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At 11:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 26, 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, January 19, 2016 is a City Council dark night.

January 12, 2016

**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 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 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, Assistant City Attorney Sullivan, 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 7:00 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 Ashcraft.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Griffiths.

**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 7, 2016 and an addendum was posted on Friday, January 8.

**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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Item 10A.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Griffiths announced that the Community Planning and Design Committee will meet on Thursday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the possibility of an ordinance protecting views from impairment by trees and vegetation in the Hillside Overlay District, with additional information available at 310-618-2550.

Mayor Furey announced that on Saturday, December 26, 2015, American Honda and the Salvation Army held the 25th annual Sharing is Caring holiday luncheon at the Torrance Marriott hotel and volunteers from Honda, Marriott and the Salvation Army helped decorate, set-up and serve hot meals to more than 1,000 low-income, homeless and senior citizen residents and families. He thanked all the volunteers who gave their time and talent to better our community.

Mayor Furey requested that the Council entertain the concept of a modest 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, relating his understanding that if the fireworks display takes place behind City Hall, the cost could be kept below \$75,000, and with the Council's concurrence, he directed staff to prepare an agenda item on the cost, funding and logistics of such a celebration.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01 RE RICHARD LOPEZ**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
HONORING RICHARD LOPEZ OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-ONE  
YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-01. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

General Services Director Ballew commended Mr. Lopez for his dedicated service and wished him well in his retirement.

Mayor Furey presented the resolution to Mr. Lopez, who accepted with appreciation.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

Rogers Govender, Denielle Johnson, Alex See, and Bob Habel spoke.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of December 8, 2015 and December 15, 2015.

**8B. REIMBURSEMENT OF RENTAL FEES FOR JAPANESE GARDEN ROOMS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the reimbursement of rental fees in the amount of \$322.00 for the use of the Japanese Garden Rooms A and B for the Torrance Thanksgiving Event for volunteers, donors, and supporters scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 6 p.m.

**8C. NOVEMBER 2015 INVESTMENT REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the attached monthly investment report for the month of November 2015.

**8D. 2016 GRANT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES**

Considered separately, see below.

**8E. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS TO PROMOTE BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Accept \$38,991 of CalRecycle beverage container grant funds; and
- 2) Appropriate grant funds of \$38,991 to promote beverage container recycling.

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

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

**8D. 2016 GRANT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve grant funding for six (6) non-profit Social Services Agencies for \$20,000 from February 11, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Councilmember Goodrich noted that when this matter was considered last year, he requested that staff look into ways of improving the vetting process for the non-profit agencies seeking funding and asked about improvements in this area.

Sr. Business Manager Minter reported that several changes were made, including a revised application and eligibility requirements; that staff now verifies the applicant's non-profit status; and that staff plans to check with agencies awarded a grant after six months to review their progress instead of waiting until the end of the year.

Councilmember Goodrich related his understanding that there were fewer applicants this year, and Sr. Business Manager Minter explained that the reduction may have been due to changes made to ensure that all programs that receive funding benefit Torrance residents or because the revision process took longer than expected, which resulted in a shorter application period. He noted that an effort will be made to publicize next year's grant program so as many non-profit agencies as possible will be made aware of it.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to approve the grant funding. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

## **10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **10A. OPTIONS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

#### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Planning and Design Committee that City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the Historic Resource Survey.
- 2) Develop a method for funding program.
- 3) Subject to availability of funding, direct staff to hire a Historic Preservation Consultant to prepare a Historic Preservation Plan and Historic Preservation Ordinance that includes the following program components: Mills Act whereby a property owner's consent is required for both entering into a contract agreement and listing a structure on a historic register and establishment of historic (HPOZ) districts.
- 4) Create a Historic Preservation/Cultural Heritage Commission.

Planning Manager Lodan provided background information about outreach efforts to explore and evaluate options for historic preservation programs in Torrance and briefly reviewed the Community Planning and Design Committee's recommendation with the aid of slides.

Councilmember Weideman voiced support for the Committee's recommendation. He recalled that the community expressed great interest in establishing a historic preservation overlay district (HPOZ) when he was on the Planning Commission and asked if the Committee was recommending that commercial properties be excluded from any HPOZ.

Community Development Director Gibson reported that the Committee did not discuss this issue, however the Council could exclude commercial and industrial properties if they feel it's appropriate. He confirmed that the HPOZ was meant to address building exteriors only.

Councilmember Rizzo asked about the possibility of having the Planning Commission also serve as the Historic Preservation/Cultural Heritage Commission.

