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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – AUGUST 26, 2014

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At 8:07 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Tuesday, September 2, 2014 will be a City 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 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Barnett.

Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, 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 pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6. Items 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, and 18C) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, were withdrawn.

The City Council reconvened at 7:03 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember Barnett. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Ashcraft.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Griffiths.

**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, August 21, 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 (absent Councilmember Barnett).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Agenda Items 18B and 18C were withdrawn.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Racowschi reminded residents that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly Community Alert Siren testing on Wednesday, September 3, at approximately 11:30 a.m., with additional information available at 310.212.1852.

Police Chief Matsuda cautioned residents about a telephone scam involving solicitors who claim to be a Torrance police officer or firefighter. He advised that neither department directly solicits funds from residents and such calls should be reported to the TPD Detective Division at 310.618.5570.

Councilmember Weideman announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 9, at 4:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room of City Hall to discuss funding options for the 2015 Rose Float.

Mayor Furey announced that the Bartlett Senior Center located at 1318 Cravens Avenue will provide visitors with free Wi-Fi beginning Tuesday, September 2, with additional information available at 310.320.5918.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-102 RE MARTIN DEMPSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING **POLICE SERGEANT MARTIN DEMPSEY** UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-102. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

Mayor Furey presented the proclamation to Martin Dempsey, who accepted with appreciation.

Police Chief Matsuda commended Sergeant Dempsey for his dedicated service and wished him well in his retirement.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL HEROES MONTH”

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring the month of September at **National Heroes Month** in the City of Torrance to Community Action Volunteer Kevin Hughley accepting on behalf of Daisy Tate, Executive Director of Veterans Supplemental Support Network (VSSN), legislation initiator, and co-author of CA Heroes Month SCR 97.

6C. APPROPRIATION OF DONATIONS FOR POLICE K-9 PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council appropriate and allocate a \$5,000 donation from Del Amo Fashion Center LLC and a \$5,000 donation from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., to the Police K-9 Program, for the acquisition and training of a Police service dog.

Judy Gibson, Torrance resident who was instrumental in obtaining these donations and a previous \$1,000 donation from Scott Robinson Honda to be used to acquire and train a new Police service dog, presented the donation to Chief Matsuda and the K-9 team.

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to appropriate and allocate the donations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Stephen Podliska requested the Council's support for appointment to the ExxonMobil Community Safety Team and briefly reviewed his qualifications.

7B. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that the museum, located at 1345 Post Avenue, will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, with a special showing of Sherwin Rubin's DVD on the History of Hollywood Riviera at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

7C. Georgia Perkins, Torrance, reported on a telephone scam in which the caller threatens residents with incarceration if they don't pay penalties for failure to appear for jury duty.

7D. Mark Stephenson, Torrance, expressed concerns that CalPERS continues to allow "pension spiking," which will greatly increase the City's pension costs, and urged that a 401K-type plan be adopted for all employees.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of July 22, August 5, and August 12, 2014.

8B. FUNDING FOR DNA SENIOR CRIMINALIST CONTRACT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council approve funding for remaining two years of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department DNA Senior Criminalist contract (C2013-155), for the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, and authorize a two-year contract expenditure not to exceed \$443,005.

Considered separately, see page 4.

8C. 2015 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council:

- 1) Accept the 2015 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant agreement;
- 2) Appropriate and allocate the award in the amount of \$271,000 for traffic safety enforcement, education and supplies; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager as the city's signatory for the agreement.

8D. AGREEMENT RE PREPARATION OF PROJECT STUDY REPORTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the funding agreement between South Bay Cities Council Of Governments and City of Torrance to fund the preparation of two Project Study Reports (PSR) for Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Improvements Infrastructure Action Plan (IAP) T-141 and Western Avenue at Sepulveda Boulevard Intersection Improvements Infrastructure Action Plan (IAP) T-142; and
- 2) Upon approval of the funding agreement, appropriate \$70,000 to IAP T-141, and \$80,000 to IAP T-142.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8C and 8D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote, with Councilmember Griffiths abstaining on Item 8A (absent Councilmember Barnett).

