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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 25, 2014

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At 7:57 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 2, 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Ashcraft.

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 Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(d)(2).

The City Council reconvened at 7:02 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 Rizzo.

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 Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, November 20, 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 Ashcraft).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for 6C, 6D and 11A.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Police Chief Matsuda and Fire Chief Racowschi announced that the Torrance Police and Fire Holiday Toy Drive is underway with drop off locations at the police department and all six fire stations, with additional information available at 310.781.7000.

Fire Chief Racowschi reminded the audience of the hazards of deep frying turkeys and offered safety tips and precautions for those planning to do so, noting that additional information is available by calling the public education office at 310.781.7071.

Councilmember Weideman announced that the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee met earlier to discuss the Wilson Park Gazebo Renovation project and an item will be forwarded to the City Council in the near future.

Councilmember Weideman announced that a joint meeting of the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee and the Torrance Unified School District will be held on Thursday, December 18, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Manager Assembly Room to discuss projects included in Ballot Measures T and U.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE “SMALL BUSINESS WEEK”

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring the week of November 29 through December 6, 2014 as “Small Business Week” in the City of Torrance to Samia Zaki, Fox Drugs of Torrance, Jack Walser, Walser's, and Brandon Matson, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH”

Mayor Furey presented a proclamation declaring the month of November 2014 as “National Family Caregivers Month” in the City of Torrance to Diane Dixon, homecare worker.

6C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF EXXONMOBIL DONATION FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and appropriate a \$3,000 donation from ExxonMobil Foundation for the following Torrance Library Programs:

- 1) \$1000 to the North Torrance Library under FEAP #727 ExxonMobil Anniversary Grant to purchase math and science materials to supplement the ExxonMobil Math and Science Homework Center;
- 2) \$1000 for the 2015 Summer Reading Program; and
- 3) \$1000 for 2015 Science Month programs.

Barbara Graham, ExxonMobil Public and Government Affairs Advisor, presented the donation to City Librarian Hillary Theyer.

City Librarian Theyer provided background information about the programs involved and thanked ExxonMobil for their ongoing support of library programs.

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to accept and appropriate the donation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Ashcraft).

6D. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF EXXONMOBIL DONATION FOR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council accept and appropriate a \$10,000 donation from ExxonMobil Foundation for the Torrance Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

Joe Alvarez, ExxonMobil Refinery Fire Chief and Safety Advisor, presented the donation to Fire Prevention Specialist Sandie Hastings.

Fire Prevention Specialist Hastings reported that ExxonMobil's generous donation allows the City to provide CERT Program participants with training supplies free of charge.

MOTION: Councilmember Goodrich moved to accept and appropriate the donation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rizzo and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Ashcraft).

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Lloyd Brown, Torrance, expressed concerns that he only learned about a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting about Columbia Park after the fact.

Community Services Director Jones reported that notices were sent to residents who live within 500 feet of Columbia Park and signs were posted at the park to alert park users. He invited Mr. Brown to leave contact information for future meetings.

7B. Mr. Brown questioned when signs will be installed prohibiting parking on street sweeping days and expressed concerns about the lack of street sweeping on major thoroughfares.

Deputy Public Works Director Bilezerian advised that the installation of street sweeping signage is a two-phase project and will be completed early next year. He reported that street sweeping for major thoroughfares is done at night.

7C. Captain Gabrielle Noce, Los Angeles Air Force Base, El Segundo, invited everyone to participate in "Wreaths Across America Day" on Saturday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles National Cemetery.

7D. Adrienne Brandriss, Torrance, expressed concerns about the increase in property crimes in Torrance.

7E. Ms. Brandriss asked about the repaving of Palos Verdes Boulevard; and Deputy Public Works Director Bilezerian reported that the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of summer 2015.

7E. Milton Herring, Torrance, requested that the Council consider creating a Military Veterans Commission to serve as a liaison between service providers and organizations that offer assistance and the local veterans community.

Mayor Furey, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff explore the creation of such a commission and bring an agenda item forward for consideration.

