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At 9:43 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, June 14, 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, May 31, 2016 and Tuesday, June 7, 2016 will be City Council dark nights

**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, May 24, 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 Labor Negotiator, and 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6 and § 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:01 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 Weideman

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Pastor Dane Justis, Connection Point Ministries.

**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, May 19, 2016, with a revised agenda posted on Friday, May 20, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Agenda Items 12F and 12G were deferred to the June 14, 2016 City Council meeting; supplemental material was available for Items 8E, 8H, 12C, 12F, 12G (4) and 16B.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Barnett announced that the Ad Hoc Naming of Public Facilities Committee met earlier today to discuss the renaming of individual city-owned hanger rows and gates at the Torrance Municipal Airport - Zamperini Field and a recommendation will be presented to the full Council for consideration at the June 21, 2016 Council meeting.

Councilmember Weideman reviewed safety precautions for avoiding mosquito-transmitted diseases, such as West Nile and Zika viruses.

Councilmember Ashcraft announced that there will be City Yard Open House on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Furey reported on his attendance at the Mayor's Institute on City Design in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on May 18-21, 2016.

City Clerk Poirier announced that the deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is May 29, 2016 and invited the public to attend an Election Night event in the Council Chamber on June 7, 2016 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-46 RE FIRE ENGINEER DENYS BUSHELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING FIRE ENGINEER DENYS BUSHELL UPON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-46. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-47 RE POLICE OFFICER CHUONG VO

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER CHUONG VO AS A
RECIPIENT OF THE LIFE SAVING AWARD

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-47. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at the Medal of Valor Luncheon on Thursday, May 26, 2016.

6C. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-55 RE JANICE NISHIOKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING JANICE NISHIOKA UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-55. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6D. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL CITIZEN CPR AWARENESS WEEK”

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring June 1-7, 2016 as NATIONAL CITIZEN CPR AWARENESS WEEK in the City of Torrance to Emergency Medical Services paramedics.

6E. RECOGNITION OF RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mayor Furey commended Richardson Middle School for participating in the 5th Annual Trash Free Lunch Challenge sponsored by Grades of Green and the L.A. County Sanitation District and recognized Robyn Murphy, Senior Program Manager, and Juli Koentopp from Grades of Green, as well as Richardson Middle School students and their teacher/ Environmental Club advisor Amanda Mason.

6F. PRESENTATION BY TORRANCE PERFORMING ARTS CONSORTIUM

Torrance Performing Arts Consortium members provided a preview of a Flag Day event to be held on June 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library and presented a donation to Police Chief Matsuda in honor of fallen heroes.

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Item 6H was considered out of order at this time.

6H. RECOGNITION OF REGION 16 AYSO U-10 GIRLS EXTRA TEAM

Mayor Furey recognized Region 16 AYSO U-10 Girls EXTRA team for winning the Western States Championship title and presented team members and their coaches with a certificate.

6G. SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD UPDATE

Chris Cagle, Regional Affairs Manager of South Bay Workforce Investment Board, offered a brief summary of employment services provided during the third quarter of FY 2015-16, noting that 16 job fairs were held in Torrance during this period.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

The following 6 people spoke: Bob Chiota, Carol Gilles, Ken Christiansen, Rey Rojo, Arthur Shaper, and Janet Payne.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of May 3, 2016.

8B. PURCHASE ORDER FOR RIDESHARE INCENTIVES

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council authorize a Purchase Order, with Just Rewards of San Diego, CA for Rideshare Program incentives in the amount not to exceed \$80,000 effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

8C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF EXXONMOBIL DONATION FOR CERT PROGRAM

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council accept and appropriate a \$10,000 donation from Exxon Mobil Corporation for the Torrance Fire Department Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Program to the FY 2016-2017 CERT Program Operating Budget.

8D. 2015 NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY GRANT PROGRAM REPORTS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the financial narrative reports from the 2015 Non-Profit Social Services Agency Grant Program.

