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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – APRIL 1, 2014

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At 8:21 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

April 1, 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 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.

The City Council recessed without leaving their seats at 5:30 p.m. and met as the Public Housing Authority; the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 5:34 p.m. and Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6 and 54956.9(d)(1).

The City Council reconvened at 7:01 p.m. with all members present. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Youth Council member Hayden Tanabe.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Brewer.

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 Friday, March 28, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Item 6C was withdrawn and will be brought back as an action item on April 22, 2013.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Racowski announced that ExxonMobil will be conducting their monthly Community Alert Siren testing on Wednesday, April 2, at approximately 11:30 a.m., with additional information available at 310.212.1852.

Fire Chief Racowski commented on recent earthquakes in Chile and Orange County and invited residents to attend CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training classes.

Deputy Police Chief Matsuda provided contact information for the Emergence Services Division and encouraged residents to be prepared for natural and man-made disasters.

Councilmember Barnett reported that the Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee met earlier to receive an update on this year's Armed Forces Day Parade and to discuss a proposal from the Torrance Rose Float Association and a recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council next week.

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to review the 2nd quarter of the 2013-2014 budget.

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.CommissionerCert.htm. She noted that this class is required to apply for appointment to any of the City's ten commission or boards.

City Clerk Herbers announced that there will be a candidate forum for City Council candidates on Wednesday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. at South High sponsored by homeowners associations; that the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a breakfast meeting featuring mayoral candidates on Thursday, April 3, at the Doubletree Hotel; and that the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium will hold a candidate forum/social for all candidates on Thursday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nakano Theatre.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION 2014-36 RE KEITH WESLEY FOURNIER

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE LIEUTENANT **KEITH WESLEY FOURNIER** UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFTER THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-36. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE “SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring March 30 through April 5 as **Safety Seat Checkup Week** in the City of Torrance to Police Officer Stuart Scott.

6C. PRESENTATION ON ALTERNATE DAY STREET SWEEPING

Item was withdrawn and deferred to a later date.

6D. RECOGNITION OF NORTH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

Mayor Scotto congratulated the North High School Girls Softball Team on winning the Torrance National Softball Tournament and presented certificates of recognition to team members Bryanna Ybarra, Rachael Sandoval, Ariel Fernandez, Toshonnie Baker, Lauren Sabihon, Alyssa Wing, Emily Cookes, Meghan Romero, Samantha Fernandez, Desiree Moreno, Amie Crawford, Sydni Overly, Veronica Garcia, Taylor Cairns, and Dominique Campos; Head Coach Howard Miller; and Coaches Kerry Winter, Dan Romero, James Bolinas and Danielle Castro.

6E. RECOGNITION OF BISHOP MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Mayor Scotto congratulated the Bishop Montgomery High School Girls Basketball Team on winning the All-CIF Division 4 Championship and presented certificates of recognition to team members Alexandra Ambriz, Asia Anderson, Kayla Cainglet, Christine Delapina, Courtney Keaton, Hana Kitamura, Chelsea Lidy, Jessica Malazarte, Janelle Odionu, Tyler Quinn, and Hanna Romero; Head Coach Bridgette Reyes; and Coaches Jermy St. Louis, John Sload, and Wesley Nakashima.

6F. RECOGNITION OF CLARREN “CJ” PESTANO

Mayor Scotto recognized Clarren “CJ” Pestano of Torrance High School as State Qualifier in Boys Wrestling and presented him with a certificate of recognition.

6G. RECOGNITION OF YOSHITO FUNAKOSHI

Mayor Scotto recognized Yoshito Funakoshi of West High as State Qualifier in Boys Wrestling, CIF Inland Division Champion, Southern Section Masters Runner-Up, and 3rd place in CIF California State Championships and presented him with a certificate of recognition.

6H. RECOGNITION OF WEST HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Mayor Scotto congratulated the West High School Girls Basketball Team on winning the Division 2 CIF Championship and placing as runner-up in the Southern State Regional Championship and presented certificates of recognition to team members Katherine Fukuda, Hayley Tanabe, Kayli Imoto, Emily Hash, Amie Nelson, Taylor Tomita, Jasmine Jones, Kayla Sato, Krysten Tachiyama, Bailey Kurahashi, Monica Merkovsky, Dakota Jones, and Kylie Fujioka; Coach Mike Caporaso; Assistant Coach Jessalyn Ishigo; and Manager Hayden Tanabe.