Planning Manager Lodan advised that the Historic Preservation/Cultural Heritage Commission is typically a separate commission as it requires that at least some of the members have expertise in architecture and/or history.

Councilmember Goodrich, a member of the Community Planning and Design Committee, clarified that while the scope of properties to be included was not specifically discussed in Committee meetings, it was his intention that historic preservation efforts focus on residential properties only.

Mayor Furey invited public comment.

Loretta Klonecky, owner of 1916 Arlington Avenue, stated that she did not want her property to be part of a HPOZ, explaining that she owns two houses in historical districts in Long Beach and has found it to be problematic.

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan disclosed that Ms. Klonecky is his mother-in-law, but her views are her own and their relationship would not affect any legal advice he provides this evening.

Lisa Gonzales, owner of 2023 Arlington Avenue, reported that she purchased this property with the intention of redeveloping it and was strongly opposed to it being part of a mandatory historic preservation district. She expressed concerns that HPOZ restrictions would limit what could be built, thereby greatly reducing property values, and discourage people from improving their properties due to the expense involved in repairing 100 year-old homes. She related her belief that the \$300,000 per year it would cost to administer a historic preservation program would be better spent on public safety. She contended that it would be unfair to establish building restrictions that apply to this area of Torrance only and that those who support the creation of a HPOZ are a very small fraction of property owners.

Responding to questions from the Council, staff provided clarification regarding various aspects of creating and administering a HPOZ, noting that there is a wide latitude in the way a HPOZ is structured.

Mark Granger, representing owners of 1606 Gramercy Avenue (apartments) and 1420 and 1422 Marcelina Avenue (commercial properties), reported that the City already has in place a number of design guidelines for building exteriors in the downtown area and expressed concerns that additional regulations would slow down the process for renovating buildings and significantly increase costs. He voiced objections to the fact that the staff recommendation includes no specifics regarding restrictions that would be imposed on properties in a historic district and urged the Council to delay taking any action until a model ordinance is available for review. He suggested that much of what would be considered historic in Torrance is long-since gone due earthquakes, extensive remodeling or demolition. He noted that 60% of historic commercial structures in downtown Torrance were demolished as part of the City's redevelopment efforts and he believes most would argue that this was beneficial.

Mayor Furey clarified that action this evening would simply lay the groundwork for a historic preservation program and it does not include the creation of any historic district or impose any new restrictions on properties.

Alvin Smithart, owner of 812 Crenshaw Boulevard, expressed concerns that creating a historic preservation district would prevent him from developing his R-2 property to its full potential, something that many other property owners in the area have already done.

In response to Councilmember Goodrich's inquiry, Community Development Director Gibson confirmed that property owners within a historic preservation district would not be prevented from enlarging their homes or adding a second unit on an R-2 property.

Gene Higginbotham, 2114 Arlington Avenue, suggested that discussion of a HPOZ was premature as the City needs at least a year to study the various aspects of a Historic Preservation Program. He called for the creation of a mission statement with clearly defined goals, including a goal to preserve the Olmsted tract to ensure that its character is maintained while recognizing the rights of property owners to remodel, update and enlarge their homes to maximize their property values.

Mayor Furey stated that he believed the City was not ready to go forward with a Historic Preservation Program due to the lack of specifics and was inclined to send the matter back to committee for additional vetting. He also expressed concerns that no funding has been identified for the program. He noted that he is originally from Philadelphia, a city that found a way to preserve historically significant structures while protecting property owners' rights, however it was a long and painful process.

With regard to funding, City Manager Jackson advised that staff was awaiting information about holiday sales tax revenues, which will be available in April, before committing any funds to the program.

Councilmember Ashcraft, a member of the Community Planning and Design Committee, explained that the Committee chose to bring the recommendation forward, even though funding had not been identified in order to obtain input from the rest of the Council on this issue. She suggested that the Council could at least take action on the Historic Resource Survey.

Councilmember Griffiths, chair of the Community Planning and Design Committee, reported that the Committee also thought there was a need for an expert in historic preservation to provide guidance and assist with the preparation of a Historic Preservation Program since it is a complicated process, and suggested that the Council consider approving this aspect of the Committee's recommendation.

Dina Wiley, 202 Via La Soledad, requested clarification regarding houses that would be eligible to be included in a HPOZ, which was provided by Planning Manager Lodan.

Bonnie Mae Barnard, Save Historic Old Torrance, reported that she has been advocating for a Historic Preservation Program in Torrance for the last 13 years and urged the Council to finally take action on this issue to prevent the further destruction of historically significant houses.

