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At 9:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business 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 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Goodrich, Rizzo, Weideman and Mayor Furey.

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Poirier 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, 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and 18D) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6, 54956.9(d)(1), and 54956.8. He noted that Item 18C) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation was withdrawn.

The City Council reconvened at 7:00 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 Councilmember Goodrich.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rizzo.

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

City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, July 31, 2014.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Goodrich 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 Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote.

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 WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

Agenda Items 8F, 8H and 13B were withdrawn and deferred to a later date. Supplemental material was available for Agenda Items 8D, 8E, 8H, and 12E.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fire Chief Racowschi reported that the South Bay Strike Team, which includes a fire engine and crew from Torrance, responded to the Beaver Fire in Horse Creek, California on Sunday and they are currently helping to battle the fire, but are being hampered by rough terrain and hot and humid weather.

Fire Chief Racowschi reminded residents that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly Community Alert Siren testing on Wednesday, August 6, at approximately 11:30 a.m., with further information available by calling 310.212.1852.

Mayor Furey announced that the City Council Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 12, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager Assembly room to consider taking a position on the League of California Cities resolution.

City Clerk Poirier invited staff and public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Suzanne Kuuskmae on display in the City Clerk's office through August.

Mayor Furey requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired city employee Anna Gonzalez who passed away July 26 at the age of 69.

Mayor Furey requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of business owner and former Torrance Commissioner Clark Adams who passed away unexpectedly on July 26 while vacationing with family in Utah at the age of 61.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-91 RE NANCY STEIN-OMATSU**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-91**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING NANCY STEIN-OMATSU OF THE CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-91. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6B. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME"**

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring August 5, 2014 as **National Night Out Against Crime** in the City of Torrance to Deputy Police Chief Bernard Anderson.

**6C. INTRODUCTION OF SISTER CITY KASHIWA EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND ADULT LEADER**

Torrance Sister City Association President Lori Chong Eurich introduced the following exchange students and their adult leader visiting from Kashiwa, Japan, and Mayor Furey presented them with plaques: Saya Fuwazaki, Mami Igarashi, Yamato Kanai, Rei Kawamura, Shunsuke Kimura, Sayaka Naoi, Yuka Sugiura, and Mina Suzuki, and adult leader Satoko Miyake.

**6D. RECOGNITION OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM SENZOKU GAKUEN SCHOOL**

Exchange students from Senzoku Gakuen School in Kanagawa, Japan, were recognized for their participation in the Joyful Education Service and Joyful Education Service Coordinator Yoshi Ide briefly described the program.

**6E. PRESENTATION ON SURVEY OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES IN OLD TORRANCE**

Debbie Hays, Gene Higginbotham, and Jamie Watson gave a brief presentation on the 2011-2013 Survey of Historic Resources conducted by the Torrance Historical Society, which encompassed 109 blocks and 1,922 structures in the Olmsted Tract, the original footprint of Torrance.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Leilani Kimmel-Dagostino, Torrance, commended Engineering Manager Ted Semaan for helping resolve an issue with the clearance time allotted for people to cross the street at a traffic signal on Maple Avenue near the New Horizons senior condominium complex.

**7B.** Tanya Martin and Lloyd Brown, Torrance, provided background information about the damaging effects of vitamin deficiencies and urged the public to sign an on-line petition requesting that the Affordable Care Act mandate that testing for vitamin deficiencies be covered under preventative care and that necessary vitamin supplements be covered the same as any other prescription if deficiencies are found.

**7C.** Eve Rappaport, Cultural Services Manager, and Albert Valdez, Educational Coordinator for Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), provided information about activities during the Torrance Art and Film Lab, which runs from August 7 through September 6; discussed the partnership being formed with LACMA and Torrance schools; and announced that Torrance residents will be offered free admission to the Los Angeles County Art Museum on Sunday, October 19.

**7D.** Janet Payne, Torrance Historical Society, reported on upcoming events at the museum including a program on Louis Zamperini on Thursday, August 14.

**7E.** Ryan Mand, Torrance, suggested that a ballot measure to increase the salary of City Council members be included if a special election must be held to fill the vacancy on the Council.

**7F.** Mark Stephenson, Torrance, expressed concerns about Councilmember Goodrich's protest of the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of July 8, and July 15, 2014.

**8B. JUNE 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

Considered separately, see page 4.

**8C. AGREEMENT RE GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS**

Considered separately, see page 4.

**8D. AGREEMENT RE DECAL INSTALLATION AND REPAINTING OF TRANSIT BUSES**

Considered separately, see pages 4-5.

**8E. VERIFICATION OF LEASE FOR 3481 AIRPORT DRIVE #400**

Considered separately, see page 5.

**8F. AGREEMENT RE NORTH TORRANCE WELL FIELD PROJECT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a license agreement with Southern California Edison for a period of five years for an amount not to exceed \$323,389 for use of property north of Yukon Elementary School for the North Torrance Well Field Project, CIP I-108.

