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At 12:45 a.m., Wednesday, April 23, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. May 6, 2014 is Students and Government Day. **Tuesday, April 29 is a Council Dark Night.**

**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 22, 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, Assistant City Attorney Sullivan, City Clerk Herbers and other staff representatives.

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 the above-mentioned item and agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, and 18C) Public Employee Performance Evaluation, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6, 54925.8 and 54957(b)(1).

The City Council reconvened at 7:09 p.m. with all members present.

Councilmember Weideman announced that he abstained from discussion of Item 18B(3) regarding Lisi Aerospace due to a conflict of interest.

No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Ms. Cheryl Thom and her 5th grade class, Arlington Elementary.

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, April 17, 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Consent Calendar Item 8J was withdrawn and deferred to a later date; supplemental material was available for Items 8H, 8J, 12B, 12D and 13A.

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

13A. MOD13-00055: 209 VIA EL TORO – JIM DELURGIO

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council deny the appeal and adopt a Resolution approving a Minor Modification MIS13-00055 to allow an increase of 5-inches to the previously approved height of the rear addition on property located within the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 209 Via el Toro.

Mayor Scotto recommended that the hearing be continued indefinitely so that a silhouette can be erected and certified per TMC §92.21.11 since there has been considerable neighborhood controversy about this project and a silhouette is necessary for the City Council to determine whether there is a substantial adverse impact to view, light, air and privacy. He noted that the hearing will be re-advertised when a new date has been set.

A speaker representing Mr. Delurgio (no name given) contended that Mr. Delurgio was being treated differently from other applicants because silhouettes are not typically required for Minor Modifications.

Mayor Scotto responded that he could not make an informed decision without viewing a silhouette.

Vicki Radel, appellant, urged the Council to require a silhouette.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to continue the hearing indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Sutherland announced that City Council budget workshops/public hearings will be held Tuesday, May 13, and Tuesday, May 20, during the regularly scheduled City Council meetings in the Council Chamber.

City Clerk Herbers announced that reservations for a free Commissioner Certification Training class on Thursday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. may still be available by calling 310.618.5880 before 12:00 noon tomorrow. She noted that this class is required to be able to apply for appointment to any of the City's commissions or boards.

City Clerk Herbers reported that residents will be receiving mail from the City Clerk's Office titled "Who and What" asking them to be thoughtful voters when casting votes in the June 3rd election. She noted that the Official Sample Ballot Booklet will be mailed to each registered voter between April 24 and May 13, which includes a form for the voter to apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot, and the Secretary of State will be mailing a pamphlet to each household with a registered voter that has information about the State initiatives and candidates. She encouraged voters to visit www.TorranceVotes.org for additional information about voter registration, candidate research, campaign finance and candidate forums.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION HONORING WALSER'S

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation honoring **Walser's** for outstanding contributions to the City of Torrance and the environment through extensive recycling efforts, which was accepted by Jack Walser and his family.

6B. RECOGNITION OF ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MAGRUDER MIDDLE SCHOOL RE 3RD ANNUAL TRASH FREE LUNCH CHALLENGE

Mayor Scotto recognized **Arlington Elementary School** and **Magruder Middle School** for participation in the **3rd Annual Trash Free Lunch Challenge** hosted by Grades of Green, a local non-profit, and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. Mayor Scotto along with Grades of Green representatives Nicole Sevier and Cathy Procopio, presented certificates to **Arlington Elementary School** Principal Dr. Vicki Hath, and parents Gina Mullin and Janice Delamora; and **Magruder Middle School** Principal Chris Sheck, Assistant Principal Lisa Nunes, teacher Maribeth Borowski, parents Cathy Beasley, Jill Nowak and Veronica Banda; and students Alexis Delgado, Cameron Clutter, Francesca Spain, Annie Cho, and Francisco Magallanes.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Michael Kamimura, Lomita, expressed concerns about people circumventing the ban on dogs at the Torrance Certified Farmers Market by claiming that they are service dogs.

7B. Michael Bell, Torrance, invited the public to attend the 2014 Edelbrock Car Show on Saturday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Vic's Garage, located at 510 Madrid Avenue.