Janet Payne, 1318 Engracia Avenue, urged the Council to adopt the Historic Resource Survey; stressed the need for a historic preservation consultant to assist with the drafting of a Historic Preservation Program; and recommended that staff look into the City of Orange's program as a model for Torrance.

Mayor Furey asked about the availability of funding for a consultant.

City Manager Jackson suggested that capital funds could be used for this purpose since the drafting of the program would be a one-time expense, which is estimated to cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000. He recommended that if the Council decides to send the matter back to the Committee, specific direction be given regarding the scope of the review, including whether the entire Olmsted district should be encompassed in an HPOZ or allow HPOZs to be established by residents on a participative basis; whether restrictions on building modifications

should be limited to exteriors visible to the public; and whether the restrictions shall apply to residential properties only or include commercial properties.

Councilmember Griffiths explained that the Committee recognized that finding funding for the Historic Preservation Program was an obstacle, but wanted to move forward and felt that there might be some smaller steps that could be taken until funding becomes available. He confirmed that the committee's focus was on residential properties.

Bill Sutherland, 1531 El Prado Avenue, stated that he was in favor of a HPOZ, but also believes someone who owns an old home should be able to bulldoze it and build a new one and doubted that anyone would want someone else to tell them how to design their new home.

Karen Lent, 535 Paseo de las Reyes, called for the Hollywood Riviera area to be encompassed in the City's historic preservation program. She suggested that the City look into Redondo Beach's historic preservation program since that city received a grade of "A" on this issue from the L.A. Conservancy, while Torrance received a grade of "F."

Richard Harrison, 1750 Martina Avenue, voiced objections to the City's spending approximately \$300,000 in start-up costs and another \$300,000 per year to administer the Historic Preservation Program when there are only about 800 houses in Torrance with historical significance.

Steve Davis, 357 Camino de las Colinas, reported that he and his wife have restored three older houses in Torrance and he believes a Historic Preservation Program could be beneficial for everyone if properly structured. He noted that the Mills Act provides a financial incentive for those who wish to preserve a historic property without imposing any restrictions on neighboring properties.

In response to Mayor Furey's inquiry, Planning Manager Lodan advised that in order for residents to take advantage of the Mills Act, the City must adopt the Historic Resource Survey, approve a Historic Preservation Plan, adopt a Historic Preservation Ordinance, and create a Historic Preservation/Cultural Heritage Commission.

Kathryn Endo-Roberts, Torrance, expressed concerns that historic structures in north Torrance are not addressed as part of the proposed Historic Preservation Plan.

City Manager Jackson explained that there are no large groupings of historic structures outside the downtown section of Torrance so it would not be feasible to create a HPOZ, however, a city-wide Historic Resource Survey could be conducted to allow property owners in other areas to take advantage of the Mills Act.

Maureen O'Donnell, 1522 Beech Avenue, stated that preservation efforts have been focused on the Olmsted district because it is the original section of Torrance, and while there are other areas with historic structures that merit preservation, they are not part of this package. She urged the Council to at least adopt the Historic Resource Survey for the sake of people like her who have worked on this issue for many years.

Councilmember Weideman expressed support for hiring a consultant to assist staff with the preparation of a Historic Preservation Program and suggested that by the time a consultant is hired and Committee meetings are held, funding may become available for the program. He noted his intention to abstain from the vote on the Historic Resource Survey because as past



president of the Torrance Historical Society, he was involved in the survey process and he is currently a board member.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt the Historic Resource Survey. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by a 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Weideman abstaining.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to direct staff to prepare an RFP for the hiring of a historic preservation consultant with funding to come from the capital budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Goodrich recommended that a mission statement be established to guide the process.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to send this matter back to committee with direction to focus on residential properties, explore the feasibility of a district-wide HPOZ versus smaller resident-initiated HPOZs, and develop a mission statement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council recessed from 9:37 p.m. to 9:54 p.m.

**10B. URGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON BUILDING PERMITS FOR ALTERATION/DEMOLITION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Consider the adoption of an urgency ordinance to establish a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for alterations and demolitions of contributing and altered-contributing structures identified in the Historic Resource Survey; and
- 2) Approve an Ordinance Summary for Publication.

Planning Manager Lodan reported that it has been requested that the Council consider establishing a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for the alteration and demolition of historic structures while the City explores historic preservation options, therefore staff prepared an urgency ordinance that would establish a 45-day moratorium, after which the Council would have the option of extending it for a total of one year. He noted that a structure on Arlington Avenue, which was identified in the Historic Resource Survey as a contributing structure, was recently demolished because the replacement structure met all zoning requirements so it was not subject to discretionary review.

