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At 9:28 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, 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 agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6.

The City Council reconvened at 7:08 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 Public Works Director Rob Beste.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Monsignor Michael Meyers, St. James Church.

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, June 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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn; supplemental material was available for Item 80.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Scotto offered his congratulations to those elected in the June 3, 2014 Municipal Election: Mayor - Pat Furey; Councilmembers - Heidi Ashcraft, Kurt Weideman, Geoff Rizzo and Tim Goodrich; City Clerk - Rebecca Poirier; and City Treasurer - Dana Cortez.

City Clerk Herbers reported that updated election returns are available at www.TorranceVotes.org and www.LAVote.net, noting that Torrance had a 21% voter turnout.

Mayor Scotto wished Assistant to the City Manager Brian Sunshine a speedy recovery.

Councilmember Brewer announced that the 300th Army Band will present a free concert "Songs from the Homefront" on Friday, June 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the Armstrong Theatre, with tickets available by calling the box office at 310.781.7171.

Mayor Scotto noted that over 5000 people are expected to visit Torrance in conjunction with the AYSO National Games, to be held June 29 through July 6, so tourist-related businesses should be prepared, with additional information available by calling the City's Office of Economic Development at 310.618.5807.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RECOGNITION OF WEST TORRANCE ROBOTICS FIRST CHALLENGE TEAMS 5124 and 4512

Mayor Scotto recognized West Torrance Robotics FIRST Robotics Challenge Team 5124 and FIRST Tech Challenge Team 4512 for their award winning robotics and presented certificates to students: Nadir Akhtar, Farooq Akhtar, Kiril Bakardzhiev, ShungJun Cho, Fred Furuta, Chris Glavan, Brandon Gomez-Zoon, Chris Gonzalez, Michael Heideman, Alex Ito, Zach Jicha, Julia Lu, Sakura Oida, Melissa Lee, Michael Lee, Patrick Myers, Matthew Mizuta, Ryan Moeller, Brandon Ogg, Isabelle Pfander, Rishita Roy (PR), Anusha Ranganath (Code), Hyun Ho Son (Danny), Michael Tamaki (Code), Zach Trudeau, Vinod Wijetunge, Tommy Wong, and coaches: Christy Evans, Tom Heideman, Desmond Tamaki, Daniel Heideman and Brandon Ioki.

Agenda Item 12E was considered out of order at this time.

12E. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FRIENDS OF TORRANCE LIBRARY DONATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a total of \$93,400 in donations from the Friends of the Torrance Library for online homework assistance, adult programming, and outreach.

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

City Librarian Theyer expressed appreciation to the Friends of Torrance Library for this generous donation, which will fully fund the online homework assistance program for three years.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

7A. Lloyd Brown, Torrance, requested that craft breweries be allowed to have food trucks visit their breweries on a regular basis for the convenience of customers since there are no restaurants in the industrial area where they are located.

7B. June Lee, Torrance, wanted to alert residents that unattended donation collection bins that are proliferating throughout Torrance are operated by for-profit companies, not charities.

7C. Janet Payne, Torrance, commented positively on the City Yard Open House/ Environmental Fair held at the City Yard on Saturday, June 7.

7D. Ryan Mand, Torrance, asked about the appointment process to fill Councilmember Furey's position, which will be left vacant when he becomes mayor, and Mayor Scotto advised the process will be decided when the new City Council takes office on July 15.

7E. Mark Stephenson, Torrance, contended that the City has improperly raised water rates by using CPI adjustments in violation of California Government Code Section 53750 and Article XIII C of the California Constitution.

7F. Mayor Scotto requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of World War II veteran and Torrance resident Carl Carlton Echols, who passed away on June 3 at age 97.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES¹

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of May 6 and May 13, 2014.

8B. APRIL 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation

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

8C. CONTRACT RE COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a contract with Kim Fuentes, in an amount not to exceed \$65,520, for Commuter Transportation (Rideshare) consulting services for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

8D. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE BUS INTERIOR CLEANING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that Council approve a second amendment with Ultimate Maintenance Services, Inc. (C2012-179) in the amount of \$43,589.28 to provide bus interior cleaning services for the Torrance Transit System. The total contract amount inclusive of the amendment is \$120,978.60 and the term is extended through June 30, 2015.

8E. AGREEMENT RE UNARMED SECURITY SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager, Transit Director and the Community Services Director that Council approve an Amendment to the Agreement with World Private Security, Incorporated (C2013-132) to provide security services for the City of Torrance, extending the term from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$371,667.68.

8F. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR AMMUNITION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council authorize purchase orders for ammunition on an as-needed basis for the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, to:

- 1) San Diego Police Equipment Co., Inc. of San Diego, CA; in an amount not to exceed \$60,000; and
- 2) Dooley Enterprises, Inc. of Anaheim, CA in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

8G. EXTENSION OF MOU FOR HOUSING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER BOOK COLLECTION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve an extension of the Memoranda of Understanding between the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and the Community Services Library Division for housing and lending of the Environmental Services Center book collection.