7C. Brandon Matson, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Chamber will be holding a luncheon celebrating its 75th anniversary on Thursday, April 24, at 11:00 a.m. at the Torrance Marriott. He also announced that the Mayor's State of the City address will be held on Thursday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. at the Torrance Marriott, with additional information on these events at www.TorranceChamber.com.

7D. Janet Payne, Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, announced that a candidate forum for City Council candidates will be held on Wednesday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Senior Center, located at 1318 Cravens Avenue.

7E. Rick Marshall, Torrance, reported that he submitted an initiative on forming Council Districts in Torrance in January 2014 and asked that the City Council respond to his request. He expressed concerns that the election mailer sent out by the City mentions the website www.SmartVoter.org, which is not non-partisan.

7F. Lloyd Brown, Torrance, noted that service dogs are used for a variety of disabilities, not all of which are visible.

7G. A representative of Students Against Violating the Environment (name inaudible/no speaker card) announced that the group will be hosting an e-waste recycling event on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Torrance High School, with proceeds to be used to refurbish two greenhouses on the campus currently not in use.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a sixth amendment to the fee agreement (C2008-212) with the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore to provide legal services in the matter of Brumbaugh v. City of Torrance, for an additional \$2,000, for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$377,000.

8B. YOUTH COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN 2014 RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

Considered separately, see page 5.

8C. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 71588

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 71588;
- 2) Accept the abandonment of two (2) portions of public alley;
- 3) Accept the abandonment of a storm drain easement; and
- 4) Accept the dedication of a public utility easement

This Final Parcel Map allows consolidating of 10 parcels into 2 parcels on property located at 20340 Hawthorne Boulevard. This project is owned by Jeffery Paul Robinson and Stacy Robinson Polig and the Final Parcel Map substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Parcel Map.

8D. CHANGE ORDER RE PURCHASE ORDER FOR AMMUNITION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council authorize a change order in the amount of \$12,500 to Dooley Enterprises of Anaheim, CA, to increase the annual purchase order 2014-156 from \$30,000 to a new, not to exceed total of \$42,500, for the purchase of ammunition on an as needed basis through June 30, 2014.

8E. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR 2014 "BEAT THE ODDS" SCHOLARSHIP

Considered separately, see page 6.

8F. APPROPRIATION OF 2012 COPS GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council appropriate and allocate \$88,135.86 of 2012 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds, and any interest, to support Police Department program.

8G. APPROPRIATION OF 2013 COPS GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council appropriate and allocate \$106,500 of 2013 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds to support Police Department programs.

8H. CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL FOR BUS WASH EQUIPMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Transit Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Golden Phoenix Construction for \$48,000 with 5% contingency of \$2,400 to provide electrical for the transit bus wash equipment (B2014-13); and
- 2) Approve a project management fee of \$4,800.

8I. CONTRACT FOR LAGO SECO PARK RESTROOM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Action Contractors for \$148,150 with 5% contingency of \$7,408 (RFP2014-06/FEAP) for a prefabricated restroom at Lago Seco Park;
- 2) Authorize a not to exceed amount of \$14,127 deputy/geotechnical inspections;
- 3) Approve a project management fee of \$14,815; and
- 4) Appropriate \$60,000 from the Park and Recreation Facility Fund to FEAP839-Lago Seco Park Restroom.

8J. CONTRACT FOR PROTECTIVE FENCING AT TOYOTA SPORTS COMPLEX

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Community Services Director that City Council award a contract in a form acceptable to the City Attorney to Ohno Construction Company for a not to exceed amount of \$160,000 from FEAP 882-Toyota Sports Complex Field Maintenance & Replacement Project for protective fencing at the Toyota Sports Complex.

Item was withdrawn and deferred to a later date.

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

Consent Calendar Items 8B and 8E were considered at this time.

8B. YOUTH COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN 2014 RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Torrance Youth Council and the Community Services Director that City Council grant permission to the Youth Council to participate in the Relay for Life American Cancer Society fundraising event at South High School on April 26 and April 27, 2014, and to use and display the City of Torrance logo and the Torrance Youth Council name in conjunction with their team.

