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At 12:23 a.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, October 25, 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 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Goodrich, Griffiths, Herring, 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 Goodrich.

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 and on the City's website on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft 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 Goodrich and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred. Supplemental material was available for Items 6F and 8B.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Rizzo asked that tonight's Council meeting be adjourned in memory of Dr. Richard Allen Gibson, Sr.

Councilmember Weideman asked that tonight's Council meeting be adjourned in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Holland.

Councilmember Herring, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff return with an item to consider co-sponsoring the Vietnam Veterans of America, South Bay Chapter 53, Veteran's Day Celebration and to consider subsidizing the fees for the use of the George Nakano Theatre on Thursday, November 10, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to noon for said event.

City Clerk Poirier invited staff and the public to view the works of Marlyse Linder, who specializes in oil painting, on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of October.

City Clerk Poirier announced that the voter registration deadline is Monday, October 24, for the Tuesday, November 8 Presidential Election and voter registration must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than Monday, October 24, with additional information on registering available at www.lavote.net.

City Clerk Poirier announced that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/ County Clerk is seeking poll workers for the November 8 Election. She noted that poll worker stipends were recently increased to \$150 for inspectors and \$100 for clerks and in addition, a \$40 stipend is paid for those who attend a two-hour training class and that additional information is available at www.lavote.net.

Councilmember Goodrich, with the concurrence of Council, directed staff to return with an item to consider disseminating an RFP for the City's roller hockey program at Wilson Park.

Councilmember Ashcraft announced that the Cable Television Advisory Board would like to invite all Torrance City Commissions and City Departments to tape a group message for the holiday public service announcement. She noted that holiday PSA greetings will air on TCTV throughout the holiday season and recording will take place on Friday, November 4, 2016 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY"

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring October 22, 2016 as "Make a Difference Day" in the City of Torrance to Steve Ash, Community Services Leader at Madrona Marsh.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK"

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring October 16 through October 22, 2016 as "National Save for Retirement Week" in the City of Torrance to Dana Cortez, City Treasurer, and Carol Say, Empower Account Representative.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE "RED RIBBON WEEK"

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring October 24 through October 28, 2016 as "Red Ribbon Week" in the City of Torrance to Michelle VanLerberghe, President, Torrance Council of PTAs, and Kristi Beisel, Red Ribbon Week Chairman.

6D. PROCLAMATION RE "PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT MONTH"

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring October 2016 as "PTA Membership Month" in the City of Torrance to Michelle VanLerberghe, President, Torrance Council of PTAs, and Alicia Allen, Membership Chairman.

6E. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS

Outgoing Commissioner Cinda Herring was recognized for her dedicated service on the Civil Service Commission. Lynn Frangos was unable to attend.

6F. WORKSHOP RE TORRANCE REFINERY UPDATE

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council conduct Workshop regarding Torrance Refinery Update, receive public input and provide direction for going forward with respect to:

- A) Approve City's proposal of projects for the \$2.7 Million SCAQMD Supplemental Environment Project (SEP) Fund Air Quality Improvement Projects.
- B) Return to City Council in 3 to 6 months with an update on following items:
 - 1) Work with SCAQMD to implement SEP Projects
 - 2) Alternative Alkylation Technology
 - 3) Southern California Edison power supply reliability
 - 4) Explore services of Safety Advisor
- C) Approve dedicated staffing support of Torrance Alerts System
 - 1) Add 3.0 Staff Assistants in Cable and Community Relations

Jeff Dill, PBF Energy Western Region president, apologized for the effects of the power outage that occurred last Tuesday and renewed the company's commitment to operating the Torrance Refinery in a safe, reliable and environmentally responsible manner. He explained that recent outages were the result of problems rooted in the Southern California Edison (SCE) power delivery system and the company is working with SCE to address these problems.

