

INDEX
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – MAY 10, 2016

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
<u>OPENING CEREMONIES</u>	
1. Call to Order/Roll Call	1
2. Flag Salute/Invocation	1
3. Affidavit of Posting/Waive Further Reading	1
4. Withdrawn, Deferred or Supplemental Items	2
5. Council Committee Meetings and Announcements	2
6. <u>COMMUNITY MATTERS</u>	
6A. Resolution No. 2016-40 re Giang To	2
6B. Recognition of Alex Mainvielle for Athletic Accomplishments	3
6C. Presentation re 2016 Hometown Heroes Military Recognition Program	3
7. <u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1</u>	3
8. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>	
8A. Approval of Minutes	3
8B. Appropriation of Asset Forfeiture Funds	3
8C. Revised Class Specification for Facilities Services Manager	4
8D. Acceptance/Appropriation of Friends of the Torrance Library Donation	4
8E. Acceptance/Appropriation of South Bay Genealogical Society Donation	3, 4
8F. Expenditure for Annual Library Staff Recognition	4, 5
8G. Amendment to Fee Agreement for Legal Services	4, 5-6
8H. Title Change for Water Operations Supervisor	4
8I. Agreement re Integrated Library System	4
12. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</u>	
12A. Citywide Street Tree Master Plan	6-7
12B. Resolution re Salary Range for Administrative Services Manager	7
12C. Resolution re Title Change for Water Operations Supervisor	7
13. <u>HEARINGS</u>	
13A. 2015-17 Operating Budget and 2016-21 Capital Budget Plan	8-9
17. <u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2</u>	9
18. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>	1, 10
19. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	10

At 10:06 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The second City Council 2015-2017 Second Year Operating Budget Workshop/Public Hearing will be considered during the regular City Council meeting.

**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 10, 2016 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Barnett.

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) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code § 54957.6 and § 54956.9(d)(1).

The City Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember Barnett. 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, May 5, 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 (absent Councilmember Barnett).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Items 8G (2), 8I, 12A and 13A (2).

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Goodrich requested that tonight's City Council meeting be adjourned in honor of Connor Everts, Torrance resident and acclaimed artist, who passed away on April 24, 2016 at the age of 88.

Councilmember Weideman reported that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee met earlier today to review and recommend the proposed design for the 2017 Torrance Rose Parade float.

Councilmember Ashcraft announced that the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Assembly Room to discuss the update of the 2016 Crossing Guard Program.

Councilmember Ashcraft announced that the Ad Hoc Naming of Public Facilities will meet on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Assembly Room to discuss the renaming of individual city-owned hanger rows and gates at the Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field.

Mayor Furey thanked the community for their cooperation during the ExxonMobil refinery restart process that occurred on Monday evening through Tuesday morning, noting that ExxonMobil released a statement confirming that the refinery completed the six-hour start-up period per the terms of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Order for Abatement. He explained that this was the beginning of a complex sequence to restore the refinery to full operation; that air quality was monitored by the SCAQMD during the process and results indicated that levels of particulate matter 2.5 and 10 were within air quality standards; and that a link to the results is available at www.TorranceCA.gov/refinery.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-40 RE GIANG TO

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING OFFICER GIANG TO OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-40. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RECOGNITION OF ALEX MAINVIELLE

Mayor Furey recognized Alex Mainvielle for his inclusion on the City of Torrance Youth Sports "Wall on Honor" and highlighted his accomplishments during the 2015 USA Track and Field Youth Championships and the 2015 USA National Junior Olympics Track and Field Championships.

6C. PRESENTATION OF 2016 HOMETOWN HEROES MILITARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM BANNERS

Mayor Furey provided background information about the Hometown Heroes Military Recognition Program, which recognizes active and retired members of the military with banners to be displayed along Torrance Boulevard during the City's annual Armed Forces Day celebration. The following 2016 Hometown Heroes were recognized and service members and/or their friends and family were presented with a replica of their banners: Charles Davis, Michael P. O'Brien, Michael Morgan, Gary Arneson, Steven Mandel, Brandon Gregory, and John Krok.