Councilmember Sutherland commended the Torrance Youth Council for their efforts, noting that they spend many hours raising funds and volunteering their time for the betterment of the community.

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

8E. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR 2014 “BEAT THE ODDS” SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Torrance Youth Council and the Community Services Director that City Council approve and appropriate \$4,000 from the Youth Council Donation Account for warrants to be issued in the amount of \$1,000 each to four 2014 “Beat the Odds” scholarship honorees.

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

The City Council took a brief recess from 8:15 p.m. to 8:34 p.m.

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR 2014 AYSO NATIONAL GAMES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Office of Economic Development and the Community Services Department that City Council:

- 1) Approve allocation not to exceed \$75,000 to assist with costs associated with hosting the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) 2014 National Games; and
- 2) Appropriate funds from Economic Development Reserve Fund.

Management Associate Fulton briefly highlighted the proposed budget to assist with the costs associated with hosting the AYSO 2014 National Games and to publicize the event. She noted that the City anticipates that the event will generate revenue far beyond this amount in the form of sales tax and hotel occupancy tax and staff is working on developing ways to track this revenue.

Lloyd Brown, Torrance, expressed concerns about the event’s impact on parking and traffic and voiced his opinion that this money would be better spent for the benefit of residents.

Dave Fleming, Torrance, thanked the Council for supporting this event, which will spotlight the City of Torrance.

Debbie Sannes, Torrance, related her belief that this money would be better spent to benefit all the children of Torrance and not just those who play soccer.

Clint Paulson, Torrance, expressed an interest in knowing what other cities involved in the 2014 National Games, are contributing to the event and questioned the need for banners to publicize it.

Dave Kupfer, Kathryn Avenue, requested clarification regarding the source of the funding.

Voiced support for the proposal, Councilmember Furey noted that in addition to generating revenue, this event will serve as a marketing tool because the AYSO games will bring national attention to Torrance.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. 2ND QUARTER 2013-2014 BUDGET REVIEW REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee that City Council:

- 1) Accept the Second Quarter (Mid-Year) 2013-2014 Budget Review Report;
- 2) Accept the City Treasurer's Investment Report; and
- 3) Approve staff's recommendation for the program modification for the Community Development Department.

Finance Director Tsao reported that revenues are expected to meet projections for the year and expenses are slightly under budget.

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

12B. CONTRACT RE TRANSIT OFFICE REMODEL AND TRAINING ROOM EXPANSION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Transit Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to CJPro Inc for \$599,300 with 5% contingency of \$29,965 for the Transit Office Remodel and Training Room Expansion (B2014-09/FEAP #716/581);
- 2) Award a purchase order to CSI Fullmer for \$173,062.97 for new workstations and office furniture; and
- 3) Approve a project management fee of \$59,930.

Facilities Manager Landis provided an overview of the Transit Office Remodel and Training Room expansion project.

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

12C. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR STORMWATER BASIN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve budget transfers of \$118,083.89 and appropriate \$355,023.51, for a total of \$473,107.40, as follows for additional funding for the Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, I-102:

- 1) Approve a budget transfer of \$65,448.89 from On-Site Retrofits for City and School Properties for Recycled Water, I-078 to Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, I-102;
- 2) Approve a budget transfer of \$52,635 from Fixture Replacement at Entradero Park, FEAP #783 to IAP No. I-102;
- 3) Appropriate \$173,053.71 from the Storm Drain Developer Impact Fees to IAP No. I-102;
- 4) Appropriate \$73,521.11 from the Water Enterprise Fund balance to IAP No. I-102; and
- 5) Appropriate \$108,448.69 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund balance to IAP No. I-102 for a new not to exceed project cost of \$5,234,527.64.

Engineering Manager Dettle reported that this item and Item 12D deal with the Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, which involves the Amie, Henrietta and Entradero basins; that the project is necessary to comply with water quality regulations; and that improvements include recycled water retrofits, habitat restoration and infiltration systems. He noted that the project has been in the works for over six years and funding includes a \$3.3 million state grant and a \$300,000 federal grant.

