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At 8:48 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for a closed session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 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.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Barnett.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Goodrich.

**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, June 16, 2016.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

**4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred. Supplemental material was available for Item 9C.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Ashcraft requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of retired Torrance Fire Captain Edward Hewitt Jr. who passed away on June 17, 2016 at the age of 70.

Councilmember Weideman, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item to subsidize the fees for the use of the Ken Miller Recreation Center by the Torrance Rose Float Association for a luau/fundraiser on August 6, 2016.

Councilmember Barnett announced that the 2016 Fourth of July Fireworks Show will be held in the Civic Center and viewing areas will be set up between the police station and the courthouse, as well as the Toyota Sports Complex, with additional information available at [www.torranceca.gov/fireworks](http://www.torranceca.gov/fireworks) or 310-618-2930.

Mayor Furey gave a brief update on his efforts to engage high school seniors with local government, noting that during the 2015-2016 school year, he was able to reach out to 1,460 seniors at Torrance High, South High, West High, North High and Bishop Montgomery.

Police Chief Matsuda provided an update on the coyote issue, noting that in the past week there were 30 coyote sightings, 4 deceased cats, 4 deceased dogs and 1 dog attack. He reported that bike patrols are continuing to educate residents and to haze coyotes whenever possible; that warning signs are being installed at Hickory, Lago Seco and Wilson parks and Madrona Marsh; and that door-hangers are being distributed in targeted neighborhoods. He advised that a Wilderness Watch training session has been scheduled for July to prepare for National Night Out in August; that the Coyote Management Plan is being finalized, and that a user-friendly coyote mapping program accessible on the TPD website is being developed. Additionally, he reported that feral cat feeders have been notified to stop feeding feral cats at Wilson Park and Animal Control Officers have contacted residents who continue to feed wildlife at their homes to urge them not to do so. He offered safety tips for dealing with coyotes.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-62 RE OFFICER KEVIN TAUALLI**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-62**

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

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-62. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6B. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONER JIM STADLER**

Mayor Furey recognized outgoing Commission Jim Stadler for his dedicated service on the Civil Service Commission.

**6C. ACCEPTANCE OF REBATE FOR ENERGY LEADERSHIP PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council accept a rebate check from South Bay Cities Council of Governments Energy Team and Southern California Edison in the amount of \$70,222.83 for Energy Savings as part of the Energy Leader Partnership Program.

Marilyn Lyon and Greg Stevens, South Bay Cities Council of Governments Energy Team, and Constance Turner, Southern California Edison, presented an Energy Savings rebate check, which was the result of lighting retrofits at 11 City facilities, to General Services Facilities Manager Jon Landis and Mayor Furey.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to accept the rebate check from Southern California Edison. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

**6D. RECOGNITION OF NORTH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM**

Mayor Furey recognized the North High School Girls Softball team for winning the 2016 CIF Southern Section Division 4 Championship and also recognized Alyssa Loza for being selected to the Premier Girls Fastpitch High School All-American Game. Coach Howard Miller introduced team members Abbi Alexander, Toshonnie Baker, Amie Crawford, Brianna Diaz, Samantha Fernandez, Veronica Garcia, Marissa Garza, Isabella Gonzalez, Jennifer Guerrero, Cynthia Guerrero, Rayann Hsieh, Jordyn Kolone, Alyssa Loza, Kyndra Marzorini, Desiree Moreno, Jocilyn Rodriguez, Lauren Sabihon, Alexis Sargent, Natalie Saucedo, Nessie Smith, Kylie Wells, and Allyssa Wing; and Assistant Coaches Jim Carrico, Sarah Goforth, Dan Romero, and Kerry Winter.

**6E. RECOGNITION OF AYSO REGION 16 (U-9) GIRLS EXTRA TEAM**

Mayor Furey recognized the AYSO Region 16 (under 9) Girls Extra Team for capturing 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Western States Championship. Coach Gina Mullin introduced team members Linda Lepe, Alexandra Garcia, Kailyn Magpoc, Lia Mullin, Isabella Nunez, Kathryn Santiago, Olivia Husen, Isabella Rahman, and Lily Fulton; Assistant Coach Gustavo Nunez; and Team Manager Sandra Santiago.