8H. HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION AND CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION REORGANIZATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the following staffing changes:

- 1) Upgrade 1.0 Human Resources Technician (former Personnel Technician) to 1.0 Human Resources Analyst in Civil Service;
- 2) Upgrade .8 Human Resources Technician (former Personnel Technician) to 1.0 Human Resources Technician in Civil Service; and
- 3) Add .5 Intern II in Civil Service.

8I. PURCHASE ORDER FOR ELECTRONIC DATABASES FOR TORRANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve the sole source purchase of three electronic databases (EBSCO Host, NoveList, and Auto Repair Reference Center) from EBSCO, Inc. of Birmingham, AL for \$45,396 for the Torrance Library System for fiscal year 2014-2015.

8J. APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT PROGRAM FY2014-15

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Cultural Arts Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve \$5,000 in funds for Community Arts Grant Program Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

8K. CALNET AGREEMENTS RE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Communications & Information Technology Director that City Council:

- 1) Extend the existing CalNet 2 service agreement for 3 months; and
- 2) Authorize staff to enter into the State of California's CalNet 3 Master Service Agreement to purchase various telecommunication services for an initial 5-year-term, plus two optional 1-year extensions.

8L. FEE AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a fee agreement with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker, LLP to provide legal services relating to the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.

8M. CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Award a primary contract to Western Medical Group to provide medical services for an amount not to exceed \$91,800 annually for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 with the option to renew for one additional year; and
- 2) Award a secondary contract with Providence Medical Institute to provide medical services for an amount not to exceed \$65,000 annually for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016 with the option to renew for one additional year.

8N. CONTRACT RE FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Communications & Information Technology Director, Fire Chief, and Police Chief that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a contract with Locution Systems Inc. of Golden, CO in the amount of \$310,280 to customize, furnish, and install a Fire Station Alerting System (including annual maintenance for \$16,442 fixed for 5 years for a total of \$82,210);
- 2) Approve a payment of \$16,983.45 City Self-Assessment of Sales Tax;
- 3) Approve an amendment to contract C2005-227 for the addition of the Spillman Station Alerting Interface with Spillman Technologies, Inc. of Salt Lake City, UT for \$39,374 to purchase the interface module (annual maintenance expenditure of \$7,519 to be brought forth with contract C2005-227 renewal in fiscal 2015-2016); and
- 4) Approve a 5% contingency in the amount of \$14,221.37 to cover any unforeseen application development issues as processes are finalized.

80. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE GRANT WRITING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement (C2013-101) with Blais & Associates to increase agreement in the amount of \$20,000 with a not to exceed amount of \$84,500 for grant writing services and extend the agreement for one year through June 30, 2015.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8O. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. MEASURE R PROJECT F-58: I-405 AT 182ND STREET/CRENSHAW BOULEVARD OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the South Bay Measure R Highway program funding agreement (#MOU.MR312.26) to be executed with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("LACMTA");
- 2) Approve the Measure R project F-58, I-405 at 182nd St./Crenshaw Blvd. Operational Improvements Project, Infrastructure Action Plan (IAP) Project T 155 in the City's Capital Budget Plan; and
- 3) Upon approval of Funding Agreement with a total amount of \$15,300,000 appropriate Measure R funding and approve the updated IAP T 155.

Engineering Manager Semaan provided an overview of the I-405 at 182nd Street/Crenshaw Boulevard Operational Improvements Project.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the Measure R funding process, which was provided by Public Works Director Beste.

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

12B. APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE FOR HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA GATEWAY PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee that City Council approve the proposed design and future maintenance of the Hollywood Riviera Gateway Project.

Engineering Manager Overstreet reviewed the proposed design for the Hollywood Riviera Gateway Project consisting of a planter and a sign in the median on Pacific Coast Highway at Monte D'Oro identifying the area as being Hollywood Riviera established in 1928. She reported that the Friends of Hollywood Riviera (FHR) has a benefactor who will pay the \$15,000 cost of the project and FHR has agreed to perpetually maintain the sign and planter with the City to continue mowing the area around it.

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

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The Council briefly recessed from 8:08 p.m. to 8:23 p.m.

12C. RESOLUTION APPROVING FY2014-15 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND SELECTION OF ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution approving the City of Torrance appropriations limit for fiscal year 2014-15 in the amount of \$2,493,014,347; and
- 2) Select the percentage of change in Total Assessed Valuation Due to Non-Residential New Construction as the cost of living factor, together with the increase in the county's population, as the annual adjustment factors for the same fiscal year.

Sr. Administrative Analyst Eng reported that this action is necessary to comply with the Gann Initiative.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, expressed concerns that Torrance's appropriations limit seems extremely high as compared to other California cities.

