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**TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

**THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Youth Councilmembers ___Berga, ___A. Choi, ___J. Choi, ___Cruze, ___Ernst, ___Gounder, ___Han, ___Ho, ___Kang, ___Kantisiri, ___Kim, ___Lee, ___Miyazato, ___Phan, ___Suk, ___Thai, ___Yalla and ___ Chairperson Sharma

2. FLAG SALUTE: Youth Council Member Berga

INSPIRATIONAL BY: Youth Council Member Phan

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers please turn off or leave your cellular phone when you come to the podium to speak.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 14, 2023 Joint Meeting and March 15, 2023

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Student Body – Accept and File Updates Regarding Events and Activities at Each Torrance School - Recommendation of the Community Services Director that Torrance Youth Council accept and file updates concerning:

- Bishop Montgomery
- CAMS
- North High School
- South High School
- Torrance High School
- West High School

7B. Youth Council Member – Provide Updates and Information Regarding Meetings of the City Council and Various City Commissions.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council:

- 1) Report on any meetings attended; and
- 2) Discuss and share information; and
- 3) Assign Council members for upcoming meetings.

7C. Discussion – Committee Updates

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council:

- 1) Report and update on any committee meetings; and
- 2) Discuss and share information; and
- 3) Assign dates and time for upcoming meetings.

7D. Discussion – Torrance Youth Council (TYC) 2023/2024 Application

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss the TYC 2023/2024 application:

- 1) Returning TYC applicants due date is May 10, 2023.
- 2) New TYC applicants due date is May 12, 2023.
- 3) Interview Dates, Thursday, June 1 & Friday, June 2, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the ATTIC Teen Center. Volunteer Interviewers Needed from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 – Youth Council/Staff

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of the Torrance Youth Council Meeting to WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Room; 3031 Torrance Blvd.

**MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING OF
TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL AND
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The joint meeting of the Torrance Youth Council and the Torrance City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 in the George Nakano Theater Located at 3330 Civic Center Dr.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Councilmembers Griffiths, Kaji, Kalani, Lewis, Mattucci, and Sheikh
Youth Councilmembers Berga, A. Choi, J. Choi, Cruze, Ernst, Gounder, Han, Kang, Kantisiri, Kim, Miyazato, Phan, Suk, Thai, Yalla and Chairperson Sharma.

Absent: Youth Councilmembers Ho, Lee, and Mayor Chen

Staff: Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor
Garrett Craig, Recreation Manager
John La Rock, Community Services Director
Emily Escalante, Senior Program Specialist

2. FLAG SALUTE

Flag Salute: Chairperson Sharma

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

City Clerk Poirier stated that the agenda was posted on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

MOTION: Councilmember Griffiths moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda, Councilmember Sheikh seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 6-0.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

6A. Discuss Torrance Youth Council (TYC) Accomplishments And Future Projects

TYC members introduced themselves. Chairperson Sharma spoke and explained the goals and mission of the TYC. She encouraged youth participation for events such as Youth Forum, Senior Tech Day and ASB Bowl. She also discussed the Beat the Odds scholarship, and Happy-to-Chat bench. Sharma also went on to discuss the success of the time capsule unearthing after 26 years.

Youth Councilmember Han introduced herself and reported on the success of the Turkey Trot and explained TYC's duties for the event. She also mentioned Senior Tech Day and introduced herself as the Co-Chair of the Senior Events Committee. She expressed how rewarding it is to build connections with the senior community.

Youth Councilmember Kang introduced herself as Co-chair of the Youth Forum Committee and described the event and its impact on the Torrance youth. The gathering will take place on March 21 to debate and discuss different topics.

Youth Councilmembers Ernst and Kantisiri introduced themselves as co-chairs of the ASB Bowl Committee. The ASB Bowl unites leaders from all Torrance schools to meet each other and share ideas and one school takes home a trophy. Ernst reported that the event will be held April 18 at the Attic Teen Center.

Youth Councilmember Berga introduced himself as Co-chair of Beat the Odds. Beat the Odds honors high school seniors who have overcome life obstacles. Six winners are selected and awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship at the May 11 banquet.

Youth Councilmember Miyazato introduced himself as Co-chair of the Attic Advisory/Happy-to-Chat bench. He noted that the committee attends The Attic's monthly meetings and provides input. They also help promote their events and keep TYC informed. He also mentioned the Happy-to-Chat bench located at Hickory Park aims to encourage conversations between park visitors.

In response to a question by Councilmember Mattucci, youth councilmember Kang provided details for the Pancake Breakfast event.

Councilmember Lewis shared how proud she is of the TYC members and the difference they're making for the community.

Councilmember Griffiths advised TYC.

Councilmember Kaji introduced an intern and informed TYC to call him if interested in an internship.

Mayor Pro Tem Kalani shared how great the Happy-to-Chat bench and Senior Tech Days are for the Torrance community.

