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At 12:38 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2014, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

February 25, 2014

**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, February 25, 2014 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Sutherland, Weideman and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers and other staff representatives.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Irene and Ruben Ordaz.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Furey.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA/ MOTION TO
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

City Clerk Herbers reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, February 20, 2014.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer 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 Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Agenda Items 6D, 8C, 12D and 13A.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Furey reported that the City Council Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee had met jointly with representatives of the Lomita City Council earlier today to review a request for proposal to provide youth services and a recommendation will be presented to the City Council in the near future.

Mayor Scotto announced that the City Council Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee had met earlier to discuss the continuation of Proposition 13 in its present form and will be bringing forward a recommendation to the City Council on March 4, 2014.

Mayor Scotto announced that the City was accepting applications until the end of the week for the fifth and final phase of the Hometown Heroes Program, which recognizes active and retired military personnel with a banner on Torrance Boulevard. He noted that applications are available in the back of Council Chambers, at public counters throughout City Hall and online at www.TorranceCA.gov/hometownheroesprogram.

Mayor Scotto announced that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the 555 Maple Avenue Multi-Use Sports Fields on Wednesday, March 26, at 4:30 p.m.

City Clerk Herbers announced that nominations are open for mayor, councilmember, city treasurer and city clerk until Friday, March 7, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., with additional information available by contacting the City Clerk at 310.618.2870.

City Clerk Herbers announced that a new website will be launched within the next week with full information on all aspects of the municipal election to be held on June 3, 2014.

City Clerk Herbers announced that reservations for a free Commissioner Certification Training class to be held on Thursday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. are now open at www.CommissionerCert.htm and this class is required to be able to apply for vacancies on any of the City's ten commission and boards.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Eva Taillon, 25-year Torrance Certified Farmers' Market volunteer, who passed away February 12 at the age of 92.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-23 RE CHRISTOPHER KOZAK

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING SERGEANT **CHRISTOPHER KOZAK** OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-23. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-24 RE PATRICK SUCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING SERGEANT **PATRICK SUCH** OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-24. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FROM EXXONMOBIL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PUEBLO PARK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a donation from ExxonMobil Corporation in the amount of \$50,000 to assist in the development of Pueblo Park – FEAP #810 Pueblo Park Renovation Project.

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

Pablo Borgino, ExxonMobil refinery manager, presented the donation to Mayor Scotto, who expressed appreciation for the company's generous support of the project.

Mayor Scotto recognized Ruben and Irene Ordaz for spearheading the effort to develop this park.

6D. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FROM EXXONMOBIL FOR DONOR WALL AT MAPLE AVENUE MULTI-USE SPORTS FIELDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a donation of \$10,000 from ExxonMobil for the donor wall sponsorship program at 555 Maple Avenue Multi-Use Sports Fields - FEAP#879 -Field Equipment and Donor Wall Project.

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

Pablo Borgino, ExxonMobil refinery manager, presented the donation to Mayor Scotto, who expressed appreciation for this donation, as well as the company's on-going support of several youth-oriented community programs.

6E. PRESENTATION OF CALPERS PENSION RATES AND OBLIGATIONS

John Bartel, Bartel Associates LLC, gave a PowerPoint presentation on CalPERS pension rates and obligations and the impact of recent changes in regulations.

Mark Stephenson, resident, expressed concerns about the City's unfunded liabilities and about CalPERS' ability to achieve the projected rate of return on investments.

In response to Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino, Mr. Bartell provided clarification regarding the implementation of the new CalPERS contribution rates, which will be based on market asset value instead of actuarial asset value.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Joel Massa, South Bay Bocce Ball Courts Project, announced that a fundraiser/bocce ball tournament will be held on Saturday, March 22, at 9:00 a.m. at Hawthorne Memorial Park, which will include a raffle and prizes.

7B. Bob Chiota, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 53, announced that the organization was seeking applications from South Bay high school seniors for its scholarship program and the deadline to submit is Sunday, April 13, 2014.

7C. Kevin Tyler, Tyler Sports Inc., thanked Councilmembers and City staff who attended a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of Michele Neu last Saturday.

7D. Mike Griffiths, resident, announced that the Torrance YMCA was in the middle of its annual fundraising campaign, with a goal of raising \$600,000 to fund various programs.

7E. Mark Stephenson, resident, expressed concerns about rising pension costs for the City's public safety employees.

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The City Council took a brief recess from 8:38 p.m. to 8:46 p.m.