Finance Director Tsao advised that the cost factors used are provided by outside agencies and the City's calculations are checked by an independent auditor on a yearly basis, noting that calculations from past years are available for review in the City Clerk's office.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 2014-15 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND SELECTION OF THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-74. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

12D. CHANGE ORDER RE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FOR ALTERNATE FUEL VEHICLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director and Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a sole-source purchasing agreement with Clean Energy Fuels Corporation of Seal Beach, California in an amount not to exceed \$2,064,218.75 to furnish Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) on an as needed basis from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015; and
- 2) Approve a change order to increase the amount of the agreement with Clean Energy Corporation of Seal Beach, California (2014-128) in the amount of \$15,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$136,800.

Transit Administration Manager Mills reported that Clean Energy is the only company that has CNG fueling station within the boundaries of Torrance and that a second fast-fill CNG fueling station is currently under construction in the City Yard but it will not be operational until the end of 2014.

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

12E. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FRIENDS OF TORRANCE LIBRARY DONATION

Considered out of order, see page 2.

12F. AGREEMENT RE RESIDENTIAL SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM AND ARTERIAL STREET PAVEMENT SEALING PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Determine that the approval of the Residential Slurry Seal Program, I-159 and Arterial Street Pavement Sealing Program, I-139 (B2014-21) 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 Residential Slurry Seal Program, I-159 and Arterial Street Pavement Sealing Program, I-139 (B2014-21); and
- 3) Award a public works agreement to All American Asphalt for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,225,180 to construct the Residential Slurry Seal Program, I-159 and Arterial Street Pavement Sealing Program, I-139 and authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$122,518.

Project Engineer Stephanie Comon provided an overview of the Residential Slurry Seal Program and the Arterial Street Pavement Sealing Program. She noted that all residents and businesses affected by the work will be notified and the schedule will be posted on the Public Works website.

In response to questions from the Council, Public Works Director Beste provided clarification regarding the products to be used.

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

12G. FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROPERTY DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT TO REALIGN CITY BOUNDARY WITH ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the First Amendment to Property Dedication and Contribution Agreement by and between the City of Torrance ("Torrance"), a California charter city, Chandler Ranch Properties, LLC and BRI, LLC (collectively "Chandler").

City Manager Jackson reported that the City has been working on the proposed boundary realignment for some time, which will allow a new residential development to be constructed within the City of Rolling Hills; that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) had concerns about the original proposal so the boundary between the City of Torrance and the City of Rolling Hills Estates has been adjusted; and that the new proposal provides for open space to create a buffer between existing homes in Torrance and the new development.

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

12H. FIRST AMENDMENT TO BOUNDARY MODIFICATION AND ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a First Amendment to a Boundary Modification and Annexation Agreement ("Agreement") by and between the City of Torrance ("Torrance"), a California charter city, and the City of Rolling Hills Estates ("Rolling Hills Estates"), a California general law city.

City Manager Jackson noted that this is a companion item to Item 12G.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the land swap involved in the boundary adjustment, which was provided by City Manager Jackson.

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

12I. REVISED AND RETITLED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR HUMAN RESOURCES TECHNICIAN AND RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT SALARY RANGE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and the Human Resources Administrator that City Council:

- 1) Approve the revised class specification for the revised and re-titled class specification for Human Resources Technician; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2014-38 for employees represented by the Torrance City Employees Association to implement the salary range.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported that the class specification for Human Resources Technician, which was last updated in 1994, has been revised to more accurately reflect the responsibilities and requirements of this position, noting that there will be no change to the salary range.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-38 SETTING FORTH CHANGES
REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (TCEA)

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-75. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

13. HEARINGS

13A. EAS14-00001, ZON14-00001, CUP14-00001, DIV14-00001: 1008 SARTORI AVENUE-SWITZER CENTER & GPA14-00001: CITY OF TORRANCE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Community Development Director that City Council take the following action for property located at 1008 Sartori Avenue:

- 1) Adopt a Negative Declaration based on the findings of the Initial Study;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution approving a General Plan Amendment from Commercial Center to Medium Density Residential;
- 3) Adopt an Ordinance approving a Zone Change from P-1 (Open Area, Parking, Planting) to R-3 (Limited Multiple-Family Residential);
- 4) Adopt a Resolution approving the construction of a four-unit condominium development;
- 5) Adopt a Resolution approving a subdivision for condominium purposes; and
- 6) Approve an Ordinance Summary for publication.

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 four-unit detached condominium project, noting that the site was formerly used as an off-site parking lot for the Switzer Center, which is no longer necessary because the Switzer Center has moved and the lot has been redeveloped with adequate on-site parking. He reported that the Planning Commission considered the project on April 2, 2014 and voted to approve it by a vote of 4-1, with 2 commissioners absent.