Steve Steach, Refinery Manager, provided background information about the history of the refinery; discussed recent interruptions in the power supply and the resulting flaring; and reviewed the Refinery Electrical Reliability Plan developed in conjunction with Southern California Edison, which includes two new dedicated 220 kV transmission lines to the refinery. He noted that the refinery has committed to providing \$140,000 a year for five years to enhance the Torrance Alerts system.

Mr. Dill provided an overview of the report commissioned by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and prepared by Norton Engineering on available options for replacing hydrofluoric acid (HF) alkylation, noting that he agreed with the conclusions in the report but the cost estimate for converting the Torrance Refinery to a sulfuric acid alkylation unit was grossly understated. He reported that a Chevron refinery in Salt Lake City is converting its HF alkylation unit to ionic liquids alkylation, a promising technology not covered in the report.

Paul Grigaux, Vice President of Transmission, Substations & Operations for Southern California Edison, apologized for problems caused by recent power disruptions and outages; discussed the causes; and reviewed efforts underway to avoid such incidents in the future. He reported that completing the dedicated transmission lines could take 2-3 years and SCE is working on short-term solutions in the interim.

Councilmember Goodrich voiced his opinion that waiting 2-3 years for a solution was not acceptable and called for SCE to make this a top priority.

Mr. Grigaux offered his assurance that the company was committed to improving service to the refinery as well as for Torrance residents.

Councilmember Griffiths echoed concerns about waiting 2-3 years for a solution and asked if the 220 kV transmission lines will still be vulnerable to disruptions caused by fog.

Mr. Grigaux reported that lines are now insulated with polymer, which makes them much less susceptible to fog.

Councilmember Griffiths asked if the refinery will be fined by the SCAQMD due to the pollution that was caused by flaring as a result of the power disruption, and Mr. Dill reported that the company was issued an NOV (notice of violation) but he didn't know if there will be a penalty.

Councilmember Griffiths suggested that SCE may be spurred to make improvements if the company had to bear some of the responsibility for fines.

Mr. Dill expressed confidence that power supply problems can be successfully resolved.

Mayor Furey reported that he, City Manager Jackson and Assistant City Manager Giordano met with SCE officials, including President Ron Nichols on Wednesday, October 12, to express concerns and demand better reliability for both the refinery and the community and Mr. Nichols vowed to do everything possible to expedite the installation of the dedicated transmission lines and the City will do the same.

Fire Chief Serna reported on the Fire Department's ongoing efforts to work with the refinery to enhance safety, increase monitoring efforts and improve emergency response. He discussed new programs designed to educate the public on emergency procedures, including training programs for businesses and schools.

Police Chief Matsuda offered background information about the Torrance Alerts emergency notification system.

Deputy Police Chief Anderson gave an overview of community alert/notification services provided per the City's current contract with Everbridge and discussed potential upgrades. He reviewed the sequence of events that occurred on Tuesday, October 11, when the Torrance Alerts system was activated due to flaring at the refinery resulting from the power outage and discussed the lessons learned from this incident and the immediate adjustments to be made.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan briefly reviewed the timeline of events since the explosion at the refinery on February 18, 2015 to the present.

Cable and Communications Manager Smith discussed the City Manager's recommendation that 3.0 Staff Assistants be added in Cable and Community Relations to allow 24-hour/7-day a week staffing for the Torrance Alerts system.

Deputy Fire Chief Dumais reviewed safety systems at the refinery, the public notification process, and community outreach/safety awareness activities. He discussed proposed statewide regulations to enhance the safety of refineries. He noted slides contained in his presentation labeled "Incident Summary" were inaccurate.

Assistant City Manager Giordano provided a status update on the \$2.7 million South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Supplemental Environment Project (SEP) Fund designated for community benefit/air quality improvement projects and the Alkylation Technology Report issued on September 9, 2016.