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan noted that the ordinance as written, includes industrial and commercial structures within the Olmsted Tract in the moratorium along with residential structures.

Councilmember Weideman expressed support for the moratorium, recalling that another historic structure at the corner of Crenshaw and Sonoma was demolished while he was on the Planning Commission and there was nothing that could be done about it.

Councilmember Ashcraft recommended that the moratorium be confined to residential structures only, because the commercial area in downtown Torrance is already struggling and she would not want to tie the hands of a developer even for 45 days.

Councilmember Rizzo noted his agreement with Councilmember Ashcraft's remarks.

Gene Higginbotham expressed support for the proposed moratorium. Noting that a historic structure was torn down next to him without any notice, he suggested that neighbors within a certain radius receive notification when a structure is to be demolished to encourage more communication.

Janet Payne stated that she also supports the moratorium, but wished it could be longer than 45 days; called for neighbors to be notified as a courtesy when structures are demolished; and agreed that the moratorium should apply to residential structures only.

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan advised that an urgency ordinance is limited to 45 days and requires a four-fifths vote of the Council (6 members). He provided clarification regarding requirements for subsequent extensions.

In response to Councilmember Griffiths' inquiry, Assistant City Attorney Sullivan confirmed that only those structures identified in the Historic Resource Survey as contributing and altered contributing structures would be affected by the moratorium.

Lisa Gonzales expressed concerns that the moratorium would unfairly restrict residential property owners in the Old Torrance area with projects in the works.

Bonnie Mae Barnard voiced support for the moratorium and echoed Mr. Higginbotham's suggestion that neighbors be notified when a nearby house is to be demolished.

Mayor Furey clarified, that per Section 3(b) of the urgency ordinance, staff will continue to accept and process applications for building permits in the Olmstead Tract during the moratorium. He noted that there is no requirement that neighbors be notified when demolition work is done anywhere in Torrance.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Assistant City Attorney Sullivan confirmed that a property owner in the Olmsted Tract can proceed with a project for which building permits have already been issued.

Councilmember Rizzo noted that the moratorium only applies to projects that involve the addition or demolition of more than 50% of the floor area of the existing structure.

Amy Chan reported that she purchased an R-2 lot on Arlington Avenue over 30 years ago with the idea of eventually building two units on the property to fund her retirement and expressed concerns that the moratorium will interfere with her plans. She noted that several properties on either side of hers have already been redeveloped, sharing a photograph to illustrate.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to concur with the staff recommendation to adopt the urgency ordinance, with the amendment that commercial and industrial properties shall be excluded under Section 5, and to approve an ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

**URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 3794**

AN INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTED AS AN URGENCY MEASURE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE ALTERATION OR DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS "CONTRIBUTING" OR "ALTERED CONTRIBUTING" IN THE OLMSTED TRACT TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA SURVEY OF HISTORIC RESOURCES 2011-2013 ("HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY") ON PROPERTIES WITHIN THE ORIGINAL TORRANCE TRACT AREA.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 3794 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**10C. RESOLUTIONS RE PRE15-00007 AND WAV15-00005 – 406 CAMINO DE ENCANTO**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt Resolutions:

- 1) Denying a Precise Plan of Development; and
- 2) Denying a Waiver on property located at 406 Camino de Encanto.

Jerry McBride, 406 Camino de Encanto, requested that the Council not adopt the resolutions and give him an opportunity to present revised plans for the project, which include a reduction in height and a reduction in the FAR (floor area ratio).

Responding to questions from the Council, Assistant City Attorney Sullivan and Planning Manager Lodan provided clarification regarding the reconsideration process and the process for submitting revised plans should the resolutions be adopted.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to continue the item to January 26, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**12. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**12A. RESOLUTIONS CALLING THE JUNE 7 ,2016 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution calling a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing the three councilmembers for four year terms;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution requesting Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to agree to consolidate the election on the Statewide Primary Ballot; and
- 3) Adopt a Resolution stating policy and regulations for candidate statements.

City Clerk Poirier briefly reviewed the three resolutions necessary to call the Tuesday, June 7, 2016 General Municipal Election for three City Councilmembers for four-year terms. She requested direction from the Council regarding the length of candidate statements and the portion of the printing costs to be paid by candidates. She explained that it has been the Council's policy to limit candidate statements to no more than 200 words and to limit candidates' cost for printing the statements to a specific amount, with the City assuming the balance to give more people the opportunity to run for office. She reported that the cost for printing 21 candidate statements in 2014 was \$24,447, with the candidates paying \$400 each and the City assuming the balance of \$16,047. She noted that the resolution, as written, limits candidate statements to 200 words and sets the cost to candidates at \$580 or half the actual printing cost, whichever is higher.