8E. CONTRACT FOR COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING SERVICES

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a contract with Kim Fuentes of Monrovia, CA in an amount not to exceed \$65,520 per year, for Commuter Transportation (Rideshare) consulting services for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

8F. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF EXXONMOBIL DONATION FOR 2016 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation of City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Accept and appropriate \$50,000 donation from ExxonMobil Foundation to the 2016 Youth Development Program; and
- 2) Authorize and appropriate \$50,000 donation from ExxonMobil Foundation to the 2016 Youth Development Program.

8G. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEADOW PARK PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE FEE

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Establish the Meadow Park Parking Lot Maintenance Fee at \$66.34 per space for fiscal year 2016-17 to cover the cost of maintenance of the parking lots; and
- 2) Authorize billing for the entire fiscal year 2016-17 and one third of fiscal year 2015-16.

8H. REPLACEMENT OF NETWORK AIR CONDITIONING CONTROL SYSTEM AT TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate rebates in the amount of \$189,973.26 received from SoCal Gas Co., Edison and SoCal WaterSmart to FEAP 751 - Energy Projects; and
- 2) Award a contract to Control Technologies West, Inc. of Anaheim, California in the amount of \$216,900 with a 5% contingency of \$10,845 for Replacement of the Network Air Conditioning Control System at the Cultural Arts Center; and
- 3) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$21,690.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT PAYMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the application submittal, signature authority and appropriation of funds for the annual Beverage Container Recycling City/County Grant Payment Program.

Public Works Director Beste reviewed the staff recommendation.

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

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-56. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. CITY COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council declare the following Tuesdays as City Council Dark Nights from July 1 through December 31: July 5, August 2, August 30, September 6, November 29, and December 27.

Management Aide Ramirez reviewed the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Griffiths commented positively on the decision to include August 2 as a Council dark night so staff and Councilmembers can participate National Night Out activities.

Councilmember Goodrich proposed adding October 11, the Tuesday after Columbus Day, as a Council dark night and Councilmember Weideman proposed adding Election Day, November 8; and it was the consensus of the Council to do so.

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

12C. SCHEDULING OF COYOTE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council hold a workshop at the beginning of the City Council Meeting of June 14, 2016 to discuss urban coyote management program to increase public safety.

Police Captain Vukotic, Special Operations Bureau, provided background information about recent coyote attacks in Torrance involving wild and domesticated animals and offered a preview of the workshop to be held on June 14, 2016 on the City's urban coyote management program.

Andy Freeman requested clarification regarding procedures to deal with coyote problems in gated communities, which was provided by staff.

Kevin Lenton questioned when the trapping of coyotes is expected to begin, and Police Chief Matsuda advised that trapping is expected to begin next week.

Councilmember Griffiths related his observation that many people have not heeded the warning to feed their pets indoors to avoid attracting wild animals and encouraged everyone to remove any pet food from front porches and other outdoor areas.

Councilmember Goodrich expressed concerns about proceeding with trapping before the public has had an opportunity to provide input.

Police Chief Matsuda reported that the traps to be used are described as being safe and humane and they will be placed in areas not frequented by the public.

Mayor Furey encouraged those seeking additional information on this topic to visit the website www.urbancoyoteproject.com.

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

12D. OPTIONS FOR ALLOWING HANGAR EVENTS AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council consider options for allowing private events in hangars for Airport businesses at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field.

Facilities Operations Manager Megerdichian provided a brief summary of the staff report.

Mayor Furey noted that his main concern was the security aspect of allowing events in hangars as the City has gone to great expense to make the airfield as secure as possible.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Facilities Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that he has received only a few requests for special events in hangars during the last several years, noting that there are currently seven businesses that would qualify to hold events because they have external access, with the potential of six more. He clarified that for events involving the service of alcohol, staff was recommending that one uniformed Torrance police officer be present for events before 6:00 p.m. and two officers be present for events after

6:00 p.m., with the cost to be paid by the event holder. He explained that while there are restroom facilities in hangars, portable restrooms may be required depending on the size of the event.

Councilmember Ashcraft suggested that the City continue with the current practice of requiring City Council approval for events on a case-by-case basis since there are so few requests.

Councilmember Griffiths also questioned the need to change the current policy and echoed concerns about maintaining airport security.