Item was withdrawn.

**8G. AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF SPORTS LIGHTING FOR EL NIDO PARK**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve a contract services agreement with Musco Corporation of Muscatine, IA for the sole source purchase and installation of sports lighting at El Nido Park for an amount not to exceed \$185,974.

**8H. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEADOW PARK PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE FEE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council establish the Meadow Park Parking Lot Maintenance Fee at \$66.34 per space per year to cover the cost of maintenance of the parking lots.

Item was withdrawn.

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

Consent Calendar Items 8B, 8C, 8D and 8E were considered separately at this time.

**8B. JUNE 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

**Recommendation**

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

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the City's investment policy, which was provided by City Treasurer Cortez.

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

**8C. AGREEMENT RE GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve a license agreement with Hi-Shear Corporation for three (3) groundwater monitoring wells and one (1) soil vapor probe.

Councilmember Weideman announced that he was abstaining from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

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

**8D. AGREEMENT RE DECAL INSTALLATION AND REPAINTING OF TRANSIT BUSES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council award a contract services agreement with Ter-Abramyan, Inc., dba L.A. Paint and Body Works to perform the repainting and decal installation of thirteen (13) Torrance Transit buses (RFP B2014-18) for a term beginning September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$67,340.

Councilmember Weideman related his understanding that the 13 buses to be repainted to match Torrance Transit's new branding scheme are only scheduled to be in service for one more year and questioned whether this was a prudent use of grant funds.

Transit Director Turner explained that staff believes it's important for Torrance buses to have a uniform color scheme so they are easily identifiable by those who use them. She clarified that the buses will be in service for a minimum of one year and will remain in Torrance Transit's contingency fleet for the rest of their useful life.

Lloyd Brown, Torrance, voiced his opinion that the repainting of the buses was a waste of money and asked about ridership.

Transit Director Turner reported that Torrance Transit has approximately 4 million boardings per year.

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

## **8E. VERIFICATION OF LEASE FOR TORRANCE FLITE PARK**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a Verification of Lease (C2001-118) for city-owned property located at 3481 Airport Drive #200 known as Torrance Flite Park.

Assistant City Manager Giordano reported that Torrance Flite Park has requested Verification of Lease for purposes of obtaining financing, and while the lease is currently in full force and effect, there are caveats in the Verification of Lease because the City was unable to gain access to two hangars and has therefore reserved its right to inspect them. She noted that supplemental material references clauses in the lease that give the City the authority to inspect all hangars subleased by Torrance Flite Park.

Councilmember Goodrich expressed concerns that the uninspected hangars could contain items that pose a safety hazard.

Ralph Martin, president of Torrance Flite Park, reported that the two hangars in question have long-term leases and their tenants are out of the country. He explained that both tenants have replaced the locks on the hangars and his company does not have the authority to break the locks unless there is an emergency. He indicated that the bank has agreed to exclude the hangars from the financing process until they have been inspected.

City Attorney Fellows advised that the supplemental material contains provisions of the lease which he believes gives Torrance Flite Park the authority to break the locks and offered to meet with the company's attorney to discuss this issue. He reviewed the Council's options for taking action.

Councilmember Ashcraft suggested that it might provide an impetus for Torrance Flite Park to resolve the inspection issue if the Council does not to approve the Verification of Lease at this time.

A brief discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the Council to delay taking action on this matter.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Rizzo moved to continue this item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. AD HOC STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Concur with Mayor's appointment of chair and members to the Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee; and
- 2) Consider position on the resolution to be presented at the League of CA Cities Annual Conference to be held from September 3 through September 5, 2014 in Los Angeles.

Management Associate Jones announced that the Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee will be comprised of Mayor Furey (chair), Councilmember Ashcraft and Councilmember Goodrich, with Councilmember Rizzo to serve as alternate. She noted that the committee will consider the League of California Cities resolution concerning illegal marijuana growth sites at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 12.

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

**12B. RESIDENTIAL SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Determine that the approval of the Residential Slurry Seal Program, I-159 PHASE B (Summer 2014) (B2014-31) 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 PHASE B (Summer 2014) (B2014-31);
- 3) Award a one year public works agreement to American Asphalt South, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$978,270 to construct the Residential Slurry Seal Program, I-159 PHASE B (Summer 2014) and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$48,913; and
- 4) Award a one-year consulting services agreement to AndersonPenna Partners, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$54,576 to perform construction support services for this project.

Project Manager Comon reported that additional Action Plan funding approved by the Council on June 24 will allow three additional neighborhoods to be included in the Residential Slurry Seal Program.