Mayor Furey requested that staff bring back information about the timeline for placing a charter amendment on the June 7, 2016 election ballot.

Councilmember Weideman indicated that he was inclined to leave the candidate's cost for a candidate statement at \$400.

Mayor Furey stated that \$400 was half the cost of printing a statement when this figure was originally set and printing costs have increased considerably since that time. He related his belief that the City's sharing half the cost was a great bargain for candidates because in many municipalities, they must pay the entire amount.

Councilmember Weideman asked if councilmembers who intend to run in the June 7 Municipal Election could vote on the resolutions.

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan indicated that he would have to research this matter.

Councilmember Barnett recalled that he was advised that he could vote on these resolutions in the past.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Griffiths abstaining.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by a 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Griffiths abstaining.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 7, 2016 WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by a 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Griffiths abstaining.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by a 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Griffiths abstaining.

**12B. RESOLUTION RE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution setting forth the wages, hours, working conditions and new health insurance coverage for Elected Officials effective January 10, 2016 and repealing Resolution No. 2014-67. Expenditure: 4% City Clerk and 2% City Treasurer for Fiscal Years 2015/16.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reviewed the staff recommendation.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS BEGINNING JANUARY 10, 2016 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-67

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**12C. ORDINANCE RE MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney and the Community Development Director that City Council adopt an Ordinance that prohibits all medical marijuana dispensaries, marijuana cultivation, commercial medical marijuana activity, and marijuana deliveries citywide in order to meet the requirements of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (AB266, AB243, and SB643). 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.

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan advised that under the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA), which took effect on January 1, 2016, the State of California will become the sole licensing authority for the commercial cultivation of medical marijuana unless a city adopts a land use regulation or ordinance regulating or prohibiting the cultivation of marijuana by March 1, 2016. He explained that the Torrance Municipal Code does not expressly address this issue, therefore staff was recommending the adoption of an ordinance that expressly prohibits all medical marijuana dispensaries, marijuana cultivation, commercial medical marijuana activity, and marijuana deliveries citywide in order to preserve City's land use authority and protect the health and safety of residents. He reported that efforts are underway to extend the March 1, 2016 deadline, but there is no guarantee that this legislation will pass and the governor will sign it. He noted that a companion item will be considered by the Planning Commission on January 20, 2016.

Jeff Gibbs, Torrance, reported that he does not use marijuana, but objects to provisions in the ordinance that prohibit marijuana cultivation and marijuana deliveries due to the impact on residents with medical conditions that benefit from marijuana use who have valid medical marijuana cards.

Tim Beck, Torrance, voiced his opinion that people should be able to grow marijuana on their property for their own medical use, noting that he uses marijuana because he has glaucoma, a disease that has caused several family members to go blind.

In response to Councilmember Goodrich's inquiry, Assistant City Attorney Sullivan confirmed that it was necessary to take this action to preserve the City's ability to control the regulation of medical marijuana and the Council may choose to revisit the ban on cultivation at some point in the future.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 3795**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 12 TO DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING ALL MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, MARIJUANA CULTIVATIONS, COMMERCIAL MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITY, AND MARIJUANA DELIVERIES CITYWIDE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3795. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.



**16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3793**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3793**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE – STANDARD URBAN STORM WATER MITIGATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TO EXPAND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE EXISTING STANDARD URBAN STORM WATER MITIGATION PLAN (SUSMP) REQUIREMENTS BY IMPOSING LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) STRATEGIES ON PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE BUILDING PERMITS

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3793. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmembers Barnett, Goodrich, Griffiths, Rizzo, Weideman, and Ashcraft, Mayor Furey, and Tim Beck spoke.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

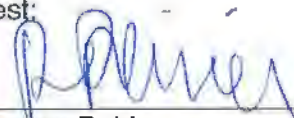
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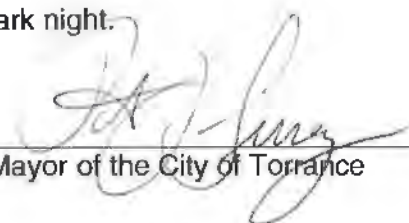
**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 26, 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, January 19, 2016 is a City Council dark night.

Attest:

  
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Rebecca Poirier  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on February 2, 2016