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

13. HEARINGS

13A. PRE-00010, WAV13-00007: 209 CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Community Development Director that City Council deny the appeal and adopt Resolutions denying without prejudice a Precise Plan of Development to allow first and second story additions to an existing one-story single family residence, in conjunction with a Waiver of the side yard setback requirements, on property located within the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 209 Camino de las Colinas.

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

With the aid of slides, Planning Manager Lodan briefly reviewed the proposed project; shared photographs taken from various perspectives in the neighborhood; and provided a summary of neighbors' objections. He reported that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the project without prejudice on December 4, 2013 and subsequent to the Planning Commission hearing, south-facing second floor windows were changed from clear to frosted tilt-out windows to address privacy impact.

Councilmember Sutherland and Mayor Scotto disclosed that they had visited the homes and spoke with owners of 209 Camino de las Colinas (Garten - applicants), 213 Camino de las Colinas (Corbett) and 156 Camino de las Colinas (Block). Councilmember Weideman disclosed that he visited 213 Camino de las Colinas, attended a one-hour presentation by the Gartens at City Hall, and walked the neighborhood. Councilmember Furey disclosed that he visited the site twice, but did not meet with any of the parties involved as is his custom when there is a contested hearing. Councilmember Barnett disclosed that he attended a presentation by the Gartens, drove the area and viewed the silhouette. Councilmember Brewer disclosed that he attended a presentation by the Gartens at City Hall. Councilmember Ashcraft disclosed that she visited the Gartens' home and listened to their presentation and later visited the Corbetts' home and walked the neighborhood.

Bruno Bondanelli, Bondanelli Design Group, project architect, contrasted the proposed two-story residence with the existing one-story home, using slides to illustrate. Disputing claims of light, air and privacy impacts at 213 Camino de las Colinas (Frank Corbett), he explained that two south-facing windows on the second floor will be frosted tilt-out windows and the third window in the master bedroom has no view into Mr. Corbett's property; that the proposed addition would not cast shadows on this property due to the east-to-west path of the sun; and that the existing hedge on Mr. Corbett's property has far more impact on his light and air than the proposed project would. He also disputed Mr. Corbett's claim of view impact using photos to illustrate. He reported on outreach efforts and displayed a highlighted map showing the addresses of the 23 neighbors who support the project and the 2 who oppose it. He stated that Mr. Corbett has been uncooperative and failed to respond to his written requests asking to go inside the residence to assess the project's impact.

Mr. Goldberg, legal counsel for the applicants, reported that the project was reduced an additional 6 inches in height in response to concerns about view impact at 156 Camino de las Colinas. Referring to photos to illustrate, he contended that there would be a net gain in view at this address due to the removal of a large tree on the Gartens' property, which more than makes up for the view loss caused by the addition.

David Garten, 209 Camino de las Colinas, applicant, reported on his efforts to come up with a project that conforms to the neighborhood and enhances everyone's property values.

Councilmember Weideman noted that in order to exceed an FAR (floor area ratio) of 0.50 in the Hillside Overlay, an applicant must demonstrate that being confined to this limit would constitute an unreasonable hardship and indicated that he did not believe this issue was adequately addressed in the application.

Mr. Bondanelli explained that the open area above the living room is counted as square footage when calculating FAR because of its vaulted ceiling; that without this added square footage, the FAR would be below 0.50; and that the vaulted ceiling is a necessary element of the architectural design.

Michael Block, 156 Camino de las Colinas, voiced objections to the project due to view impact, noting that his home, built in 1926, was one of the first homes in the Riviera. Using slides to illustrate, he maintained that the second-floor addition would block a portion of his blue-water ocean view, which is the most important view corridor from his home. He explained that the large tree mentioned by Mr. Goldberg was removed because it was damaging the driveway and not to improve anyone's view. He pointed out that form letters submitted by applicant as "letters of support" state only that the person signing the letter is not adversely impacted by the project. He stated that he appreciated that the Gartens want to improve the property, as it was neglected before they purchased it, however, it must be done in accordance with the Hillside Ordinance. He recommended that the Gartens consider a split-level design, which would not impact his view.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Mr. Block confirmed that the second-story of his house was part of the original home built in 1926.

Councilmember Sutherland asked about the Gartens' claim that the Blocks rent out this property, and Mr. Block responded that this is their primary residence, but they rent it out periodically to people who have an appreciation of historic homes. He estimated that he and his wife live in the home 10-11 months a year.