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

8E. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF SOUTH BAY CITIES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DONATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a \$1,000 donation for Library materials from the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society.

Mayor Furey thanked the South Bay Cities Genealogical Society for this donation and for their assistance in offering genealogical services at the Torrance Library.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to accept and appropriate the donation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

The following 9 people spoke: Steven Goldsmith, Ken Christiansen, Jean Adelsman, Michael Bell, Carole Gilles, Terri Scotto, Debbie Hays, Ms. Doty, and Diane Kim.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of April 12, 2016 and April 19, 2016.

8B. APPROPRIATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$94,260.48 of asset forfeiture funds for personal protective equipment for Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) personnel; and;
- 2) Authorize a purchase order to Aardvark Tactical Corporation of La Verne, CA, in the amount of \$94,260.48 for the purchase of ballistic entry vests and hard armor plates.

8C. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR FACILITIES SERVICES MANAGER

Recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the Human Resources Administrator that City Council approve the Revised Class Specification for Facilities Services Manager.

8D. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY DONATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Accept and appropriate a \$60,000 donation for downloadable audio materials; and
- 2) Accept and appropriate a \$11,567 donation for adult programming from the Friends of the Torrance Library.

8E. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF SOUTH BAY CITIES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DONATION

Considered separately, see page 3.

8F. EXPENDITURE FOR ANNUAL LIBRARY STAFF RECOGNITION

Considered separately, see page 5.

8G. AMENDMENT TO FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Considered separately, see pages 5-6.

8H. TITLE CHANGE FOR WATER OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the Human Resources Administrator that City Council approve the Title Change for the Water Operations Supervisor.

8I. AGREEMENT RE INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve:

- 1) A five-year agreement with SirsiDynix Inc., of Lehi, UT (RFP B2015-45) in the amount of \$338,241 to furnish, install, and maintain an Integrated Library System for the Torrance Public Library beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021; and
- 2) Appropriate one-time funding of \$35,390 from the Torrance Public Library's Public Library Funds for the first year implementation.

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

- Consent Calendar Items 8F and 8G were considered separately at this time.

8F. EXPENDITURE FOR ANNUAL LIBRARY STAFF RECOGNITION

Recommendation of the Library Commission that City Council approve the expenditure for an amount of \$1,300 for annual Library staff recognition.

Councilmember Weideman stated that according to the City Manager's Note (staff report – page 2), the recognition of individual employees by a commission is not a standard practice and asked about the funding source.

Harry Ross, chair of the Library Commission, reported that the commission used to hold an event to recognize employees, but many part-time employees were unable to attend, so commissioners decided to give them gift cards instead.

City Librarian Theyer clarified that the Library Commission's budget includes an allocation for events, which would be the funding source for this item.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to approve the expenditure. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

8G. AMENDMENT TO FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$20,000 from the Aeronautical Fund Balance; and
- 2) Approve a first amendment to the fee agreement with Buchalter Nemer of Irvine, CA (C2015-072) to provide legal services relating to airport land use issues for an additional \$20,000, for a new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$59,500.

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan noted that these legal services are for land use issues related to the South Bay Lexus project.

Jim Gates asserted that this was a misuse of airport funds because the City Charter specifies that the Aeronautical Fund is to be used to operate, maintain and improve the airport only. He voiced objections to the South Bay Lexus project, which would place an auto sales lot in close proximity to Torrance Airport, contending that it would degrade airport operations and increase the City's liability.

Mayor Furey clarified that the attorneys were hired to protect the City's interests.

In response to Councilmember Griffiths' inquiry, Assistant City Attorney Sullivan advised that a portion of the \$20,000 will go to cover legal fees already incurred, but the majority will be for fees associated with a future L.A. County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) hearing.

