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At 9:24 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

March 11, 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 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 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 Haeven Stoneman.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Weideman.

**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, March 6, 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 Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Item 12B.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Herbers announced that [www.TorranceVotes.org](http://www.TorranceVotes.org) will be launched on March 13 with full information on any and all aspects of the election to be held on June 3, 2014, including candidate statements, ballot designations, bios, signed ethics statements, financial statements and campaign finance filings. She noted that the website features information and links to Los Angeles County Registrar regarding registration, Vote-by-Mail ballots, and dates for candidate forums, and provides an opportunity to ask questions on anything not covered.

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 available online at [www.TorranceCA.gov/CommissionerCert.htm](http://www.TorranceCA.gov/CommissionerCert.htm). She noted that this class is required to apply for appointment to any of the City's ten commission or boards.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE PANTHER PEE WEE CHEER SQUAD**

Mayor Scotto congratulated Torrance Panther Pee Wee Cheer Squad on winning their first National Championship title and presented certificates of recognition to team members Madelyn Quintana, Ashley Foronda, Kaitlyn You, Hailey Bendik, Hailee Stoneman, Haeven Stoneman, Mikayla Burt, Analeece Martinez, Juliette Cornelius, Taylor Dowdy, Michaela Roque-Quezon, Michelle Aguiar, Alyssa Alvarez, Alyssa Smith, Samantha Quintana, Allison Poore, Jordan Flaum, Breeanna Weakley, Tylis Bakhoun, Ariana Smalley, Lizette Dominguez and Sennite Witney; Head Coach Amber Aleman; Assistant Coach Odalys Quintana; and Jr. Coaches Hailey Indiere, Marcella De La Torre, and Kristen Wahlers.

Consent Calendar Items 8C and 8D were considered out of order at this time.

**8C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FRIENDS OF TORRANCE LIBRARY DONATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a \$31,206.81 donation from the Friends of the Torrance Library for the following programs: \$11,735.81 for Youth Services activities, and \$19,471 for Youth Services programs.

Helen Ball, president of Friends of the Torrance Library, provided background information about the youth services to be funded by the donation, including the library's summer reading program and after-school program.

Mayor Scotto expressed appreciation for Friends of the Torrance Library's generous and ongoing support of library programs.

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

**8D. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF SCALE MODEL OF P-51 AIRCRAFT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Airport Commission and General Services Director that City Council accept donation of a 1/5 scale P-51 Mustang model aircraft for display at the General Aviation Center.

David Bridi, Torrance, reported that he built this model aircraft at the request of Louis Zamperini for display at the General Aviation Center and his initials and birthdate have been incorporated into the design.

Mayor Scotto thanked Mr. Bridi for his generous donation.

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

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Joel Massa, South Bay Bocce 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.** Joel Massa, Western Museum of Flight, announced that there will be a presentation by a KTLA news department pilot at the museum on Saturday, March 15, along with a static display of one of KTLA's helicopters and a display of vintage cars.

**7C.** Jim Lissner, Torrance, expressed concerns about abuses associated with red light cameras in other cities and requested that the Council lobby the State legislature to outlaw them.

**7D.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that in honor of Women's History Month, there will be a presentation on architect Julia Morgan, who designed Hearst Castle and other notable buildings, on Sunday, March 23, at 2:00 p.m. at the Torrance Historical Museum.

**7E.** Janet Payne, Torrance, invited the public to attend a meeting of the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Center, which will include a presentation on a proposal to allow backyard bee-keeping and chicken-raising.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of February 11, 2014.

**8B. SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR USE OF WILSON PARK SOFTBALL FIELDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council subsidize fees in the amount not to exceed \$2,000 for the use of the softball fields at Charles H. Wilson Park for the Torrance National Tournament (TNT) hosted by Torrance High School, March 20 through March 22, 2014.

**8C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FRIENDS OF TORRANCE LIBRARY DONATION**

Considered separately, see page 2.

**8D. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF SCALE MODEL OF P-51 AIRCRAFT**

Considered separately, see page 2.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A and 8B. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council briefly recessed from 7:54 p.m. to 8:14 p.m.

**9. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**9A. AUTHORIZATION OF RFP FOR LAS CANCHAS TENNIS FACILITY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Community Services Director that City Council authorize the inclusion of the grass area in the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the lease and full operation of the Las Canchas Tennis Facility.

Sr. Business Manager Minter reported that this item was continued at the February 11 City Council meeting so that staff could confirm that the grass area was suitable for the proposed use since it is located on top of a reservoir and Public Works staff determined that youth soccer practice was well within the load capabilities of the reservoir lid. He further reported that the proposal to use portable lighting was reviewed for public comment at the February 19 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting as directed by the Council, and comments were generally favorable.