City Manager Jackson reviewed his recommendation that dedicated staffing be implemented for the Torrance Alerts system, noting that the Torrance Refining Company has agreed to provide \$140,000 per year for the next five years for this purpose. He stated that staff will return in 3-6 months with an update on SEP projects, SCE power supply reliability, and the possibility of hiring a Safety Consultant.

Councilmember Goodrich expressed concerns about shortcomings in the community alert system and suggested that a higher level staff position may be better able to address inadequacies as opposed to adding 24/7 staffing for the Torrance Alerts system. He also suggested that the system be tested periodically.

City Manager Jackson expressed confidence that having dedicated staff will allow for better utilization of the community alert system.

Councilmember Griffiths noted that he has been a strong proponent of the Everbridge system and believes the technology behind it is excellent, however, it has failed to live up to its promise in both the February 15, 2015 incident and the October 11, 2016 incident due to human error and poor communication and echoed concerns that adding dedicated staffing may not address the problem.

Councilmember Griffiths related his understanding that street barriers were not functional during the October 11 incident due to the power failure.

City Manager Jackson reported that there were problems with the backup system for the barriers, and staff is working with SCE and the refinery to ensure that it works in the future. He confirmed that there is a backup system for community alert sirens.

Councilmember Griffiths asked about using the City's dispatch center, which already has 24/7 staffing, to send out emergency alerts to the community.

City Manager Jackson advised that in the event of an emergency, dispatchers will be engaged in handling the emergency itself and the information provided to the public is different than information sent out to emergency responders.

Councilmember Herring expressed support for adding dedicated staffing for the community alert system, but emphasized that the people hired need to have IT skills, familiarity with the city of Torrance, and the ability to coordinate information received from the police and fire departments. He noted that he was looking forward to the new statewide regulations for refineries scheduled to go into effect in 2017, which will make residents safer. He related his understanding that there was an independent Safety Advisor/Monitor working with the refinery under the original Consent Decree.

Deputy Chief Dumais reported that the Safety Advisor worked with the City and Mobil Oil, the owner of the refinery at the time, to create the Consent Decree.

City Manager Jackson clarified that the Safety Advisor who worked on the Consent Decree reported to a judge and was paid for by funds set aside for this purpose from the oil company and that the City would be responsible for paying a Safety Consultant if the decision is made to hire one.

Councilmember Herring stated that he believes an independent Safety Monitor with expertise in chemical engineering and refinery operations is needed, who has the ability to make unannounced inspections of the refinery, with reports to be made available to the City and the community, and he favors asking PBF Energy/Torrance Refining Company to help pay for the Safety Monitor.

Councilmember Rizzo voiced support for exploring the possibility of the City having its own Safety Advisor and for adding 24/7 staffing for the community alert system. He explained that the City currently has only one Press Information Officer who is charged with getting timely and accurate information out to the community and 24/7 staffing is now needed because social media and the Internet have revolutionized the way this task is accomplished.

Councilmember Weideman expressed concerns that community alert sirens were not used on October 11, which would have immediately alerted residents within the affected area to shelter in place rather than waiting for phone calls, emails and text messages to be drafted and sent. He called for one person to be designated as the responsible party for making the decision to activate the sirens so this does not happen in the future.

Councilmember Goodrich noted that there is no guarantee that the SCAQMD will accept the City's proposals for the use of SEP funding and questioned how the City will implement the items identified as critical to the safety of the community without this funding.

Assistant City Giordano advised that staff would return to the Council to discuss options should funding not be approved.

Councilmember Rizzo agreed that there was a failure of the City's incident command system on October 11 and expressed confidence that the police and the fire departments were taking corrective action.

Mayor Furey voiced his opinion that it was incumbent upon the City to have 24/7 staffing for the community alert system and to have its own Safety Advisor. He acknowledged that mistakes were made regarding the October 11 incident, but pointed out that protecting people and property was the City's first priority. He related his belief that sending out notification citywide was warranted because the flaring was visible for many miles and even caused traffic to halt on the 405 freeway. He clarified that the community alert siren system was originally created to notify residents in the immediate area of a hydrofluoric acid leak at the refinery and was not meant to be used every time there's flaring.