Councilmember Brewer expressed concerns about rezoning one parcel, and Planning Manager Lodan advised that staff believes residential use is most appropriate for this site because it is not large enough for a commercial development and it would be consistent with the residential neighborhood to the north and west.

Mayor Scotto asked about the location of trash bins, and Community Development Director Gibson reported that trash bins will be located off the alley but there may have to be modifications to landscaped areas next to the garages to accommodate them.

In response to Councilmember Ashcraft's inquiry, Randy Morris, project architect, confirmed that the existing curb cut on Sartori Avenue will be closed and all vehicular access to the site will be from the alley.

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

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve the project, as conditioned, with the following modification:

Modify

No. 13 That the applicant shall verify if trash is to be collected by private hauler or City service and a trash enclosure shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Community Development Department and the Public Works Department.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt a Negative Declaration based on the findings of Initial Study EAS14-00001. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 34 OF THE TORRRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMERCIAL CENTER TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE P-1 DISTRICT (ZONE CHANGE TO R-3 PENDING) AT 1008 SARTORI AVENUE
GPA14-00001: SWITZER CENTER (ROBERT STRINGFIELD)

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-76. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3773

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1008 SARTORI AVENUE FROM P-1 DISTRICT (OPEN SPACE, PARKING, PLANTING) TO R-3 (LIMITED MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZON14-00001: SWITZER CENTER (ROBERT STRINGFIELD)

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3773. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-UNIT CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE P-1 DISTRICT (ZONE CHANGE TO R-3 PENDING) AT 1008 SARTORI AVENUE
CUP14-00001: SWITZER CENTER (ROBERT STRINGFIELD)

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-77. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DIVISION OF LOT TO ALLOW SUBDIVISION FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES FOR A FOUR-UNIT DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE P-1 DISTRICT (ZONE CHANGE TO R-3 PENDING) AT 1008 SARTORI AVENUE **DIV14-00001: SWITZER CENTER (ROBERT STRINGFIELD)**

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-78. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

13B. CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing on the proposed levy of assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and ordering the improvements in connection with the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1.

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.

Deputy Public Works Director Bilezerian advised that assessment rates have remained unchanged since FY2007-2008 when the rates for property owners reached the maximum approved by voters and any increase in maintaining street lights since that time has been absorbed by the General Fund. He noted that in FY2007-2008, the General Fund contribution was approximately \$1.2 million and this has grown to \$1.8 million in FY2014-2015.

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972, PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAY CODE, AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIII D OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-79. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Furey requested that staff review the ordinance governing food trucks as it relates to craft breweries.

17B. Councilmember Furey requested that staff look into EBT/food stamp usage at the Torrance Certified Farmers Market.

17C. Councilmember Furey noted that the Torrance High baseball team defeated the South High team for the CIF Division IV championship last Saturday and requested that staff arrange for Torrance High to be recognized at an upcoming Council meeting.

17D. Councilmember Furey wished Brian Sunshine a speedy recovery.

17E. Councilmember Furey congratulated Treasurer Dana Cortez, City Clerk-elect Rebecca Poirier and newly elected Councilmembers Heidi Ashcraft, Kurt Weideman, Geoff Rizzo and Tim Goodrich and thanked all who assisted with his campaign for mayor.

17F. Councilmember Sutherland echoed well wishes to Brian Sunshine.

17G. Councilmember Sutherland offered congratulations to the newly elected councilmembers and mayor, but expressed disappointment about the low voter turnout.

17H. Councilmember Weideman congratulated the victors in the election; expressed empathy for those who were unsuccessful; and thanked his wife for her support.

17I. Councilmember Ashcraft, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff arrange to recognize officials of the Nagoya, Japan YMCA at the June 24 City Council meeting.

17J. Councilmember Ashcraft thanked those who supported her campaign, as well as her husband who served as campaign manager. She also congratulated Mayor-elect Furey and newly elected councilmembers.

17K. Councilmember Barnett congratulated all who participated in the election.

17L. Councilmember Barnett announced that there will be an opportunity to dispose of hazardous household waste and e-waste on Saturday, June 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at American Honda.

17M. Councilmember Brewer requested that staff explore the possibility of creating a City commission for those with disabilities.

17N. Councilmember Brewer offered his congratulations those who won in the June 3 election.

17O. Mayor Scotto echoed congratulations to the election winners, noting that the new mayor and council will take office on July 15.

17P. Mayor Scotto commended staff for the City Yard Open House/ Disaster Preparedness Expo & Environmental Fair held the previous Saturday, which was very well attended.

17Q. Mayor Scotto reported that he recently toured the Honeywell facility in Torrance and employees expressed concerns that the company may relocate the facility to another state due to the current business climate in California. He stressed the importance of doing everything possible to encourage businesses to remain in Torrance.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:28 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 17, 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 July 15, 2014