Dave Kupfer, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the amount of stormwater to be captured in the basins, which was provided by staff.

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

12D. CONTRACTS RE STORMWATER BASIN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the construction of Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, I-102 (B2014-12);
- 2) Determine that the approval of the construction of Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, I-102 (B2014-12) is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15332 of the Guidelines implementing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- 3) Waive minor irregularities in the bid proposed by Environmental Construction, Inc.;
- 4) Award a public works agreement to Environmental Construction, Inc. of Woodland Hills, CA, in the amount of \$3,725,651.30, and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$186,282.57 for the construction of Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, I-102;
- 5) Award a consulting service agreement to California Watershed Engineering to provide Construction Management and Inspection Services in the amount of \$339,626; and
- 6) Authorize an amount of \$50,000 for project administration.

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

12E. ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AIRCRAFT FUEL REIMBURSEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate funding in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 from the Airport Aeronautical Fund to the Western Museum of Flight for eighteen airplanes to conduct flyovers during the 2014 Armed Forces Day Parade; and
- 2) Approve the event to be designated as a special exhibit under Section 46.8.10 of the Torrance Municipal Code which exempts such events from aircraft noise regulations.

Councilmember Barnett, chair of the Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee, reported that current military guidelines do not allow flyovers so the Western Museum of Flight has arranged for private pilots to conduct flyovers at this year's Armed Forces Day Parade and has requested \$4,000 for fuel reimbursement. He noted that the committee also considered a request from the Torrance Rose Float Association to have an entry in the parade, but denied the request because the float was not in keeping with the parade's military theme.

Councilmember Weideman voiced support for the requested funding, relating his belief that the flyovers will greatly add to the ambiance of the parade.

Georgian Griswold, Torrance Rose Float Association, requested that the Council reconsider allowing a replica of the original Torrance Rose Float in the Armed Forces Day Parade, noting that the float will be privately funded.

Aurelio Mattucci, Torrance Rose Float Association, urged the Council to allow the float commemorating Torrance's 100 years of participation in the Tournament of Roses Parade in the Armed Forces Day Parade.

Lloyd Brown, Torrance, stated that he saw no reason to deny the request if the float is privately funded.

Mayor Scotto advised that the Armed Forces Day Parade's sole focus has always been the military and related his belief that other types of floats would be an unwelcome distraction.

Councilmember Ashcraft suggested the possibility of highlighting the replica of the original Torrance Rose Float at another event.

A brief discussion ensued about possible alternative events.

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

12F. URGENCY ORDINANCE RE MOBILE FOOD VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Department that City Council adopt an Urgency Ordinance creating an exemption to the Torrance Municipal Code requirements for regulating mobile food vendors at the AYSO Founder's Cup Tournament on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27, 2014 located on City owned parking lot between the Police Department and the Los Angeles County Courthouse property:

- 1) Allow the use of portable restroom facilities; and
- 2) Allow a maximum of 5 mobile food vendors for the event.

Community Services Director Jones reported that the proposed Urgency Ordinance would allow mobile food vendors to offer food service for officials and attendees of the AYSO Founder's Cup tournament to be held at the Toyota Sports Complex on April 26 and 27.

Responding to questions from the Council, Community Services Director Jones confirmed that gates at the sports complex will be staffed to ensure that people do not bring food into the facility; confirmed that food trucks must have a Torrance business license and comply with L.A. County Health Department regulations; and clarified that the exemption is site specific so mobile food trucks will be able to operate at this location for other events in the future.

Mayor Scotto noted that the parking lot is quite a distance away from the sports complex and the food trucks are intended to be a convenience for officials.

Lloyd Brown, Torrance, called for the City to be equally accommodating to micro-breweries that would like to have mobile food trucks at their locations.

Debbie Sannes, Torrance, related her experience that food trucks typically pay 10% of their profits to the organization hosting the event.

Dave Fleming, Torrance, offered his assurance the AYSO would strictly enforce the rules regarding the prohibition of food and drinks on the new sports fields.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation and approve an ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 3772

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 93.1.8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MOBILE FOOD VENDORS FOR AN EVENT APRIL 26 AND APRIL 27, 2014

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 3772. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

The Council took a brief recess from 9:47 p.m. to 10:02 p.m.

