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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 2, 2016

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At 7:56 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Goodrich, Griffiths, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey.

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Poirier and other staff representatives.

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 the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with all members present. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Griffiths.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rizzo.

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 on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo 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 Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Items 8B, 8D, 8E and 10A.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Jackson announced that Martin Serna was appointed to the position of Torrance Fire Chief effective Sunday, January 10, 2016. He briefly reviewed his qualifications and highlighted his accomplishments during his twenty-two years with the Torrance Fire Department. Chief Serna's wife participated in the badge pinning ceremony, and Chief Serna thanked those who have helped shape his career and outlined his goals as Fire Chief.

Mayor Furey congratulated Chief Serna on his appointment and commended him for his role in helping the Torrance Fire Department achieve and maintain a Class 1 rating.

Councilmembers offered their congratulations and words of welcome.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10 RE IRENE BLYLEVEN

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING IRENE BLYLEVEN UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
CITY AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

William Brown, Mark Stephenson, and Torey Park spoke.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of January 12, 2016.

8B. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR ACCOUNT CLERK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Administrator that City Council approve the revised class specification for Account Clerk.

8C. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR DATA NETWORK DEVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Communications & Information Technology Director that City Council approve the purchase of an annual maintenance service agreement for data network devices from Cisco Systems, Inc. of San Jose, CA in the amount of \$99,670.06 for the period beginning February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017.

8D. FEE AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore of Los Angeles, CA to provide legal services pertaining to personnel matter #A15-000835, in the amount of \$61,000.

8E. FEE AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore of Los Angeles, CA to provide legal services pertaining to personnel matter #A15-000054, in the amount of \$8,500.

8F. CONTRACT FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ABATEMENT/DISPOSAL AT ZAMPERINI FIELD

Considered separately, see page 4.

8G. APPROVAL OF COLLINGS FOUNDATION DISPLAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Airport Commission and General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Collings Foundation display of a B-24 Liberator, B-17 Bomber; and
- 2) Designate the event as a special exhibit under Section 46.8.10 of the Torrance Municipal Code which exempts such events from aircraft noise regulations; and
- 3) Allow the Collings Foundation to conduct flights for hire subject to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines; and
- 4) Approve funding for this event in the amount of \$3,550.

8H. FIRST AMENDMENT TO FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a first amendment to the fee agreement with Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP of Los Angeles, CA (C2014-134) to provide legal services for J.J.D., a minor, et al. v. City of Torrance, et al., for an additional \$271,000, for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$521,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8G and 8H. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar Item 8F was considered separately at this time.

8F. CONTRACT FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ABATEMENT/DISPOSAL AT ZAMPERINI FIELD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to WESTCOR Environmental Inc. of Cerritos, CA for \$72,993 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$3,649.65; and
- 2) Appropriate \$76,642.65 from the Airport Aeronautical Fund Balance for hazardous materials abatement and disposal at Torrance Municipal Airport - Zamperini Field.

Facilities Operations Manager Megerdichian stated that the abatement is necessary due to two separate hangar fires that resulted in elevated levels of hazardous materials which must be abated before hangar repairs can begin.

Councilmember Griffiths asked about the cause of the fires and the potential that tenants might bear some financial liability for the abatement.

Facilities Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that the first fire was caused by a tenant's appliance and the cause of the second fire has not been determined and confirmed that the City's Risk Manager was working on the insurance issue

Finance Director Tsao explained that the City will pay for the costs initially so repairs can proceed and staff will attempt to recoup them from tenants' insurance companies.

MOITON: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. UPDATE ON WEBTRAK MODULE OF AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council continue contracting for the WebTrak module of the Noise Abatement System for an additional six months.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna provided an update on the WebTrak module of the Noise Abatement System at Torrance Airport. She noted that radar feeds have been in flux throughout the Los Angeles basin during the past six months due to actions by the FAA and as of Monday, January 25, all WebTrak systems are receiving the same NOP (National Offload Program) data. She reported that there has been an increase in the reliability of the WebTrak system and more people are using it to file noise complaints, which reduces the amount of processing time, therefore, staff was recommending that the City continue the contract for another six months during which time there will be another upgrade to the system. Referring to supplemental material requesting that noise monitors be installed in the City of Lomita, she explained that based on past experience, it was unlikely that the monitors would make a difference in the number of violations recorded and if monitors are desired, staff would recommend that an acoustical consultant be hired to ensure that the system's integrity is maintained.

Councilmember Weideman suggested the possibility of asking the City of Lomita to contribute to the cost of the monitors if they are installed.

Mayor Furey reported that there have been many discussions with officials in the City of Lomita on the topic of airport noise and their primary concerns are related to noise from helicopters. He voiced his opinion that it would be unfair to expect Lomita to pay for costs associated with abating noise at Torrance Airport since Lomita receives no benefit from the airport and emphasized the need to make sure that people using the airport do so appropriately.

Councilmember Rizzo expressed support for continuing the contract for another six months since there has been some improvement in the system's operation.

Councilmember Goodrich indicated that he also favored continuing the contract for another six months in light of the progress that has been made.

Mayor Furey also expressed support for continuing the contract.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to concur with the staff recommendation to continue the contract for another six months. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

12A. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE PURCHASE OF CNG BUSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve an Amendment to Agreement C2015-151 with New Flyer of America of St. Cloud, Minnesota for the purchase of 24 Compressed Natural Gas buses.

James Lee, Transit Department, reported that the amendment removes two insurance requirements that are not applicable to the contract and corrects the required amount for commercial liability insurance coverage.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3796

ORDINANCE NO. 3796

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 13.1.6, 13.2.6, 13.3.6, 13.4.6, 13.5.6, 13.9.6, 13.10.6, 13.15.6, 13.16.6, 13.17.6, 13.18.7, AND 13.20.060

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3796. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmembers Weideman, Ashcraft, Barnett, and Mayor Furey spoke.

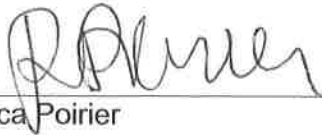
18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

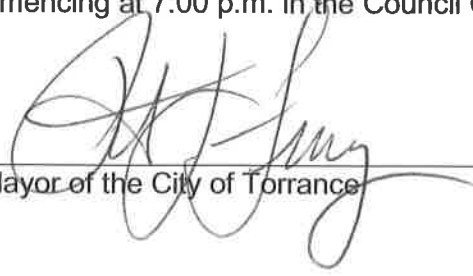
19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:56 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:



Rebecca Poirier
City Clerk of the City of Torrance



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on March 1, 2016