Councilmember Barnett expressed an interest in having the Airport Commission review this matter per the City Manager's note in the agenda item.

Councilmember Goodrich explained that he asked that staff bring forward this item because he was approached by two tenants at the airport who expressed concerns about the difficulty of the existing approval process and he thought it might be possible to modify the existing Special Event Permit process for businesses at the airport. He noted that the enhanced security measures at the airport were implemented due to concerns about terrorism and doubted that attendees at corporate events and weddings would pose a security risk.

Tim Petinsky, Pacific Skies Aviation, provided background information about the flight school, which has been operating at Torrance Airport since 2009. Referring to a packet of information distributed to the Council, he explained that the hosting of community events is integral to the business's operation. He noted that Pacific Skies was selected in 2014 to host the Torrance Advantage Awards, a City-sponsored event, which included a catered meal for 150 guests and the service of alcohol by a City-approved vendor, and there have never been any problems related to events held at their facilities. He urged the Council to streamline the process for allowing events at the airport.

In response to Councilmember Griffith's inquiry, Mr. Petinsky estimated that the business would host one event per month if a streamlined process is approved and related his belief that the service of alcohol is critical to the success of certain events, such as fundraisers.

Ralph Martin, Torrance Flite Park, reported that several tenants have expressed an interest in holding community events and he believes that this can be done without compromising the safety and security of the airport, citing the recent Collings Foundation event.

Cindy Macka, Western Museum of Flight, expressed concerns that the museum is not able to host events, which is a common way for museums to raise funds to offset operating expenses. She noted that WMOF does not receive any state or federal funding and overhead costs for 2016 are estimated to be \$370,000.

Councilmember Ashcraft asked if the WMOF had ever requested permission to hold a community event, which was denied by the City.

Ms. Macka explained that she only learned after an event was held that City approval was required and the terms of the lease with Flite Park do not allow the service of alcohol so no events have been held since that time.

Responding to questions from the Council, City Manager Jackson confirmed that the landlord's approval would be required for any special event; that a tenant would have to conform

to the terms of the lease; and that a permit would also have to be obtained from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) if the event involves the service of alcohol.

Mr. Martin expressed his willingness to work with the City Attorney's office to remove any barriers related to the lease so that tenants would be able to hold special events.

City Attorney Fellows clarified that there are two leases involved, the master lease between the City and the master tenant, such as Flite Park, and the lease between the master tenant and their sub-tenants. He advised the Council that there would likely need to be some amendments to the master lease to allow special events as proposed.

Councilmember Goodrich asked if Special Event Permit fees would generate revenue for the City, and City Manager Jackson explained that the fees charged simply offset costs.

In response to Councilmember Weideman's inquiry, General Services Director Ballew confirmed that the Cultural Arts Center also requires the employment of uniformed Torrance police officers for special events involving the service of alcohol.

Fred Weisman reported that he was instrumental in bringing the Western Museum of Flight to Torrance almost nine years ago; discussed the difficulty of raising funds to cover operating expenses; and urged the Council to allow the museum to host special events in order to generate more revenue. He noted that many people like to hold events at museums, including small-scale events like a child's birthday party, which would not involve the service of alcohol.

Jim Gates, Torrance Airport Association, expressed support for creating a streamlined process for special events at the airport. Referring to proposed requirements, he maintained that it was not necessary to require valet parking for all events or to close all movement areas at the airport and issue a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) for each event and recommended that staff work with the aviation community to develop appropriate guidelines.

Voicing support for creating a streamlined process, Councilmember Rizzo stated that it was clear that there are a lot of issues that need to be flushed out, therefore he favored referring the matter to the Airport Commission so detailed guidelines could be drafted and brought back to the Council for consideration.

Councilmember Griffiths related his belief that it was important for the City to help businesses at the airport as they are a tremendous asset and expressed confidence that a permit process could be created that protects everyone's best interests, with security being the number one issue.

Councilmember Weideman expressed support for a streamlined permit process, noting for the record that he had no objections to allowing the service of alcohol and would leave it up to the Airport Commission to decide what an appropriate number of events per year would be.