Fire Chief Dumais introduced himself and offered TYC to visit the West Carson Fire Station.

Director La Rock commended the TYC and complimented their commitment.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7A. At 5:27 p.m., Councilmember Sheikh moved that the City Council recess to reconvene at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, to the regular City Council meeting held in City Council Chambers at 3031 Torrance Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kaji and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval. (Absent Mayor Chen)

7B. At 5:27 p.m., Chairperson Sharma moved to adjourn the Torrance Youth Council meeting to the regular meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Annex, Commission meeting Room at City Hall. The motion was seconded by Youth Councilmember Han and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval. (Absent Youth Councilmembers Ho and Lee)

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Subject to Approval

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Torrance Youth Council was called to order by Chairperson Khushi Sharma at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. The meeting was held in West Annex Commission Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503.

ROLL CALL

Present: Berga, A. Choi, J. Choi, Ernst, Gounder, Ho, Kantisiri, Kim, Lee, Miyazato, Thai, Yalla and Chairperson Sharma.

Absent: Cruze, Han, Kang, Phan and Suk

Staff: Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor
Emily Escalante, Senior Program Specialist

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Flag Salute: Youth Councilmember Berga

Inspirational: Staff member Castro

3. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Thai moved to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting of the Youth Council meeting of March 15, 2023. Youth Councilmember Berga seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Han, Kang, Phan and Suk).

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Lauren, from the Attic Advisory Committee discussed the Pancake Breakfast event.

Jeanette Berga announced the possibility of joining the Torrance Youth Council (TYC) next year and continuing the sweatshirt design tradition.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 1, 2023

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Kim moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting as amended. Item 7D: Change Senior Tech Day event to March 4, 2023 and change Youth forum meeting time to 4:30 p.m. Item 7E: Swap the backward slash for a forward slash. Youth Councilmember Yalla seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Han, Kang, Phan and Suk).

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

7A. **Student Body – Accept and File Updates Regarding Events and Activities at Each Torrance School**

Update reports provided for each of the Torrance Schools.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Yalla moved to accept and file the oral reports from each school; Youth Councilmember Thai seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Han, Kang, Phan and Suk).

7B. **Youth Council Member –Provide Updates and Information Regarding Meetings of the City Council and Various City Commissions**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council oral reports:

City Council Report **3/14/23**- Youth Councilmembers Yalla, Lee, Sharma, and Ernst

Council reported hourly wage changes for full-time workers and Torrance Parks are hosting “Clean California Day.”

ASSIGNMENTS: **3/28/23**– Youth Councilmembers A. Choi, J. Choi, Gounder, and Miyazato

Library Commission Report **3/13/23**- Ernst

The library expanded its Manga collection and El Retiro Library was renovated and is now open.

ASSIGNMENTS: **4/10/23**- Youth Councilmembers Yalla, Ho, and Sharma

Parks and Recreation Commission Report **3/8/23**– Miyazato and Ernst

Residents issued noise complaints due to batting cages at Riviera Little League, LA Metro presented the option to expand the Torrance Rail and El Nido Park may be awarded facility improvements.

ASSIGNMENTS: **4/12/23**– Youth Councilmembers Thai and Kantisiri

7C. **Committee Updates –**

ASB Bowl / City Council: Games for the April 18 event were discussed. The next meeting is TBD.

Senior Events: The last Senior Tech Day event had a low turnout. The next event will take place on April 22. North High will bring an estimated 20 volunteers.

Youth Forum / Community Outreach: Everyone’s role was detailed and meeting time was set for March 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Beat the Odds : Only 8 applications were submitted. The deadline was extended to March 30 and the selection will be made April 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Publicity: None.

AAC: None.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Berga moved to accept and file the oral report; Youth Councilmember Miyazato seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Han, Kang, Phan and Suk).

7D. Discussion – ATTIC Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Event

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss and prepare for the Saturday, April 1, event:

- 1) TYC Dress code for event, Black pants and use TYC Sweatshirts along with their name badges.

7E. Discussion and Approval – Beat the Odds Scholarship

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss and approve the “Beat the Odds” scholarship committee selection date, time, and location:

Beat the Odds committee will be meeting with other commissions on April 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the West Annex room.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Berga moved to accept and file the oral report; Youth Councilmember Kim seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Han, Kang, Phan and Suk).

8. COUNCIL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

- Mr. Castro commended TYC for their participation in the Joint City Council meeting.
- ASB Bowl meeting will be held on March 22 via Zoom.
- Sharma issued a Youth Forum reminder.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the Torrance Youth Council meeting to Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall West Annex, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

MOTION: At 7:51 p.m., Youth Councilmember Thai moved to adjourn the meeting to Tuesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall – West Annex, 3031 Torrance Blvd. Youth Councilmember Gounder seconded; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Han, Kang, Phan and Suk).

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