area are doing anything.

Councilmember Griffiths voiced his concern if Torrance is doing all the trapping and other cities are not contributing to it; they're growing more coyotes to come into Torrance and Torrance has to pay the fee to get rid of them. He didn't like the lack of sharing a regional problem as there aren't any boundaries around Torrance to prevent the coyotes from roaming into the city from neighboring cities. He shared he is not opposed to moving forward and looking at what the potential cost would be for additional trapping. He reiterated his suggestion from previous discussion to look at trapping every other month as opposed to year-round trapping for twelve months to help keep costs down for this program. He stated his discomfort for increasing the budget in a difficult budget time.

Councilmember Goodrich agreed the cost is getting out of hand at \$140,000 per year, with another \$10,000-\$20,000 for a database plus whatever it might cost to go to year-round trapping. He explained in essence Torrance is subsidizing all the other cities and shared his disappointment in the lack of alternative methods of approaching this problem which are much more cost effective. He stated to his knowledge, Torrance is the only city in the state that has an actual line item budget item for this and even if Council opted for twelve months and increased the cost, there are coyotes coming in from all surrounding cities. He voiced his opposition.

Councilmember Mattucci stated his support for going out for an RFP and a one month on one month off option if feasible. He opined Torrance values public safety and this is a public safety issue. He shared he has talked to several leaders in the surrounding areas and they're waiting to see what Torrance does, adding the City has to set the pace for other cities to join in and take care of this ever-growing problem. He stated a five-month program is a good start, but maybe a different vendor with different methods on a year-round system might actually work better. He suggested revisiting some of the administrative costs and the need for someone to manage this part time or full time without too much overhead. He concluded an RFP will be telltale of whether Torrance is getting overcharged or not.

MOTION: Councilmember Mattucci moved to bring back an RFP for year-round trapping and the staggered approach if feasible, continue the five-month program as scheduled until March of 2021, and approve line item #4. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 4-2 vote, with Councilmember Goodrich and Mayor Furey voting no and Councilmember Chen absent.

10. **HEARINGS** – None scheduled

11. **AGENCY AGENDAS** – None scheduled

12. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

12A. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3885**

Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 3885 amending Division 9 of the Torrance Municipal Code to reclassify certain property in the City of Torrance located at 18333/18419 Western Avenue (APN: 4096-019-055) from C3-PP (Solely Commercial District – Precise Plan) to C2-PP (General Commercial District – Precise Plan).

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3885. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Griffiths voting no, Councilmember Mattucci recused, and Councilmember Chen absent.

13. CITY COUNCIL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ashcraft, Councilmember Goodrich, Councilmember Griffiths, Councilmember Kalani, and Mayor Furey spoke.

14. CLOSED SESSION

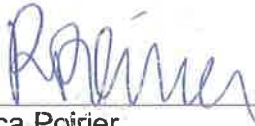
Considered earlier, see page 1.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:53 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, October 27, 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), streaming on TorranceCA.Gov, Facebook @ City of Torrance CA Government, and YouTube Channel TorranceCitiCABLE.

MOTION: Councilmember Kalani moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Chen absent.

Attest:



Rebecca Poirier
City Clerk of the City of Torrance



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