**6F. RECOGNITION OF AYSO REGION 16 (U-11) GIRLS EXTRA TEAM**

Mayor Furey recognized the AYSO Region 16 (under 11) Girls Extra Team for capturing 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Western States Championship. Coach Cesar Lepe introduced team members Rilynn Arnold, Tensaye Ballard, Vanessa Chok, Brisa Gallard, Kierra Lambeth, Nora Lepe, Vanessa Lopez, Jordan Mendoza, Mackenzie Monson, Ariana Ramirez, Kaylee Rynski and Lan Shimizu; Assistant Coach Noel Mariscoal; and Team Managers Scott Mendoza and K.L. Chok.

**6G. PRESENTATION BY WESTCAL ACADEMY**

John Paul Tabakian, president of WestCal Academy, gave a brief presentation on the academy's programs, which provide a public and private career pathway for students, and past and present students reported on their experience.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

The following 4 people spoke: Denielle Johnson, Bev Findley, Arnold Goldstein, and Janet Payne.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER BOOK COLLECTION HOUSING/LENDING**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve an extension of the Memoranda of Understanding between the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and the Library Division for housing and lending of the Environmental Services Center book collection.

**8B. COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY2016-17**

Recommendation of the Cultural Arts Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve \$5,000 in funds for Community Arts Grant Program Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

**8C. AMENDMENT TO FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$12,000 from the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund; and
- 2) Approve a fourth amendment to the fee agreement with Rutan & Tucker, LLP of Costa Mesa, CA (C2014-111) regarding Katie Bassilios v. City of Torrance, for an additional \$12,000, for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$422,000.

**8D. FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate 270,000 from the Self Insurance Reserve Fund; and
- 2) Approve a fee agreement with Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart of Costa Mesa, CA regarding Corazon Espano, et al. v. City of Torrance, et al., in an amount not to exceed \$320,000.

**8E. BANDWIDTH UPGRADE FOR INTERNET SERVICE AT CITY HALL**

Considered separately, see page 5.

**8F. AGREEMENT RE BOCCE COURTS INSTALLATION AT COLUMBIA PARK**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director and Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a transfer of \$170,566 from FEAP 148 to the Bocce Courts Installation at Columbia Park project, FEAP 914;
- 2) Determine that the Bocce Courts Installation at Columbia Park, FEAP 914 is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15332 of the Guidelines implementing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- 3) Approve the plans and specifications for the Bocce Courts Installation at Columbia Park, FEAP 914 (B2016-18); and
- 4) Award a two-year public works agreement to Salix Development, Inc., of Northridge, CA, (B2016-18) in an amount not-to-exceed \$197,674 with a contingency in the amount of \$19,768 (approximately 10%) to construct the Bocce Courts Installation at Columbia Park project, FEAP 914, from June 21, 2016 to June 20, 2018.

**8G. CITYWIDE SIDEWALK RAMPING AND GRINDING PROGRAM**

Considered separately, see page 5.

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

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

**8E. BANDWIDTH UPGRADE FOR INTERNET SERVICE AT CITY HALL**

Recommendation of the Communications and Information Technology Director that City Council approve an amendment to the contract with Time Warner Cable (C2011-069) to provide internet service at City Hall from \$2,000 per month for 45 mbps dedicated internet service for five years to \$1,825 per month for 200 mbps dedicated internet service for five years effective upon signing Time Warner Cable Service Order #6660318; an annual savings of \$2,100.

Councilmember Griffiths highlighted the fact that this bandwidth upgrade will quadruple the speed of internet service at City Hall at a reduced monthly cost.

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

**8G. CITYWIDE SIDEWALK RAMPING AND GRINDING PROGRAM**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the specifications for the Citywide Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Project, I-152 (B2016-18); and
- 2) Approve a two-year Public Works Agreement with Hardy and Harper, Inc. of Santa Ana, CA, (B2016-18) in the amount of \$242,777 with a 5% contingency in the amount of \$12,139 for construction of the Citywide Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Program, I-152 from June 21, 2016 to June 20, 2018.

Councilmember Goodrich expressed concerns that not all asphalt patches are being painted to match the sidewalk.

Project Manager Finton reported that this contract includes the painting of asphalt patches as has previous contracts, however, some the patching done by City crews was not painted gray and staff was currently looking at ways to accomplish this.

