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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – APRIL 12, 2016

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At 9:31 p.m. City Council adjourned to Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

April 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 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 Attorney Sullivan, City Clerk Poirier and other staff representatives.
Assistant City Manager Giordano joined the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Agenda Item 13A was considered out of order at this time.

13A. APPEAL OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION DECISION SUSTAINING TERMINATION OF A POLICE OFFICER

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council conduct a hearing on the appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision sustaining the termination of a Police Officer and that the hearing will be conducted in closed session, unless the employee requests to have the hearing in public session and that the City Council's deliberation of this matter shall occur in executive session.

The City Council immediately recessed to consider this matter in closed session.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to uphold the Civil Service decision sustaining the termination of a Police Officer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by a 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Rizzo abstaining.

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:25 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, and Item 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957 and § 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:20 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 Chaplain Dan Hudson.

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, April 7, 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

City Manager Jackson announced that a resignation letter from Patrick Furey Jr. was received late this afternoon therefore Agenda Item 12D has been withdrawn. Supplemental material was available for Item 12D (2).

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Poirier asked for clarification on Mayor Furey's vote on Agenda Item 12B from the April 5, 2016 City Council meeting due to issues with the Granicus voting system. The Mayor stated his intention was for the vote to be abstain and the City Clerk made note of the correction.

Mayor Furey announced that the Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager Assembly Room to discuss the federal legislative update, transportation reauthorization, drones, Mobile Now Act and other topics of interest to the City.

Mayor Furey announced the Torrance businesses that were recognized at the 9th Annual Torrance Advantage Awards that took place on March 31, 2016.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE "PLAY BALL DAY"

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring April 16, 2016 as "Play Ball Day" in the City of Torrance to Kevin Tyler, owner of Torrance Batting Cages, and announced that the Torrance Batting Cages at Wilson Park will be hosting a Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run Competition on Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring April 10-16, 2016 as "National Library Week" in the City of Torrance to Harry Ross, Chair of the Library Commission.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK"

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 10-16, 2016 as "National Volunteer Week" in the City of Torrance to Burton Dobratz, who accepted on behalf of City of Torrance volunteers.

Volunteer Coordinator Brianne King highlighted the accomplishments of the following volunteers: Myron Klaffer, Joy Urada, Burton Dobratz, Suzan Hubert, Bhagwan Gidvani, Jean O'Dell, Jahanna Morin, Bob Habel, Andrew Zander, Lynn Robinson, Neil Kalanack, Richard Ruan, Mark Rubke, Dorothy Austin, Dale Lincoln, Gary Sharman, Reiko Higa, Shirley Tanaka, Donna Dunlap, Shiori Sugiyama, and Valdean Clark.

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Police Chief Matsuda reported on recent coyote sightings and animal attacks in Torrance and offered tips for safeguarding pets.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

The following 14 people spoke: Linda Gottshall-Sayed, Mark Stephenson, Mike Moran, Arthur Schaper, Carol Gilles, Chef Schafer, Jimmy Gow, Kathy Sutton, Paul Cohen, John Paul Tabakian, Annie Ko, Maureen Mauk, Arthur Plourde, and Tim Beck.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of March 15, 2016.

8B. PLANNING COMMISSION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Community Development Director that City Council accept and file the Planning Commission 2015 Annual Report.

8C. FEBRUARY 2016 INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of February 2016.

8D. CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE/INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT LOS ARBOLES "ROCKETSHIP" PARK

Considered separately, see below.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8B and 8C. 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. CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE/INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT LOS ARBOLES "ROCKETSHIP" PARK

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council authorize a contract in the amount of \$128,019.47 with Dave Bang and Associates, Inc. of Tustin, CA, for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment at Los Arboles 'Rocketship' Park, 5101 Calle De Ricardo.

Councilmember Griffiths commended Community Services Department staff for their efforts with regard to this much-needed project.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING FOR OPAL STREET SEWER PROJECT

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Accept \$525,000 from Del Amo Fashion Center and \$175,000 from Madrona F&FLLC and appropriate the combined amount of \$700,000 to the Opal Street Sewer Project (B2016-04) as provided in an agreement with the City of Torrance and Del Amo Fashion Center and Madrona F&FLLC; and
- 2) Appropriate \$372,442.60 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund balance to the Opal Street Sewer Project (B2016-04) to provide the balance of funds needed for construction, inspection, geotechnical services and in-house project management.

Engineering Manager Dettle provided a brief summary of the Opal Street Sewer Project.

Arthur Plourde requested clarification of the cost of in-house project management, which was provided by Public Works Director Beste.

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

12B. AGREEMENTS RE OPAL STREET SEWER PROJECT

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the Opal Street Sewer Project (B2016-04); and
- 2) Waive a minor irregularity in the Bidder's Submittal from Cedro Construction, Inc., of Santa iPaula, CA, the lowest responsive bidder; and
- 3) Award a two-year Public Works Agreement to Cedro Construction, Inc. of Santa Paula, CA in the amount of \$851,094 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$42,555 to construct the Opal Street Sewer Project (B2016-04); and
- 4) Award two-year Consulting Services Agreement to KOA Corporation of Monterey Park, CA in the amount of \$80,016 to provide construction inspection services for this project; and
- 5) Award a two-year Consulting Services Agreement to Inspection Services, Inc. of Torrance, CA in the amount of \$48,777.60 to provide geotechnical services for this project.

Engineering Manager Dettle 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 vote.

12C. CHANGE ORDER RE TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT, SIGNAL CONTROLLER HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND SUPPORT

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve change order #2 to purchase order 2015-181 with Econolite Control Products of Anaheim, CA for the purchase of traffic control equipment, signal controller hardware, software and support on an as-needed basis. This change order will increase the amount of the purchase order from \$500,000 to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$915,000 (increase of \$415,000) and extend the term for an additional year to June 30, 2017.

Street Operations Manager Cooper reviewed the staff recommendation.

Responding to questions from the Council, Street Operations Manager Cooper confirmed that the City seeks reimbursement for damage to traffic control equipment caused by power surges and traffic accidents and these claims are handled by the City's Risk Management Department. He reported that cameras to be installed at several intersections in conjunction with this project are designed to monitor and expedite traffic flow and the intersections were selected because they meet eligibility requirements for grant funding from L.A. County Metropolitan Transit Authority.

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

12D. CONSIDERATION OF REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER

Pursuant to Council direction, the City Manager recommends that City Council consider the removal of Patrick Furey, Jr. from the Traffic Commission.

Item was withdrawn.

13. HEARINGS

13A. APPEAL OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION DECISION SUSTAINING TERMINATION OF A POLICE OFFICER

Considered out of order, see page 1.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

Councilmember Barnett spoke.

Councilmember Goodrich spoke.

Councilmember Griffiths spoke.

Councilmember Weideman spoke.

Mayor Furey spoke.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

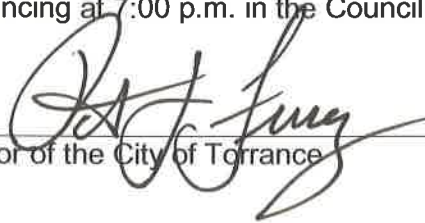
19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:31 p.m. City Council adjourned to Tuesday, April 19, 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 May 10, 2016