Mayor Furey also voiced support for a streamlined process to be vetted by the Airport Commission.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to refer the item to the Airport Commission with direction to review the information contained in the staff report and comments made on the record this evening and bring back a streamlined process for holding events at the airport. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

12E. PURCHASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INSURANCE RE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FROM EXXONMOBIL CORPORATION

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$115,796.59 and authorize the Risk Manager to execute all documents necessary and appropriate for the environmental insurance with JLT US Specialty Insurance Services of Los Angeles, CA; and
- 2) Authorize the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$3,330,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to all documents necessary and appropriate for the acquisition of property required for the I-405 at 182nd Street/Crenshaw Blvd Operational Improvements, T-155.

Engineering Manager Overstreet provided a brief summary of the staff report.

Councilmember Ashcraft asked about the project's timeline, and Public Works Director Beste advised that the timeline has yet to be determined because the project is not fully funded.

In response to Councilmember Griffiths' inquiry, Engineering Manager Overstreet clarified that with the purchase of this property, the City will be able to construct dedicated right-turn lanes for northbound Crenshaw Boulevard and eastbound 182nd Street even if Caltrans is not able to obtain funding for the rest of the project.

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

12F. SELECTION OF VENDOR FOR CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council concur with the City Council Ad Hoc Citywide Website Redesign Committee and Citywide Web Redesign Team to select Vision Internet (El Segundo, CA) to redesign and host for 5-years of the City's website for an amount not to exceed \$276,747.

City Manager Jackson reported that a Councilmember has requested that this item be continued to the June 14, 2016 City Council meeting because all of the material was not available when the agenda was posted last Friday, and hearing no objection, Mayor Furey so ordered.

12G. ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance prohibiting Short Term Rentals within the City of Torrance. This ordinance is Categorically Exempt from CEQA per Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment; and
- 2) Approve an Ordinance Summary for publication.

City Manager Jackson reported that a Councilmember also requested that this item be continued to the June 14, 2016 City Council meeting for the same reason as Item 12F.

Mayor Furey invited public comment.

Jimmy Evangelidis recommended that the City require every property owner who operates a short-term rental to obtain a City Business License and collect occupancy taxes rather than prohibiting short-term rentals and include a provision for revoking the Business License if it becomes a nuisance for neighbors.

Janet Payne requested clarification regarding the listing of this item on the agenda, which was provided by staff.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to continue the item to June 14, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3800

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 3800 repealing Ordinance Number 3331 and granting to Mobil Pacific Pipeline Company a franchise 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 Griffiths moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3800. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Weideman voting no.

16B. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3801

Second and Final reading of Ordinance No. 3801 amending Sections 41.1.1 and 41.1.2 of the Torrance Municipal Code, amending Article 11 of Chapter 1 of Division 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code, and adding article 14 to Division 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code, to allow the keeping of hens for single-family residences, establish standards for the keeping of hens, and establish a review process for hen keeping applications for single-family residences.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3801. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Ashcraft voting no.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

Councilmember Ashcraft spoke.

Councilmember Barnett spoke.

Councilmember Griffiths spoke.

Councilmember Goodrich, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff re-explore solar power for City facilities since it has become more efficient and effective and there may be an opportunity for the City to save money and reduce its carbon footprint. He reported that Verengo Solar, which is located in Torrance, has expressed an interest in donating a solar-power system to the City and requested that staff contact Verengo to determine the feasibility of the donation as part of the consideration of solar power.

Councilmember Rizzo spoke.

Councilmember Weideman spoke.

Mayor Furey spoke.


18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

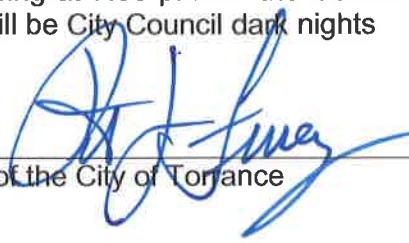
19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:43 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, June 14, 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, May 31, 2016 and Tuesday, June 7, 2016 will be City Council dark nights

Attest:



Rebecca Poirier
City Clerk of the City of Torrance



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on June 14, 2016