7F. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced that the society will be hosting an exclusive pre-release screening of the movie *Unbroken* on Tuesday, December 16, at AMC Del Amo Theatres, which will include a Q&A session with the movie's producer and members of the Zamperini family. She noted that tickets will be available for purchase at the museum beginning on December 1 for the general public and proceeds from the event will benefit the Louis Zamperini Trust Collection at the Torrance Historical Society and other related events and projects.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **WATER COMMISSION 2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Water Commission and Public Works Director that City Council accept and file the Water Commission 2013-2014 annual report.

8B. **PURCHASE OF ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR CITY-WIDE FINANCIAL SYSTEM**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Communications & Information Technology Director and Finance Director that City Council approve the purchase of annual software maintenance and support for the City-wide financial system from New World Systems of Troy, MI, in the amount of \$60,690 for the period beginning January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

8C. **PAYMENT FOR WATER SYSTEM FACILITIES RELOCATION ON 190TH STREET**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a payment to Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals Inc. of Pico Rivera, CA in the amount of \$57,826.67 for the performance of emergency work to relocate various water system facilities on 190th Street in conjunction with a street improvement project.

8D. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF GOLDSWORTHY DESALTER GROUNDWATER WELL**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a purchase order in the amount of \$35,047.63 with General Pump Company, Inc. of San Dimas, CA to perform emergency repairs and rehabilitation work on the Goldsworthy Desalter groundwater well. The cost for this work will be reimbursed by the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) upon completion of this work.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Griffiths and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Ashcraft).

11. PUBLIC SAFETY

11A. CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee that City Council concur with the Committee's recommendation to:

- 1) Request the Torrance Police Department to conduct further research on school intersections, parking signs, volunteer valet program, and continuing education regarding driver and pedestrian safety;
- 2) Provide direction regarding the inclusion of the Traffic Commission on issues related to the Crossing Guards program and establish timeline to return to Committee and City Council;
- 3) Approve the replacement of the City's emergency mass notification system; and
- 4) Authorize a contract with Everbridge, Inc. of Glendale, CA in the amount of \$105,725 for an emergency notification system for a three year term at a cost of \$39,575 for the first year and \$33,075 annually for the second and third years, for a total expenditure of \$105,725 over three years.

Councilmember Rizzo, chair of the City Council Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, November 13, to discuss the Crossing Guards program and the replacement of the City's emergency mass notification system, and after hearing from staff and the public, the Committee voted unanimously to concur with the above recommendation.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. 1ST QUARTER 2014-2015 BUDGET REVIEW REPORT, INVESTMENT REPORT AND PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

Recommendation

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

- 1) Accept the First Quarter 2014-2015 Budget Review Report;
- 2) Accept the City Treasurer's Investment Report; and
- 3) Approve program modifications for the City Manager's Office and Finance Department.

Finance Director Tsao reported that revenues exceeded expenditures for fiscal year 2013-2014 by approximately \$3.5 million and staff was recommending that \$1.6 million of the carryover be pledged to the reserve for the Self-Insurance Fund. He noted that revenues and expenditures for the first quarter of 2014-2015 are within budget projections.

MOTION: Councilmember Weideman moved to accept the Budget Review Report, to accept the Investment Report, and to approve the program modifications. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Ashcraft).

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Weideman wished residents a happy Thanksgiving and invited them to join him at the annual Turkey Trot fun run on Thanksgiving morning.

17B. Councilmember Barnett also extended wishes for a happy Thanksgiving and encouraged residents to participate in the Turkey Trot.

17C. Councilmember Goodrich wished residents a happy Thanksgiving, noting that he also will be at the Turkey Trot.

17D. Councilmember Griffiths echoed Councilmember Goodrich's comments.

17E. Councilmember Rizzo stated that he was looking forward to seeing everyone at the Turkey Trot and wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

17F. Councilmember Rizzo announced that Torrance Transit will be offering free Shoppers Special bus service between Del Amo Fashion Center and the South Bay Galleria beginning on Friday, November 28, and continuing every weekend through Sunday, December 21, with additional information available on the Torrance Transit website.

17G. Mayor Furey encouraged participation in the 35th Annual Turkey Trot on November 27, noting that late registration is still available. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

17H. Mayor Furey encouraged residents to do all of their holiday shopping in Torrance.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:57 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 2, 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 December 23, 2014