Frank Corbett, 213 Camino de las Colinas, contended that the project would tower over his property, block air and sunlight from his home, obstruct the view from his master bedroom, intrude on the privacy of his courtyard, master bedroom, backyard/swimming pool, and greatly devalue his property. He suggested that a split-level design would provide the necessary space the Gartens desire without impacting neighbors.

Loreen Trevino, 122 Via Monte D'Oro, urged the Council to uphold the original intent of the Hillside Ordinance, which was approved by voters to prevent over-development, by denying the proposed project.

Judy Brunetti, president of Riviera Homeowners Association, stated that she personally observed that the project would impact view, light, air and privacy at 213 Camino de las Colinas and cut into the sunset view at 156 Camino de las Colinas. She expressed concerns about the project's FAR of 0.54 and recommended that the Gartens take advantage of the sloping backyard by using a split-level design.

Sheri Kapust, real estate agent who sold the Gartens their home, disputed claims that the project would reduce neighbors' property values. Referring to a photo taken from the Blocks' home, she pointed out that the proposed project would impact only a very small portion of their panoramic view and voiced her opinion that the modest, well-designed addition would only enhance property values in the neighborhood.

In response to Councilmember Sutherland's inquiry, Ms. Kapust confirmed that the Gartens were well aware of restrictions in the Hillside Overlay when they purchased the property.

Referring to photos from a website advertising the Blocks' property for rent, Mr. Goldberg pointed out that there are several photos of the view from the residence, but none of them show the view impacted by the project, which Mr. Block claimed was their primary view corridor. He questioned Mr. Block's assertion that this is their main residence, noting that the website indicates that 156 Camino de las Colinas is available for rent anytime over the next two years, their vehicle has a Utah license plate, and they have a business address in Utah. He contended that the depictions of the project submitted by Mr. Corbett were inaccurate and misleading.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Planning Manager Lodan advised that lowering the project further into the grade would likely involve significant additional expense because the applicant would not be able to use as much of the existing structure and the drainage pattern would be altered necessitating a pump to direct run-off to the street.

Councilmember Furey asked about the possibility of eliminating the vaulted ceiling in the living room, and Planning Manager Lodan explained that doing so would affect the roofline, creating a more abrupt transition from the first to the second floor.

Mayor Scotto related his belief that the vaulted ceiling was an integral part of the design.

Councilmember Ashcraft asked about privacy impact from the master bedroom window, and Planning Manager Lodan reported that there could be a view into Mr. Corbett's backyard if someone stood at the edge of the window.

Mayor Scotto suggested that privacy impact could be addressed by making the window opaque or walling it off, which would be his preference since window glass can be changed.

Mr. Goldberg expressed the applicant's willingness to make this modification.

Responding to questions from the Council, Planning Manager Lodan provided clarification regarding the calculation of the FAR.

Referring to Ms. Trevino's comments, Councilmember Weideman clarified that the Hillside Ordinance was adopted by vote of the City Council.

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

Councilmember Weideman indicated that he would vote to deny the appeal and deny the project because he believes it would impact air, light and privacy at 213 Camino de las Colinas and the view at 156 Camino de las Colinas, a property that has enjoyed this view since 1926.

Councilmember Furey noted his agreement with staff's assessment that the project would adversely impact 213 and 156 Camino de las Colinas and with the Planning Commission's decision to deny it. He related his belief that the applicant had not demonstrated that being confined to an FAR of 0.50 would be an unreasonable hardship.

Mayor Scotto voiced his opinion that modifications to the master bedroom window would address privacy impact at 213 Camino de las Colinas and doubted that much of the addition would even be visible from this address due to the hedge.

Councilmember Sutherland expressed concerns about the cumulative impact of approving additions that block even a small portion of someone's view.

Voicing support for the project, Councilmember Brewer stated that he was struck by the Gartens' outreach efforts, which resulted in the support of 23 of their immediate neighbors. With regard to the two neighbors who oppose it, he stated that he believed modifications to the windows would address the privacy impact at 213 Camino de las Colinas and the removal of the large tree and the lowering of the project's height had minimized the view impact at 156 Camino de las Colinas.

Councilmember Ashcraft related her observation that apartment buildings overlook Mr. Corbett's backyard so there is an existing privacy impact and the hedge already blocks airflow to his home. She stated that her main concern was the project's FAR, but understood that changing the roofline to eliminate the vaulted ceiling could detract from the project. She noted that it was impossible to determine whether a split-level design was feasible at this time.

Councilmember Brewer pointed out that according to staff, a split-level design would result in considerable additional expense.