Anne O'Brien reported that she attended the ALUC hearing at which an attorney from this firm represented the City of Torrance and the attorney gave the impression that she was representing both South Bay Lexus and the City. She called for an end to be put to the South Bay Lexus project, which has already been rejected by several entities.

Peter Donnellan questioned why the contract was not submitted to the Airport Commission for review, and Assistant City Attorney Sullivan explained that the hiring of legal counsel was not within the purview of City commissions.

Councilmember Goodrich stated that he did not believe the City should be responsible beyond the original amount of this contract since it was the decision of South Bay Lexus to continue to pursue this matter with the ALUC.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to approve the amendment to the fee agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by a 4-2 vote, with Councilmembers Goodrich and Weideman voting no (absent Councilmember Barnett).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. CITYWIDE STREET TREE MASTER PLAN

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve the Citywide Street Tree Master Plan.

With the aid of slides, Andy Trotter, West Coast Arborist, City consultant, reviewed the proposed Citywide Street Tree Master Plan.

Councilmember Griffiths asked if an effort would be made to avoid planting trees over sewer laterals due to the damage roots can cause and suggested that staff may wish to consider adding the location of sewer laterals to the street tree database at some point in the future.

Streetscape Manager Emerson explained that the Street Tree Master Plan was designed to put the right species of tree in the right place to minimize maintenance problems, but it does not address the underlying infrastructure.

Mr. Trotter explained that trying to avoid all obstacles would be too constraining and that invasive roots are typically only a problem where there are leaky sewer lines and newer construction materials are less vulnerable to leaks.

Councilmember Ashcraft asked if there have been any problems with street trees associated with the drought.

Streetscape Manager Emerson reported that no trees have been lost due to the drought, however, there have been some problems in areas using reclaimed water because certain species do not tolerate the salt and sediment it contains.

Councilmember Goodrich expressed concerns that the list of approved species includes trees that are categorized as high water users.

Mr. Trotter conceded that there was at least one tree that probably should be removed from the list due to water usage, but explained that trees that use little water can be problematic because they tend to be small and can be plagued by pests and disease and the most practical approach is to plant trees that use a moderate amount of water.

Councilmember Goodrich requested that extra attention be paid to eliminating high water users when the list is reviewed.

Mayor Furey invited public comment.

Beverly Finley noted that some species of trees drop pods that can cause people to slip and fall on sidewalks and recommended that safety issues be considered in the selection of street trees.

Mayor Furey commended staff for their efforts in drafting this comprehensive plan.

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

12B. RESOLUTION RE SALARY RANGE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER

Recommendation of the Human Resources Administrator that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Executive and Management Employees Resolution No. 2015-58 to implement the salary range for Administrative Services Manager.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence 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 (absent Councilmember Barnett).

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-44. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

12C. RESOLUTION RE TITLE CHANGE FOR WATER OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Recommendation of the Human Resources Administrator that City Council adopt a Resolution pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) amending Resolution No. 2014-26 setting forth changes regarding hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) by modifying the compensation section to reflect the title change for Water Operations Supervisor.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence 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 (absent Councilmember Barnett).

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-45. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

The City Council recessed from 8:32 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

13. HEARINGS

13A. PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET WORKSHOP RE 2015-17 OPERATING BUDGET AND 2016-21 CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council open the first public hearing and budget workshop regarding proposed revisions to the 2nd year, fiscal year 2016-17, of the City of Torrance two-year 2015-17 Operating Budget and discuss the 2016-21 Capital Budget Plan.

Mayor Furey announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Poirier confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

With the aid of slides, Finance Director Tsao provided an overview of proposed revisions to the 2nd year of the 2015-17 Operating Budget and the 2016-21 Capital Budget Plan.

Councilmember Goodrich asked if airport noise monitoring equipment was functioning properly since it is scheduled for replacement in FY 2019-20, and Community Development Director Gibson advised that the equipment is functional but in need of upgrading to take advantage of newer technology.