12G. OPTIMIZED WEEKLY STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve key elements of the Optimized Weekly Street Sweeping Program.

Deputy Public Works Director Bilezerian provided an overview of the Optimized Weekly Street Sweeping Program being implemented to comply with water quality regulations that allow zero trash to be discharged into the storm drain system, noting that the City can be fined up to \$10,000 per day for failure to comply. He explained that trash screens will be installed on storm drains to prevent trash and debris from entering the system; that street sweeping will be done on alternate sides of a street on two consecutive days; and that "No Parking" signs will be installed prohibiting parking for a three-hour period on street sweeping days so vehicles do not interfere with the street sweeping process. He reported that staff held community meetings to discuss the program and the primary concerns are related to the number and location of "No Parking" signs.

Councilmember Furey suggested that staff explore the possibility of developing neighborhood-specific signs for sections of the city with a strong identity, such as Hollywood Riviera and Old Torrance, instead of generic "No Parking" signs.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Deputy Public Works Director Bilezerian confirmed that signs can be installed on existing street light poles as long as there are no line-of-sight issues.

Police Lieutenant Underwood, Traffic and Safety Commander, stressed the importance of having clearly visible signage for purposes of enforcement and noted that there will be a three-week grace period before any vehicle is ticketed.

Tim Calkins, Mindora Drive, stated that he supports the goal of pollution-free run-off, however, he believes this can be accomplished through voluntary compliance without “No Parking” signs in neighborhoods where there is a high level of cooperation. He expressed concerns that signs will be an eyesore and detract from the neighborhood.

Debbie Sannes, Reese Road, voiced objections to the addition of “No Parking” signs in front of her home.

Pamela Combar, Gaycrest Avenue, suggested that signs be posted at property lines for corner houses to minimize the impact and also suggested adding wording that holidays are exempt from parking restrictions.

Mayor Scotto explained that signs need to be posted at the beginning and end of the block otherwise there would be a gap in the no-parking zone.

John and Tricia Blanco, Gaycrest Avenue, called for “No Parking” signs to be limited to the corners of streets, noting that they submitted a petition to this effect signed by 150 people.

Mayor Scotto pointed out that there are long, curvy streets in certain sections of Torrance where corner signs would not be sufficient. He offered his assurance that the City was committed to installing as few signs as possible.

Veronica Calkins, Mindora Drive, expressed concerns that “No Parking” signs will detract from the neighborhood and decrease property values.

Kurt James, Reese Road, contended that street sweeping was ineffective in removing debris even when there are no vehicles blocking the street sweeper’s path, using photos to illustrate. He recommended that efforts be focused on trees since leaves make up the majority of debris.

Mario Obejas, Galva Avenue, suggested that installing trash screens on drains alone may be effective in controlling debris and called for objective measurements to confirm that the Optimized Street Sweeping program is necessary.

Bill Applegate, Torrance, expressed concerns that the proposed parking restrictions conflict with the Recreation Vehicle Overnight Parking Permit, which requires RVs to be parked in front of their owner’s home at all times, and called for an exemption for RVs. He related his belief that the parking restrictions will only create problems and voiced support for a voluntary approach.

Judy Brunetti, Greenmeadows Avenue, urged the City to carefully consider the number and location of “No Parking” signs and suggested that a smaller size be used, because while a 12” x 18” sign is recommended, it is not mandated, noting that Beverly Hills uses a sign that is 6” x 16”.

Clint Paulson, Vicky Avenue, called for the minimum amount of signage, relating his experience that once someone gets a ticket, they will not make the same mistake again.

Mayor Scotto explained that the City wants to minimize the issuance of parking tickets.

Mike Griffiths, Cricklewood Avenue, noted that the number of parking tickets issued will drastically increase with the new restrictions and urged that there be a reduction in the \$43 fee charged per violation.

Mayor Scotto explained that parking tickets do not generate revenue, they simply cover the cost of Parking Enforcement staff and administrative costs.