6I. RECOGNITION OF SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

Mayor Scotto congratulated the South High School Girls Soccer Team on winning the CIF Southern Section Division 4 Championship and presented certificates of recognition to team members Alex Almanzi, Sydney Baron, Kelsie Bozart, Korie Bozart, Paige Brandt, Aiyana Canister Hannah Cottrell, Danielle Faith, Devin Fitzpatrick, Cassidy Griego, Claire Grouwinkel, Nkeechi Iregbelum, Holly Kaemerle, Kalyn Kaemerle, Olympia Katsouridis Tess Kossoff, Noelle Ly, Michelle Mogollon, Catherine Nakae, Isabella Ofsanko, Kelly Poss, Shelby Rasmussen Gabrielle Stratton, Bella Strausa, Makenna Tippin, Ashley Whittle, and Kayla Yanke; Coach Elizabeth Kitsios; and Assistant Coach Jessica Murphy.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Lloyd Brown, Torrance, reported that a silent auction item contributed by local craft breweries raised \$700 for the Torrance Education Foundation at their recent fundraiser and thanked the breweries involved.

7B. Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested payment documents reflecting a \$1.5 million loan from the Water and Sewer Funds in 2012-2013 to pay Redevelopment Agency Debt.

Mayor Scotto submitted a September 12, 2013 report from Standard and Poor's bond rating services indicating that Torrance enjoys a AA rating with a stable outlook for Mr. Stephenson's review.

7C. Arielle Stephenson, Torrance Youth Council, announced that the 27th Annual Spring Boutique benefiting the Youth Council's Beat the Odds scholarship program will be held on Sunday, April 6, at the Ken Miller Recreation Center beginning at 9:00 a.m.

7D. Hayden Tanabe, Torrance Youth Council, announced that the Youth Council will be holding its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 5, from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Attic Teen Center.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. FEBRUARY 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Considered separately, page 5.

8B. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR PARK SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Administrator and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the revised class specification for Park Services Supervisor.

8C. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTOR – CAPITAL PROJECTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Administrator and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the revised class specification for Public Works Inspector - Capital Projects.

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

Consent Calendar Item 8A was considered separately at this time.

8A. FEBRUARY 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for February 2014.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested clarification regarding funds included in the City's \$160 million investment pool, which was provided by City Treasurer Cortez.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with California Code Check for plan review services, on an as needed basis, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Community Development Director Gibson reported that the plan review services will be used to help expedite important projects, including the renovation of Del Amo Fashion Center. He confirmed that the consultant's fees are paid by the applicant seeking to have a project expedited and not the City.

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

12B. RESOLUTION RE MOU FOR TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Memorandum of Understanding Resolution setting forth the hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by the Torrance Professional Parks and Recreation Employees Organization (TPPREO) for the period March 23, 2014 to December 31, 2017 and repeal Resolution 2011-42 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 reported that the proposed Memorandum of Understanding is within the parameters specified by the City Council and has been agreed to by the Torrance Professional Parks and Recreation Employees Organization (TPPREO).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARK AND RECREATION
EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION (TPPREO), AND REPEALING RESOLUTION
NO. 2011-42

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-37. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3771

ORDINANCE NO. 3771

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3771. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Brewer reported on Torrance Education Foundation's successful Celebrate Education fundraiser/dinner held last Friday evening and thanked all who participated.

17B. Councilmember Brewer offered a reminder about the Youth Council's pancake breakfast of Saturday, April 5, from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Attic Teen Center.

17C. Councilmember Furey echoed comments on the Celebrate Education dinner and thanked those who donated items for the silent auction.

17D. Councilmember Sutherland reported on a ribbon ceremony he attended last Wednesday for a Merle Norman cosmetics studio along with Mayor Scotto and Councilmembers Ashcraft and Barnett.

17E. Mayor Scotto sought to dispel erroneous statements made at City Council candidate forums that the City of Torrance was on the verge of bankruptcy.

17F. Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item to appropriate residual memorial funds collected for Mary Lou Weiss for another purpose since the amount collected exceeded the cost of her memorial at Wilson Park.

17G. Mayor Scotto reported that he has been approached by California Triathlon about holding a triathlon in Torrance in September 2014, and with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward a Council item for consideration and notify residents along the triathlon route so they can provide input.

17H. City Manager Jackson thanked his staff for coordinating the recognition of the high school athletes earlier in the meeting.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:21 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 8, 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 May 13, 2014