Councilmember Weideman related his understanding that concerns were expressed about potential traffic safety issues.

Sr. Business Manager Minter explained that the concern was related to people parking along the red-curbed area on the narrow road leading up to the facility, however, staff believes this can be controlled by the vendor operating the facility, who will be charged with ensuring that people do not illegally park.

Councilmember Ashcraft expressed concerns about errant soccer balls going into traffic on Crenshaw Boulevard and questioned who would be liable for any damages.

Sr. Business Manager Minter reported that this was unlikely to occur because one would have to kick a soccer ball a considerable distance to reach Crenshaw Boulevard. He confirmed that the vendor will be required to carry liability insurance to cover potential damages.

Courtney Hance, South Bay Tennis Center, current concessionaire for Las Canchas Tennis Facility, provided background information about the proposed use of the grass area for soccer practice and expressed confidence that there would not be any safety issues. She requested that the Council consider extending her lease since she has been working diligently on upgrading the facility and expanding its usage for some time.

Mayor Scotto voiced support for extending the existing lease and modifying it to include the grass area.

A brief discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the Council to allow Ms. Hance to submit a proposal to extend and modify her current lease, with the proposal to be discussed in Executive Session prior to being brought back as an agenda item.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to defer action on the RFP and to consider a proposal from the current vendor in Executive Session on March 18, 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

**9B. TORRANCE ART MUSEUM RENTAL POLICY AND FACILITY USE FEES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Cultural Arts Commission and Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Torrance Art Museum Facility Use and Space Rental Policy; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution for facility use fees.

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport briefly reviewed the Torrance Art Museum Facility Use and Space Rental Policy, which would generate an additional revenue stream to offset costs and introduce people to the facility without interfering with the museum's primary purpose. She noted that events have been held on a trial basis, including several receptions.

Responding to questions from the Council, Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that rentals will take place at times when the galleries are not open to the public and artwork will remain in place, however if an art piece is not suitable for a particular event, it may be covered.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the proposed rental fees, and Community Services Director Jones advised that the proposed rates were based on the market rate for this type of facility and will be reviewed periodically.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
SETTING FORTH CERTAIN FES FOR FACILITY USE AND SPACE RENTAL  
AT THE TORRANCE ART MUSEUM, A FACILITY OWNED AND OPERATED  
BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-27. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

**10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**10A. RESOLUTIONS APPROVING PRE13-00010, WAV13-00007: 209 CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS – BONDANELLI DESIGN GROUP (SYLVIA AND DAVID GARTEN)**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt Resolutions reflecting City Council decision at the February 25, 2014 meeting approving a Precise Plan of Development to allow first and second story additions to an existing one-story single family residence, in conjunciton 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.

Community Development Director Gibson reported that the Resolutions reflect the Council's action at the February 25, 2014 meeting and include the condition added by the Council requiring the elimination of a window to address privacy issues.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and the motion passed as reflected in the following vote. YES: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Brewer and Mayor Scotto; NO: Councilmembers Furey, Sutherland and Weideman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-28**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING THE APPEAL AND APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 41 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW FIRST AND SECOND STORY ADDITIONS TO AN EXISTING ONE-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 209 CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS. PRE13-00010: BONDANELLI DESIGN GROUP, INC. (SYLVIA AND DAVID GARTEN)

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-28. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and the motion passed as reflected in the following vote. YES: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Brewer and Mayor Scotto; NO: Councilmembers Furey, Sutherland and Weideman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-29**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING THE APPEAL AND APPROVING A WAIVER AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW LESS THAN THE REQUIRED SIDE YARD SETBACKS TO AN EXISTING ONE-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 209 CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS. WAV13-00007: BONDANELLI DESIGN GROUP, INC. (SYLVIA AND DAVID GARTEN)

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-29. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and the motion passed as reflected in the following vote. YES: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Brewer and Mayor Scotto; NO: Councilmembers Furey, Sutherland and Weideman.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. APPROVAL OF BANNER TOW BUSINESS AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Airport Commission that City Council approve Aviad LLC to continue banner tow operations at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field.

Facilities Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that on June 18, 2013, the City Council approved a one-year permit for Aviad LLC to operate a banner tow business at Torrance Municipal Airport subject to a three-month review by the Airport Commission; that at the three-month review on October 10, 2013, the Commission directed staff to extend the review period for three more months so additional information could be obtained on Aviad's operation; and that the Commission voted to recommend that Aviad be allowed to continue its operation after the six-month review on January 9, 2014.