The City Council recessed from 10:09 p.m. to 10:24 p.m.

Agenda Item 10A was considered out of order at this time.

10A. MHE15-00071: 112 VIA COLUSA – JOHN ERNST

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Deny the appeal and approve a Minor Hillside Exemption on property located at 112 Via Colusa to allow an as-built rooftop air conditioner unit within the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone. This project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA per Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities. MHE15-00071: John Ernst; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution denying the appeal.

Mayor Furey announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter.

City Manager Jackson reported that the parties involved had agreed to continue the hearing to November 1.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved to continue the hearing to November 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by 7-0 vote.

Discussion of Agenda Item 6F resumed.

6F. WORKSHOP RE TORRANCE REFINERY UPDATE

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council conduct Workshop regarding Torrance Refinery Update, receive public input and provide direction for going forward.

Mayor Furey invited public comment.

Sally Hyati urged that the use of hydrofluoric acid (HF) at the Torrance Refinery be replaced with a safer alternative per the Alkylation Technology Report commissioned by the SCAQMD.

Cliff Heise requested clarification regarding the City's monitoring of the Air Reduction Factor Index.

Don Clay called for the City to ban the use of HF at the Torrance Refinery and asked if realtors are required to disclose this biohazard to potential homebuyers in Torrance.

Mayor Furey explained that there are other regulatory agencies, both state and federal, that have jurisdiction over the operation of refineries and the City of Torrance does not have the power to ban the use of HF.

Jesse Marquez contended that utility companies such as SCE cannot be relied upon to prevent power outages therefore refineries need to have backup systems to prevent flaring; that flaring can also be prevented by installing a vapor recovery unit, but the refinery does not want to invest the money; and that the fire department has the authority to require both of these items.

Dr. Genghmun Eng briefly reviewed his 7 recommendations for increasing refinery safety for Torrance residents per written material previously submitted (supplemental material).

Elaine Wilson provided information obtained from a particulate monitor installed at her home and called for real time monitoring of air quality at the fence line of the refinery, with information easily available to the community.

Donna Heise noted her agreement with Councilmember Goodrich's suggestion that the Torrance Alerts system be tested periodically. She recommended that the City take advantage of residents who have expertise to help decide which projects will be the most beneficial for the community.

Antonie Churg voiced her opinion that there was fraud involved in testing done in the 1990s that established the safety of modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF) and questioned the impartiality of the Safety Advisor. She echoed Ms. Heise's suggestion that the City utilize residents with expertise who wish to volunteer their services.

Craig Sakamoto, Torrance resident and refinery employee, related his belief that the refinery was being unfairly blamed for the results of an SCE power outage, which affected 100,000 customers including the refinery, and that SCE should bear the blame for having an unreliable power supply.

Alex Holt, Torrance resident and refinery employee, stated that the new owners have been very transparent and he believes the refinery is headed in the right direction.

Pedro Palting, engineer at Torrance Refinery, explained that flaring is an essential safety device for the refinery and everything possible is done to minimize it because it interrupts the production process and the consequences include increases in prices for consumers and a reduction in tax revenue for the city.

Andrew Lamplot, engineer at Torrance Refinery, reported that the refinery is dedicated to safety and that PBF Energy has strived to be more transparent and is working with SCE to provide a more reliable operation in the future.

Al Garcia, Torrance resident and refinery employee, reported that he handles repairs at the refinery and offered his assurance that every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of the community. He noted that he would have never moved his family to Torrance if he thought it was unsafe to live here.

Mary Ann McFarland recommended that the boundaries for notification be expanded to include the area between Prairie Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard because residents in this area can be affected by flaring at the refinery depending on wind conditions. She reported that many residents cannot hear the community alert siren during the monthly testing and urged that a more robust system be installed.

