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At 9:18 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, October 4, 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 a joint session with the Torrance Library Commission at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Community Meeting Room.

**ROLL CALL**

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Ashcraft.

**COMMISSION**

Present: Commissioners Gerber, Haussmann, Javaid, Lambert, Perkins and Ross.

Absent: Commissioner Ravine.

Topics of discussion included homework centers; online homework help; collections, programs and services; serving the non-traditional student; and future needs.

The Library Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:15 and the City Council recessed to conduct regular business no earlier than 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

At 7:00 p.m. the City Council meeting was reconvened.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Ashcraft.

Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, Assistant City Attorney Sullivan, City Clerk Poirier and other staff representatives.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Weideman.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Mayor Furey.

**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 and on the City's website on Thursday, September 22, 2016 and a revised agenda was posted on Friday, September 23, 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 6-0 vote, absent Councilmember Ashcraft.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Item 9B was deferred to a later date. Supplemental material was available for Items 9A and 9B.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Poirier announced that the voter registration deadline is Monday, October 24, for the Tuesday, November 8 General Election and registration must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than that date.

City Clerk Poirier announced that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/ County Clerk will begin mailing sample ballot pamphlets for the November 8th election beginning Thursday, September 29 continuing through Tuesday, October 18 and that Vote by Mail ballots will be mailed beginning October 11.

Mayor Furey, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff return with an item to subsidize the fees for the use of Wilson Park by the American Cancer Society for the "Bark for Life" event to be held on Sunday, October 23, 2016.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. PROCLAMATION RE "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"**

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 9 through October 15, 2016 as "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Torrance to Fire Prevention Specialist Chris Rhodes.

**6B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED TORRANCE POLICE FOUNDATION**

Frank Scotto, Jack Messerlian, and Florence Chung discussed the newly established Torrance Police Foundation, a non-profit organization formed to provide resources and support for the Torrance Police Department, and major sponsors were recognized.

**6C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF TORRANCE POLICE FOUNDATION GRANT**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the inaugural, Torrance Police Foundation grant award in the amount of \$26,390.74; and
- 2) Appropriate and allocate the grant monies to acquire Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for police vehicles.

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

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

The following 10 people spoke: Mary Ann McFarland, Elaine Wilson, Connie Sullivan, Don Clay, Cathleen Clay, Craig Kessler, Steve Goldsmith, Kevin Brady, Mike Kosidlak, and Joan Wood.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of September 13, 2016.

**8B. SUBSIDY OF RENTAL FEES FOR USE OF GEORGE NAKANO THEATRE**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the request to subsidize fees for the use of the George Nakano Theatre by Assembly Member David Hadley and Senator Ben Allen for town hall on addressing homelessness in the South Bay on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

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

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore of Los Angeles, CA in the amount of \$8,000 to provide legal services pertaining to personnel matter #A16-000667.

**8D. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 72451**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 72451; and
- 2) Accept variable width water easement; and
- 3) Accept an additional 4' wide sewer easement; and
- 4) Accept various street easements along north and south sides of Carson Street east of Hawthorne Boulevard. The Final Parcel Map consists of a 12 lot subdivision for the Del Amo Fashion Center. The project is owned by Del Amo Fashion Center Operating Company, L.L.C., Del Amo Fashion Center Holding Company, L.L.C., and Macy's West Stores, Inc. The project is located at 3525 Carson Street. The Final Parcel Map substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Parcel Map.

**8E. LIBRARY COMMISSION 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

Recommendation of the Library Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the Library Commission 2015-2016 annual report.

**8F. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY DONATION**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a \$26,000 donation for the training service Lynda.com from the Friends of the Torrance Library.

**8G. 2017 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council:

- 1) Accept the 2017 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant agreement; and
- 2) Appropriate and allocate the award in the amount of \$260,000 for traffic safety enforcement, education, equipment and supplies; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager as the city's signatory for the agreement.

**8H. AGREEMENT FOR IN-SERVICE FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAM**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council approve an agreement with El Camino Community College District ("District") for in-service firefighter training program.

**8I. AMENDMENT TO TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve an amendment to contract services agreement with West Coast Arborist, Inc. of Anaheim, CA (C2013-191) to exercise a one-year contract extension option in the amount of \$287,000, for a new total not to exceed amount of \$992,000, to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment required for tree and/or stump removal, tree planting and tree trimming within the city on an as requested basis from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8I. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 6-0 vote, with Councilmember Ashcraft absent.

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**9A. RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY OF TORRANCE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council adopt by title only a Resolution amending the City of Torrance Conflict of Interest Code.

Deputy City Clerk Parker reviewed the staff recommendation and noted supplemental material consisting of a red-line version of the resolution.

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

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-84. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herring and passed by 6-0 vote, absent Councilmember Ashcraft.

**9B. APPROVAL OF TORRANCE E-NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve updated guidelines for publication of the "Torrance eNewsletter."

Continued to a later date.

**9C. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUNDING OF 2009 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution approving, authorizing and directing the execution and delivery of 2016 refunding certificates of participation (the "2016 COP") in the amount not to exceed \$26,000,000 and approving related documents and actions.

Finance Director Tsao reviewed the staff recommendation.

Mark Stephenson recommended that current information about the City's pension liabilities be incorporated into documents provided to potential investors.

Councilmember Rizzo noted that this information has been incorporated by reference.

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

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-85. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herring and passed by 6-0 vote, absent Councilmember Ashcraft.

**10. HEARINGS** – None scheduled.

**11. APPEALS** – None scheduled.

**12. SECOND READING ORDINANCES** – None scheduled.

**13. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

Dr. Genghmun Eng spoke.

A representative from Behavioral Health Services spoke.

Councilmember Griffiths spoke.

Councilmember Herring spoke.

Councilmember Weideman spoke.

Mayor Furey spoke.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:19 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 14A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, 14B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, 14C) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, and 14D) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1), 54956.9(d)(4) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 8:19 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

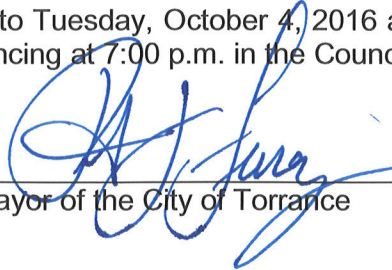
**15. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:18 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, October 4, 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:



Rebecca Poirier  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on October 18, 2016