Councilmember Sutherland voiced his opinion that expense should not be an issue when enforcing the Hillside Ordinance, noting that the Gartens' real estate agent confirmed that they were well aware of the difficulty of obtaining approval for a second story when they purchased the home.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to deny the appeal and deny the project without prejudice. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and failed to pass as reflected in the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Furey, Sutherland and Weideman
NOES: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Brewer and Mayor Scotto

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to approve the appeal and approve the project as conditioned, included an added condition that the south-facing master bedroom window shall be eliminated. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed as reflected in the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Brewer and Mayor Scotto
NOES: Councilmembers Furey, Sutherland and Weideman

Planning Manager Lodan noted that a resolution reflecting the Council's action will be brought back for adoption at a later date.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of January 28, and February 4, 2014.

8B. PURCHASE ORDER FOR SEWER MANHOLE MONITORING SYSTEMS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$115,230.92 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the purchase of 28 Smartcover® sewer manhole monitoring systems, including installation and the first year of monitoring service and battery replacement;
- 2) Authorize a purchase order with Plumbers Depot of Hawthorne, CA in the amount of \$115,230.92 for the sole source purchase of 28 Smartcover® sewer monitoring systems; and
- 3) Approve annual monitoring service and battery replacement funding for a total of \$18,277.50 beginning fiscal year 2014-2015.

8C. AGREEMENT RE LOS ANGELES REGION IMAGERY ACQUISITION CONSORTIUM PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a participant agreement by and between the County of Los Angeles and City of Torrance for the Los Angeles Region Imagery Acquisition Consortium (LAR-IAC 4) Program; and
- 2) Authorize expenditure of \$65,791.49 for updated digital aerial photography.

8D. CONTRACT FOR GENERATOR INSTALLATION AT TORRANCE AIRPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Global Power Group Inc. for \$188,374 with 5% contingency of \$9,419 for installation of generator at Torrance Airport (B2013-55/FEAP #818); and,
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$18,837.

8E. AGREEMENT RE RAPID BUS SIGNAL PRIORITY SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a consulting agreement with Diversified Transportation Solutions, to assist in the implementation of the Rapid Bus Signal Priority System, in an amount not to exceed \$56,600.

8F. SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR SOUND PERMIT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council subsidize fees in the amount of \$149 for a sound permit for a fundraising event that was held at the Torrance Batting Cages on February 22, 2014.

8G. PURCHASE ORDER FOR SPARE ENGINES/PARTS FOR HYBRID BUSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to New Flyer Industries Canada ULC of Winnipeg Manitoba CN, in the amount of \$112,538.90 as a sole source purchase of New Flyer spare engines and parts for Transit's gasoline-electric hybrid buses.

8H. CHANGE ORDER RE SEWER ACCESS MANHOLE AND SEWER LINE REPAIRS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$28,759.26 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for a sewer access manhole and sewer line repairs; and
- 2) Authorize a third change order to emergency purchase order with Clarke Contracting Corporation of Lawndale, CA (PO 2014-452) in the amount of \$28,759.26, for a combined total not to exceed \$112,159.26.

8I. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL PICNIC AREAS AT CITY PARKS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve additional permitted picnic areas at Hickory Park, Lago Seco Park, Sur La Brea Park, and Wilson Park.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8I. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council briefly recessed from 10:34 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

9. COMMUNITY SERVICES

9A. RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING MULTI-USE SPORTS FIELDS RENTAL FEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council adopt a Resolution setting forth the rental fees for the Multi-Use Sports Fields located at 555 Maple Avenue.

Sr. Business Manager Minton reported that the resolution reflects the Council's action at the February 11, 2014 City Council meeting.

Mayor Scotto clarified that the fields are not limited to the configuration shown in Attachment A of the staff report.

Michelle Marsden, Redondo Beach, thanked the City Council for making sports a priority, noting that the new facility will greatly benefit youths playing AYSO soccer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
SETTING FORTH CERTAIN RENTAL RATES FOR RENTAL OF MULTI-USE
RECREATIONAL FIELDS AT 555 MAPLE AVENUE

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-25. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**12A. APPROPRIATION TO SUBSIDIZE RENTAL FEES FOR CITY FACILITIES/
APPROVAL OF SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR USE OF PORTABLE STAGE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Approve and appropriate \$5,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Program Contingency to the 2013-2014 City Council Municipal Legislative Policy Program Budget; and
- 2) Approve request to subsidize fees in the amount of \$679.05 for the use of the portable stage by the American Cancer Society for the Relay for Life event to be held at South High April 25 through April 27, 2014.