Craig Kessler suggested that even though the City may not have jurisdiction to ban the use of HF at the refinery, the Council's opinion does carry weight and urged Councilmembers to make use of the bully pulpit to address the HF issue, which has been a source of concern for decades.

Al Muratsuchi stated that there is a growing awareness that flaring produces emissions that are harmful to the health of local residents; that he believes the community has gotten to the point where it's not willing to accept coexisting with the highly toxic hydrofluoric acid; and that he would like to work with all involved to move toward a safer refinery and a safer community.

City Manager Jackson reviewed the City's proposal for the \$2.7 million SCAQMD Supplemental Environment Project Fund and requested the Council's concurrence.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with the staff recommendation on Items A and B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 7-0 vote.

At Councilmember Weideman's request, City Manager Jackson provided clarification regarding the funding source for the added staff for Torrance Alerts, and Cable and Communications Manager Smith reviewed the organizational chart for the Communications Officer position.

Councilmember Weideman voiced support for the City Manager's recommendation for additional staffing.

Councilmember Griffiths doubted that adding staff would improve the process since the problem does not lie in the sending of alerts but rather a failure to clearly define the scope of an emergency before an alert is sent.

Police Chief Matsuda explained that there is a lot of activity in the Dispatch Center and the Watch Commander's office during a crisis and moving staffing for the community alert system to the City Manager's office will allow the Communications Officer to focus on getting the message out without these distractions.

Councilmember Griffiths asked who will be in charge of making the decision of what message to send out and to whom, and Police Chief Matsuda advised that the Incident Commander will make that decision and will speak directly with the Communications Officer.

Councilmember Goodrich stated that he was little dismayed that funding for the added staffing would come from Capital Projects since improving streets a high priority for him and requested that alternative sources of funding be explored in the future. He further stated that he would support adding these positions because the health and safety of residents is even more important than roads, relating his belief that this was the City's last chance to get it right.

Sandy Cartier expressed concerns about the storage of HF at the refinery.

Dr. Genghmun Eng suggested that the Communications Officer be sited at the refinery.

Cliff Heise expressed concerns that the City's radio station CitiSounds is difficult to hear due to the weak signal.

Cable and Communications Manager Smith advised that CitiSounds is a traffic and highway related license and therefore limited to a low wattage.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with the staff recommendation on Item C and accept and appropriate \$140,000 from PBF Energy for five years. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Griffiths voting no.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

The following 5 people spoke: Joseph Lopez, Carol Gilles, Jimmy Gow, Sophie Dreyfuss, and Dr. Genghmun Eng.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of September 20, 2016 and September 27, 2016.

8B. CONTRACTS RE TORRANCE SEASONS PUBLICATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract services agreement with Creative Vision Group of Costa Mesa, CA (B2016-33) in the amount \$40,300 with a 5% contingency of \$2,015 for the design of the Torrance Seasons Publication for a three-year period beginning October 1, 2016 and ending October 1, 2019; and

- 2) Award a contract services agreement with iColor Printing & Mailing, Inc. of Los Angeles, CA (B2016-32) for printing of the Torrance Seasons Publication in the amount of \$95,460 with a 5% contingency of \$4,773 for a three-year period beginning November 1, 2016 and ending October 31, 2019; and
- 3) Award a contract services agreement with Perry Mailing Services, Inc. of Torrance, CA (B2016-41) for delivery of the Torrance Seasons Publication in the amount of \$51,456 with a 5% contingency of \$2,572.80 for a three-year period beginning November 1, 2016 and ending October 31, 2019.

8C. CHANGE ORDER RE MATERIALS FOR TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize a change order to the purchase order to Ingram Library Services Inc. of La Vergne, TN, (PO# 2012-158) increasing the remaining year by \$48,850 for a new total of not to exceed \$441,850 for the annual purchase of books, audio, and video materials for the Torrance Public Library system.