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

**12C. EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A FUNDS WITH CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a two (2) year agreement with the City of Palos Verdes Estates for an exchange for \$138,000 in City of Torrance General Funds for \$200,000 of Proposition A Local Return Funds from the City of Palos Verdes Estates or fiscal years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016; and
- 2) Appropriate \$138,000 from the General Fund Exchange Reserve to fund 2014-2015 Prop A Exchange and incorporate the 2nd year of the exchange as part of the 2015-2017 Two Year Operating Budget.

Audit Manager McDonough reported that the proposed two-year agreement allows the City to exchange funds at a rate of \$0.69 of City of Torrance General Funds for each \$1.00 of City of Palos Verdes Estates Proposition A Local Return Funds, noting that the funds will be used for Transit operations.

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

**12D. ORDINANCE REPEALING/AMENDING SECTIONS OF TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance repealing Torrance Municipal Code Sections: 35.11.1 through 35.11.18 (Article 11, Chapter 5, Division 3), 35.12.1 through 35.12.12 (Article 12, Chapter 5, Division 3), 45.3.1, 45.3.2, 45.3.3, 45.3.4, 45.3.5, 45.6.10, 62.1.6 and 91.2.24, amending Torrance Municipal Code Sections 94.2.1 and 94.2.7, deleting the references the repealed sections; and
- 2) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

Deputy City Attorney Studwell advised that staff was recommending that the Torrance Municipal Code be updated by repealing TMC sections that are no longer necessary due to changes in the California Penal Code and the California Vehicle Code and amending related sections to delete references to them.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 3777**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 35.11.1 THROUGH 35.11.18, 35.12.1 THROUGH 35.12.12, 45.3.1, 45.3.2, 45.3.3, 45.3.4, 45.3.5, 45.6.10, 62.1.6 AND 91.2.24 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND AMENDING TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 94.2.1 AND 94.2.7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE IN PART

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3777. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barnett moved to approve an ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**12E. PURCHASE ORDER FOR VANPOOL VEHICLE LEASING AND SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council authorize a purchase order with vRide Inc. of Troy, MI for a not to exceed amount of \$544,200 for vehicle vanpool leasing and services for the time period of five (5) years from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2019.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna provided an overview of the proposed lease. She reported that the terms are very favorable because Torrance was able to participate in a cooperative purchase with the Los Angeles Department of Airports and the lease will allow the City the flexibility to change the size or eliminate a van without penalty.

At Councilmember Ashcraft's request, Kim Fuentes, City consultant, discussed the need for the vanpool in order to comply with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 2202, the goal of which is to reduce employee trips by 33%, noting that the City has met this goal for the past five years.



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

**13. HEARINGS**

**13A. VACATION OF PORTION OF 234<sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST OF MADISON STREET**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of 234th Street west of Madison Street; and
- 3) Accept a street easement.

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

Mayor Furey invited public comment, and no one came forward to be heard.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-94**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF 234TH STREET WEST OF  
MADISON STREET

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-94. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to accept the easement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote.

**13B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE AND SEWER DISCHARGE COLLECTION FEES AS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing and directing the Los Angeles County Assessor to place delinquent solid waste and sewer discharge collection fees on the Los Angeles County Assessor's roll to be collected at the same time in the same manner as county taxes.

Item was withdrawn and deferred to the August 19 City Council meeting.

**16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3776**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3776**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AMENDING ARTICLE 14 OF CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 3 OF THE  
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING SECTION 35.14.155  
RESTRICTING THE OPENING OF A NEW MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT IN  
A LOCATION IN WHICH A PRIOR MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN  
CLOSED DUE TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3776. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Rizzo reported that he enjoyed attending the food and wine festival at American Honda on Saturday, August 2, which benefitted Torrance Memorial Medical Center.

**17B.** Councilmember Weideman stated that now that the survey of historic structures in Old Torrance has been completed, he would like to move forward with the next step since historic preservation has been identified as a goal in the City's Strategic Plan. With the concurrence of Council, he requested that the Community Development Department bring back an item to the Council listing options for furthering this goal.

**17C.** Councilmember Ashcraft reported that she has heard nothing but praise for the memorial service held for Louis Zamperini last Thursday and thanked everyone involved.

**17D.** Councilmember Barnett echoed comments about the Louis Zamperini memorial.

**17E.** Councilmember Barnett invited the public to attend the opening of Torrance Theatre Company's production of *Oklahoma* on Saturday, August 9, at the Armstrong Theatre, noting that the play will continue on weekends through August 23, with tickets and additional information available at [www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com](http://www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com).

**17F.** Councilmember Goodrich echoed comments on the Louis Zamperini memorial, and thanked the event's organizers.

**17G.** Mayor Furey commented positively on the Louis Zamperini memorial, noting that it was a very moving and dignified event, and commended organizers for putting it together in a short period of time.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Attest:

/s/ Patrick J. Furey  
Mayor Patrick J. Furey

/s/ R. Poirier  
City Clerk Rebecca Poirier, MMC

Approved on August 26, 2014