Management Associate Jones reported that staff was recommending that additional funding be appropriated for the subsidy of rental fees for City facilities/equipment due to the increase in the number of requests. She noted that the item also addresses Councilmember Furey's request that the City subsidize the fees for the use of the portable stage for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at South High in April.

John Schmidt, representing the American Cancer Society, thanked the Council for their support of the Torrance Relay for Life, noting that approximately \$2 million has been raised.

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

12B. AGREEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION/CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CRENSHAW BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Determine that the approval of the Crenshaw Boulevard Rehabilitation, T-22 (190th Street to 182nd Street); Federal Project No. HPLUL-5249(022) (B2013-50) is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the Guidelines implementing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- 2) Approve the plans and specifications for the Crenshaw Boulevard Rehabilitation T-22 (190th Street to 182nd Street); Federal Project No. HPLUL-5249(022) (B2013-50);
- 3) Relieve PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company, of their bid due to their error;
- 4) Award a two-year public works agreement to C.A. Rasmussen, Inc. in the amount of \$1,627,371 and authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$162,737 for the construction of the Crenshaw Boulevard Rehabilitation T-22 (190th Street to 182nd Street); Federal Project No. HPLUL-5249(022) (B2013-50); and
- 5) Award a sixteen-month consulting services agreement to AndersonPenna Partners, Inc. in the amount of \$137,070 to perform construction support services for the Crenshaw Boulevard Rehabilitation (182nd Street to 190th Street); HPLUL-5249 (022) (B2013-54).

Project Engineer Lubna Arikat provided an overview of the Crenshaw Boulevard Rehabilitation Project. She noted that the project will be funded by federal grants and construction is scheduled to begin in April 2014 and be completed by September 2014.

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

12C. PURCHASE ORDERS RE GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director, Transit Director, and Fire Chief that City Council award purchase orders to Pinnacle Petroleum, Inc. of Huntington Beach, CA for the purchase of California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved 87 octane unleaded gasoline and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel for a period of three (3) years (B2014-02) effective March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2017 in a combined amount not to exceed \$9,500,000 (including taxes and fees).

Fleet Services Manager Botiller reported that the proposed purchase orders will provide fuel for the entire City fleet of approximately 700 vehicles for a period of three years, noting that the total amount reflects a cost reduction from the previous three-year period.

Mark Stephenson, resident, asked about the status of the fueling facility at the City yard, and Fleet Services Manager Botiller advised that repairs have been completed and the facility is operational.

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

12D. CHANGE ORDER RE CONSTRUCTION OF NORTH TORRANCE WELL FIELD PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve change order no. 3 in the amount of \$56,940 to public works agreement with PALP Inc., dba Excel Paving Co. (C2013-137) for a quantity adjustment for an additional 438 linear feet of 12 inch ductile iron pipe, for a new not to exceed project cost of \$1,228,203.93.

Engineering Manager Dettle reported that the change order corrects an error made by the City in the bid schedule for this project.

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

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Councilmember Barnett announced that he was abstaining from consideration of Item 15.1A because he serves on the Oversight Board.

15.1. SUCCESSOR AGENCY to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance

15.1A. APPROVAL OF THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council, acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adopt a Resolution approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the period of July 1 through December 31, 2014, in accordance with ABX1-26 and AB 1484.

Planning Assistant Lang reported that with the Council's approval, the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for July 1 through December 31, 2014 will be forwarded to the Oversight Board, noting that there have been no changes from the previous ROPS.

Mark Stephenson, resident, requested clarification of Redevelopment Agency debt, which was provided by City Manager Jackson and Finance Director Tsao.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote, with Councilmember Barnett abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. SA2014-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCEOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. SA2014-01. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote, with Councilmember Barnett abstaining.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3770

ORDINANCE NO. 3770

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 37380 FOR LEASING PROPERTY FOR A CUMULATIVE TERM IN EXCESS OF 55 YEARS AND FOR EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE SCHWARTZ INVESTMENT COMPANY LEASE

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3770. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Mayor Scotto requested that staff investigate the cost of installing Wi-Fi at the Bartlett Center and Focal Point in downtown Torrance.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:32 p.m., the Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, 18C) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, and 18D) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6, §54956.9(d)(1) 54956.9(d)(2) and §54956.8.

Robert Thompson stated that he has a pending lawsuit against the Torrance Police Department which he was interested in settling.

City Attorney Fellows advised that he received correspondence from Mr. Thompson's attorney which will be discussed in closed session.

The City Council reconvened at 12:38 a.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:38 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2014, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto
Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers
Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on March 25, 2014