8D. ACCEPTANCE APPROPRIATION OF CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY GRANT

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a \$60,000 grant from the California State Library to the Library Wireless Enhancement Project (FEAP 927) for a new not to exceed total of \$173,975.

8E. CONTRACT RE CHILD DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Accept and endorse a contract with the County of Los Angeles; and
- 2) Appropriate funds for the Delinquency Prevention Program in an amount not to exceed \$28,198 from October 26, 2016 to October 25, 2017.

8F. PURCHASE ORDER FOR CNG ROLL-OFF REFUSE TRUCK

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council award a purchase order to Los Angeles Truck Center LLC dba Los Angeles Freightliner of Fontana, CA for one (1) Autocar Roll-off Refuse Truck with Amrep Roll-off Body in the amount of \$229,343.29 including sales tax.

MOTION: Councilmember Rizzo moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by 7-0 vote.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9A. SUBSIDY OF RENTAL FEES FOR USE OF WILSON PARK

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consider the request to subsidize fees for the use of Wilson Park by the American Cancer Society for their Bark for Life event on Sunday, October 23, 2016.

Management Aide Alatorre reviewed the staff recommendation.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 7-0 vote.

9B. PARTICIPATION IN SOUTH BAY GREEN POWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consider participation in the South Bay Clean Power Advisory Committee.

Management Associate Megerdichian provided a brief summary of the staff report.

Councilmember Weideman emphasized that agreeing to participate in this committee does not commit the city to being part of South Bay Green Power or any CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) or preclude the city from exploring options with L.A. County or other CCAs.

Councilmember Goodrich reported that CCAs have gained widespread support throughout Los Angeles County since he first brought them to the attention of the Council two years ago and noted that a recent study conducted by consultants for L.A. County confirmed the predicted benefits, including creating local jobs, saving residents money on their electric bills, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. He volunteered to continue his work on this issue and to participate on the Advisory Committee.

Scott Gobble urged the City to make sure that all financial risks associated with CCAs are fully explored before any decision is made, explaining that contracts for electricity are ironclad and there are consequences for overestimating or underestimating power needs.

Joe Galliani stated that Mr. Gobble would be welcome on the Advisory Committee due to his expertise and reported that the concern he mentioned has not arisen in any of the CCAs that are operational in California.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 7-0 vote.

9C. AGREEMENT RE TORRANCE TRANSIT PARK AND RIDE REGIONAL TRANSIT TERMINAL

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council award a Consulting Services Agreement to AndersonPenna Partners, Inc. of Gardena, CA (B2016-15) in the amount of \$962,156 to perform construction support services for the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Transit Terminal, FEAP 764 and Crenshaw Boulevard Intersection Improvements and 208th Street Extension, T 157, from October 18, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

Deputy Public Works Director Bilezerian reviewed the staff recommendation.

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodrich and passed by 7-0 vote.

9D. APPROVAL OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consider providing city support to conduct Town Hall Meetings throughout the City of Torrance.

City Manager Jackson reviewed the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Ashcraft noted that the staff report mentions that there would be minimal staff and incidental costs for the meetings and asked that it be quantified so a “not to exceed” amount could be included in the motion.

A brief discussion ensued and it was determined that \$1,000 per meeting would be more than adequate and City Manager Jackson confirmed that funding was available in the Council's off-site meeting and/or recognition budget.

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to concur with the staff recommendation, with funding not to exceed \$1,000 per meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by 7-0 vote.

10. HEARINGS

10A. MHE15-00071: 112 VIA COLUSA – JOHN ERNST

Considered out of order, see page 7.

11. APPEALS – None scheduled.

12. SECOND READING ORDINANCES – None scheduled.

13. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

Councilmember Herring spoke.

Councilmember Weideman spoke.

Councilmember Goodrich spoke.

Councilmember Ashcraft spoke.

Mayor Furey spoke.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Considered earlier, see page 1.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:23 a.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, October 25, 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 November 15, 2016