Councilmember Sutherland noted for the record that approximately two months ago he received two or three emails requesting that the Council not approve this permit, but he has not received anything since that time.

Responding to questions from the Council regarding noise violations, Facilities Operations Manager Megerdichian explained that initially Aviad incurred several noise violations because the area flights were taking off from did not allow the airplanes to gain enough altitude to avoid triggering noise monitors, however, there have been no violations since the problem was corrected by moving take-offs to another area of the airport. He reported that the only direct revenue to the City from the operation would be the annual Business License and Banner Tow Permit fees, but there is a secondary benefit from fuel purchased and hangar rentals. He advised that should the Council approve the permit this evening, it will be renewed automatically on an annual basis unless there are three noise violations within a three-year period, which could lead to the revocation of the permit.

Mayor Scotto related his belief that the operation should be closely monitored.

A brief discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the Council to delay action for one week so the City Attorney could present options for periodic review of the permit.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to continue this item to March 18, 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

**12B. PURCHASE ORDERS RE CHEMICALS FOR GOLDSWORTHY DESALINATION FACILITY AND WELL #9**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Award six purchase orders to furnish chemicals for the Goldsworthy Desalination Facility and Well #9 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,730,000 for a five year period from March 24, 2014 to March 23, 2019; and
- 2) Approve a change order to increase the amount of the agreement with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.] of Torrance, CA (2011-585) in the amount of \$10,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$224,250 to furnish chemicals for the Goldsworthy Desalination Facility and Well #9 for a five year period from March 24, 2014 to March 23, 2019.

Water Services Supervisor Aguiar provided an overview of the purchase orders, noting that the City will receive reimbursement of approximately \$980,000 from the Water Replenishment District during the five-year period.

In response to Councilmember Sutherland's inquiry, Water Services Supervisor Aguiar reported that the City saves approximately 50% by producing its own water as compared to the cost of imported water.

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



**12C. APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that the Mayor appoint the chair and members to a special City Council Ad Hoc Committee to develop a regional strategy to continue funding for the Southern California Regional Occupational Center (SoCalROC).

Mayor Scotto appointed Councilmember Ashcraft and Councilmember Brewerto the special Ad Hoc Committeewith Councilmember Sutherland to serve as chair.

Christine Hoffman, superintendent of SoCalROC, expressed concerns that the State will no longer provide funding for Regional Occupational Centers after June 2015 and thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts to continue this valuable program.

**12D. RESOLUTION RE ENGINEERS AND TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Memorandum of Understanding Resolution setting forth hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by the Engineers and Torrance Fiscal Employees Association (ENGINEERS and TFEA) for the period March 9, 2014 to December 31, 2017 and repeal Resolution 2011-76 in its entirety. Expenditure: 2.1% year 1; 2.0% year 2 and 4.0% year 3 of contract for a total package of 8.1% over 46 months.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine noted that the Memorandum of Understanding was consistent with direction given to the negotiator by the Mayor and Council.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-30**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES  
REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS AND THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES  
ASSOCIATION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-76

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-30. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Brewer offered a reminder that the Torrance Education Foundation's "Celebrate Education" dinner will be held on Friday, March 28, at the Marriott Hotel, which will include the raffle of a 2014 Lexus RX350 generously donated by Toyota Motor Sales USA. He noted that raffle tickets are \$30, \$20 of which goes directly to the designated school organization, with additional information available at [www.TorranceEducationFoundation.org](http://www.TorranceEducationFoundation.org).

**17B.** Councilmember Furey announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival will be held on Sunday, March 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Columbia Park.

**17C.** Councilmember Sutherland reported on a ribbon cutting ceremony he attended on Monday along with Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, and Weideman.

**17D.** Councilmember Sutherland noted that March 15, also known as the Ides of March, is his wife's birthday.

**17E.** Councilmember Sutherland urged people not to drink and drive when celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

**17F.** Mayor Scotto reported on a recent trip he took to Sacramento along with Deputy Police Chief Matsuda and Assistant City Attorney Sullivan to discuss the City's concerns about the proliferation of "health spas" with State legislators.

**17G.** Mayor Scotto announced that the City will be accepting a generous \$500,000 donation from Toyota Motor Sales USA at next week's City Council meeting for the multi-use sports fields currently under construction at 555 Maple Avenue. He invited the public to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the state-of-the-art facility on Wednesday, March 26, at 4:30 p.m.

**17H.** Mayor Scotto noted that this past weekend, the South High Girls Soccer Team, the Bishop Montgomery Girls Basketball Team and the West High Girls Basketball Team all won CIF and requested that staff make arrangements to recognize the three teams at a City Council meeting.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:24 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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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 April 15, 2014