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

8B. FUNDING FOR DNA SENIOR CRIMINALIST CONTRACT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council approve funding for remaining two years of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department DNA Senior Criminalist contract (C2013-155), for the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, and authorize a two-year contract expenditure not to exceed \$443,005.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested clarification regarding the terms of the contract, which was provided by staff.

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

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. ELECTRIC VEHICLE PUBLIC ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution accepting and executing a grant award contract with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee (MSRC) for \$56,000 previously approved in FEAP #847 - Electric Vehicle Public Access Infrastructure Expansion Project as part of the 5-year Capital Budget;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution approving, accepting and executing a \$405,940 grant award contract from the California Energy Commission (CEC); and
- 3) Appropriate CEC grant funds and transfer \$40,731.40 from the Community Development Operating Budget to FEAP #847 - Electric Vehicle Public Access Infrastructure Expansion Project for a new not to exceed project budget of \$558,671.40.

Sr. Planning Associate Santana provided an overview of the Electric Vehicle Public Access Infrastructure Expansion Project. He noted that additional grant funding has been secured from the California Energy Commission (CEC) in the amount of \$405,940, which has allowed the project to be expanded to include Level III Fast Charging stations.

Councilmember Weideman commended staff for their efforts in obtaining grant funding for this project.

Joe Galliani, Torrance, expressed appreciation for staff's efforts to provide this infrastructure for EV owners, which will benefit both residents and visitors.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION COMMITTEE CLEAN TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAM BY AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE AND THE MAYOR TO SIGN A GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT WITH THE MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION COMMITTEE

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-103. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM BY AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE AND THE MAYOR TO SIGN A GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-104. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

11. PUBLIC SAFETY

11A. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council approve initiating a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for emergency ambulance and patient billing services.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. APPROVAL OF MAYOR'S ATTENDANCE AT GLOBAL MAYORS' FORUM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Approve the attendance of Mayor Furey to the Mayors' Global Forum to be held from November 1 through November 5, 2014 in SheKou Shenzhen, China; and
- 2) Authorize expenditure of \$5,000 from the City's Economic Development Fund to cover the travel expenses.

City Manager Jackson reported that the City of Torrance has been invited to attend the upcoming Mayors' Global Forum in China and this trip will also provide an opportunity for Mayor Furey to visit Japan to meet with the parent companies of the two automotive companies with headquarters in Torrance.

Councilmember Weideman voiced support for the trip as it will provide an opportunity to foster international networking and make economic development contacts.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, questioned whether the mayor's \$10,000 annual travel allowance was being increased by \$5,000 or if this was a one-time expense.

City Manager Jackson advised that this was a one-time expense being funded by reserves allocated for this purpose.

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

13. HEARINGS

13A. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PLAN AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing as required by the Congestion Management Program of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution to self-certify that the City of Torrance is in conformance with local Congestion Management Program requirements; and
- 3) Direct staff to submit the CMP Local Development Report as required by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

MOTION: Councilmember Ashcraft moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-105. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weideman and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Barnett).

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Goodrich requested and received City Council approval for a study on Community Choice Aggregation, with the study to be conducted by students at the USC Price School of Public Policy and presented to the Council upon completion.

17B. Councilmember Griffiths congratulated the Torrance Theatre Company on their successful production of *Oklahoma* which concluded last Saturday. He wished everyone a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

17C. Councilmember Rizzo urged everyone to drive safely on the Labor Day weekend.

17D. Councilmember Weideman, with the concurrence of Council, directed the City Clerk to advertise and begin accepting applications for the two vacancies on the Torrance Planning Commission.

17E. Councilmember Ashcraft reported that she had the pleasure of representing the Mayor and Council at New Horizon's 50th anniversary celebration last Saturday and offered her congratulations to residents of the senior condominium complex.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:07 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 2, 2014, will be a City Council dark night.

Attest:

/s/ Patrick J. Furey

Mayor Patrick J. Furey

/s/ R. Poirier

City Clerk Rebecca Poirier, MMC

Approved on September 16, 2014