Councilmember Goodrich stated that he would like more funding allocated for improving the condition of roadways because this continues to be a major issue for residents.

City Manager Jackson cautioned that the budget continues to be tight and the major refurbishment of a street costs millions of dollars. He pointed out that a series of large street improvement projects are underway and major intersection improvement projects at Hawthorne Boulevard/Pacific Coast Highway and 182nd Street/Crenshaw Boulevard are on the horizon. He suggested that there may be additional funding available for this purpose in upcoming years due to increases in sales taxes at the mall and the restoration of utility users' taxes as the refinery resumes operation.

Councilmember Goodrich acknowledged the constraints staff is facing, but expressed the hope that some additional funding could be allocated for street improvements.

Mayor Furey noted that the cost of repaving even one major artery would exhaust the City's annual budget and stressed the need to lobby federal, state and county elected officials so that Torrance receives its fair share of funding for street improvements.

Councilmember Ashcraft stated that she was not in favor of funding the 4th of July fireworks show on an ongoing basis and believes it should be funded by donations and/or sponsorships until the City is in a more solid financial position. She expressed concerns about proposed funding for the Historic Preservation Program - \$92,198 (6 months)/ \$168,110 (annual ongoing) and the Tree/View Ordinance - \$60,492 (6 months/ \$167,610 (annual ongoing), explaining that while these are only estimates because the details of these programs have not been finalized, she had hoped that they would be cost neutral.

Councilmember Weideman voiced support for setting aside funding for the Historic Preservation Program and the Tree/View Ordinance, relating his belief that it was important

to have funding available to implement these programs after all the time and effort that has been spent to create them. He noted that major strides in improving the condition of roadways have been made under this Council, including reducing the Residential Slurry Seal program from a cycle of 10-14 years to 5-7 years, and echoed Mayor Furey's remarks about the need to lobby for outside funding. He also expressed support for providing funding for the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation because it enhances the quality of life for residents.

Councilmember Griffiths voiced his opinion that on-going funding for the 4th of July fireworks show should be included in the budget because there is strong support among residents for this event and the City can always seek sponsorships in the future to help defray the cost. He commented that he was pleased that funding has been restored for Concerts in the Park and expressed support for providing funding for the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, citing the benefit to the community. He agreed that funding should be set aside for the Historic Preservation Program and the Tree/View Ordinance, noting that the figures are likely high because it's not known what form they will ultimately take. He pointed out that the City has made great progress in improving the infrastructure during his time on the Council and commended staff for their efforts in obtaining outside funding for such projects.

Councilmember Rizzo voiced support for setting aside funding for the implementation of the Historic Preservation Program and the Tree/View Ordinance. He commented that he was pleased that funding for cultural arts programs and other events that bring the community together has been restored after years of belt-tightening. He related his belief that the City should stay the course with regard to roadway improvements and paying down pension debt because progress is being made.

Mayor Furey invited public comment.

Christian Wolfe, executive director of Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation (TCAF), encouraged the Council to continue to provide the same level of support for the foundation, citing the benefit to the community.

Tammy Kahn, Jean Adelsman, Miriam Fong, Heidi Cunningham and Milton Herring, TCAF board members, also urged that the Council continue to provide support for the TCAF.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

Councilmember Weideman spoke.

Councilmember Ashcraft spoke.

Councilmember Griffiths spoke

Mayor Furey spoke.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

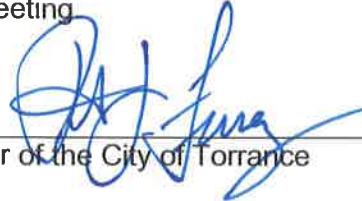
19. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:06 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The second City Council 2015-2017 Second Year Operating Budget Workshop/Public Hearing will be considered during the regular City Council meeting.

Attest:



Rebecca Poirier
City Clerk of the City of Torrance



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on June 14, 2016