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

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**9A. CROSSING GUARD POST COVERAGE FOR 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR**

Recommendation of the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee that City Council:

- 1) Maintain the 2015/16 post coverage for 2016-17 school year; and
- 2) Review post coverage for the 2016/17 school year and return to the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee for further direction prior to the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Councilmember Ashcraft, chair of the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee, reviewed the Committee's recommendation.

Police Lieutenant Athan advised that staff conducted a survey of crossing guard posts and determined that the current coverage is adequate and was therefore recommending no changes at this time.

Operations Supervisor Aceves reported that the majority of feedback from the community regarding the changes made last year has been very positive.

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

**9B. 2016-17 GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution accepting the 2016-17 Grant Assistance Program contract;
- 2) Authorize the Chief of Police as the City's signatory for the contract;
- 3) Appropriate and allocate the \$57,495 award for alcohol-related education and enforcement.

Police Lieutenant Athan provided a brief summary of the staff report.

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

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-63. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**9C. AGREEMENT TO HIRE A HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONSULTANT**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council award a Consulting Services Agreement to Page & Turnbull, Inc., of Los Angeles, CA (B2016-10) in the amount of \$50,350 with a 5% contingency of \$2,517.50 for the Historic Preservation Plan and Ordinance Development from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna reviewed the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Griffiths, Councilmember Weideman and Councilmember Goodrich commented positively on the selection of this very well qualified firm.

Janet Payne requested clarification regarding the scope of the consultant's work, which was provided by staff and the Council.

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

**9D. AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF TREATED WATER FROM GOLDSWORTHY DESALTER PROJECT**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that the City Council approve an amendment to extend an existing agreement (C2012-106) with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) for water procured from the Goldsworthy Desalter Project in an estimated amount of \$1,125,000 for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. The terms, conditions and pricing of the current agreement remain unchanged.

Sr. Administrative Analyst Schaich reviewed the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Griffiths noted that the Goldsworthy Desalter is a valuable asset that allows the City provide water to residents at a very reduced rate.

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

**9E. ORDINANCE RE STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION CONTROL**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance amending the Torrance Municipal Code, Division 4, Chapter 10 regarding Storm Water and Urban Runoff Pollution Control; and
- 2) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna 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.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3803. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**9F. RESOLUTION NAMING HANGAR ROWS, GATES AND VIEWING DECK AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT – ZAMPERINI FIELD**

Recommendation of the City Council Ad Hoc Naming of Public Facilities Committee that City Council:

- 1) Approve the application to name twenty-one (21) hangar rows, two (2) gates, and one (1) viewing deck at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution naming these areas and install exterior signage along the airport; and
- 3) Appropriate \$40,000 from the Airport Aeronautical Fund Balance.

Business Operations Manager Megerdichian provided a summary of the staff report.

Councilmember Goodrich noted that he spearheaded this project and reviewed the long process it has taken to get to this point. He related his belief that the signage highlighting the airport's history will be a great addition and thanked everyone involved.

Councilmember Ashcraft and Councilmember Weideman, Ad Hoc Committee members, along with the chair Councilmember Barnett, thanked staff and others who contributed to the extensive research done for this project.

Anne O'Brien commented positively on the project, noting that she was very pleased to have been involved.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich moved to concur with the staff recommendation and to direct staff to arrange a public ceremony/unveiling once the signage has been installed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-64. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

10. **HEARINGS** – None scheduled.

11. **APPEALS** - None scheduled.

12. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

12A. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3802**

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 3802 amending portions of Chapter 9 of Division 7 of the Torrance Municipal Code relating to Flood Hazard Insurance.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Griffiths moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3802. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

13. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

The following 3 people spoke: Bob Chiota, Joel Massa, and Margaret Kingman

Councilmember Griffiths, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item to subsidize the fees for the use of the Torrance Art Museum by the Torrance Salvation Army for a fundraiser on July 30, 2016.

Councilmember Barnett spoke.

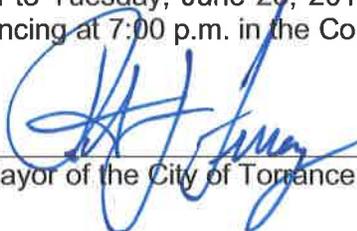
14. **CLOSED SESSION** – None scheduled.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:48 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for a closed session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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 July 12, 2016