Tim Goodrich, Torrance, urged the Council to delay action on this item so more community outreach can be done.

The City Council briefly recessed from 11:22 p.m. to 11:32 p.m. due to technical issues.

Brian Mitchell, Draille Drive, stated that he lives in a very responsible neighborhood and believes the goals of the Optimized Street Sweeping Program can be accomplished without any signage at all, noting that speed limits are enforced without having signs on every block.

Leilani Kimmel-Dagastino, Torrance, reported that she only has space to park one vehicle on her property so she must use street parking and expressed concerns that her vehicle will be ticketed when she is away on vacation.

Melissa Wright, Moresby Drive, requested that trash screens be installed in her area without signage to see if this can be effective.

Mr. Zimmerman, Reese Road, urged the Council to find another solution that does not involve signage and fines.

Dave Kupfer, Kathryn Avenue, encouraged the Council to delay action so residents can learn more about this proposal.

Dan Thomas, Linda Drive, echoed concerns about proposed signage and parking fines.

Jenna Christensen, Vanderhill Road, questioned whether other nearby cities are implementing optimized street sweeping. Noting that she and other residents only recently learned of the program, she asked that implementation be delayed.

Mayor Scotto explained that other cities are searching for funding to implement the program, and Torrance is fortunate to have obtained grants to cover the cost.

Engineering Manager Dettle reported that the City has until December 2015 to complete this project in order to apply for reimbursement from grant funds.

Councilmember Sutherland indicated that he was inclined to postpone this matter for 2-3 months to allow more community outreach.

Deputy Public Works Director Bilezerian advised that the contract for the project, which was awarded in February 2014, has a one-year time frame however, it would be possible to go ahead with the installation of the trash screens and delay the signage portion of the contract.

Councilmember Brewer asked about the possibility of exempting recreation vehicles from parking restrictions.

Assistant City Attorney Sullivan advised that he would not recommend granting an exemption for recreation vehicles because it would encourage other requests for exemptions and leave the City vulnerable to fines as it would diminish the effectiveness of the program.

Councilmember Furey recommended that the City go forward with implementing the signage in areas where there are existing parking restrictions on both sides of the street since the alternate day program represents an improvement for these areas. He suggested the possibility of using minimal signage in areas that can demonstrate a high degree of voluntary compliance.

Councilmember Barnett, echoed by Councilmember Ashcraft, expressed support for delaying the signage in areas without existing parking restrictions.

Councilmember Weideman noted that some residents will welcome the “No Parking” signage because they live in areas where streets are constantly parked up and gutters are never cleaned.

Mayor Scotto suggested that there was little benefit in delaying approval of the program because the Council has already made it clear that signage should be kept to a minimum and the program must be approved eventually to comply with mandates.

Councilmember Weideman indicated that he favored a delay so there could be more community outreach because while the Council has been aware of the program for some time, residents only recently learned of it.

A brief discussion ensued about the best way to notify residents, and City Manager Jackson recommended a city-wide mailer to each residence.

Councilmember Sutherland made a motion, which he subsequently withdrew after indicating that he was not inclined to amend it to include consideration of an exemption for RVs since this has never been a problem in areas with existing parking restrictions.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to approve the installation of trash screens and the re-signing of areas with existing street sweeping parking restrictions on both sides of the street and to direct staff to explore different types of signs, to look into the possibility of exemptions for recreational vehicles, to send out a mailer to each resident and re-notify homeowner associations, and to bring the matter back to the Council as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

13. HEARINGS

13A. MOD13-00055: 209 VIA EL TORO – JIM DELURGIO

Considered out of order, see page 2.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff bring forward an item to subsidize rental fees for the use of the portable stage by the Harbor Regional Center for an event celebrating their 40th anniversary to be held on Saturday, May 10.

17B. Pamela Combar, Torrance, thanked the Council for their thoughtful consideration of residents' concerns about the new street sweeping program.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:45 a.m., Wednesday, April 23, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. May 6, 2014 is Students and Government Day. **Tuesday, April 29 is a Council Dark Night.**

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 20, 2014