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**TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Youth Councilmembers: Berga, Chang, A. Choi, J. Choi, Han, Ho, Kang, Kim, E. Lee,

I. Lee, McCallum, Miyazato, Sharma, Suk, Tanaka, Thai, Yalla, and Chair Ernst

**2. FLAG SALUTE
INSPIRATIONAL**

3. REPORT OF THE STAFF 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, February 15, 2024.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 15-minute period)

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission 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. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker.** If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

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 Councilmember from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: February 7, 2024

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 Councilmember – 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 Youth Councilmembers 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 – ATTIC Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Event

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss and prepare for the Saturday, April 13, event:

- 1) Ticket Sales (One Book of 25 tickets @ \$5/ea. Per Commissioner)
- 2) Entertainment (Each Commissioner to provide one performance act)
- 3) Volunteer shifts (6:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. AND/OR 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.)

7E. Discussion and Approval – Beat the Odds Scholarship

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss “Beat the Odds” approval of funding for the 2024 “Beat the Odds Scholarship Program.”

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of Torrance Youth Council Meeting to Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



**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 Ernst at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. The meeting was held in West Annex Commission Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Berga, A. Choi, J. Choi, Han, Ho, Kang, Kim, E. Lee, I. Lee, McCallum, Miyazato, Tanaka, Thai, Yalla and Chairperson Ernst.

Absent: Chang, Sharma, and Suk

Staff: Garrett Craig, Recreation Manager
Emily Escalante, Senior Program Specialist

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Thai moved to approve the excused absence of Commissioners Chang, Sharma, and Suk. Youth Councilmember Kim seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (Absent Chang, Sharma, and Suk).

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Flag Salute: Youth Councilmember Kang

Inspirational: Youth Councilmember Han

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

Recreation Manager Garrett Craig reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public spoke.

Recreation Manager Craig congratulated A. Choi on "Little Library". He also announced the reopening of the Wilson Park Roller Rink.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 17, 2024**

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Han moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting as amended. Item 7D: Change shaping desires to shaping destinies. Youth Councilmember Berga seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (Absent Chang, Sharma, 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 McCallum seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (Absent Chang, Sharma, and Suk).

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

City Council Report **1/23/24** - Youth Councilmember McCallum, Berga, A. Choi, and Han

Two new sister cities were considered, a new planning commissioner was elected, Torrance centenarian Catherine Ogbuka was recognized, a \$5 million grant was approved to build a World War II Camp Wall Monument and February is Black History Month.

ASSIGNMENTS: **2/27/24** - Youth Councilmembers Kang, Berga, Miyazato, Ho, and A. Choi

Library Commission Report - None.

ASSIGNMENTS: None.

Parks and Recreation Commission Report - None.

ASSIGNMENTS: None.

7C. **Discussion and Approval – Committee Updates**

ASB Bowl/City Council: The selected theme is Hunger Games and the next meeting is at 6:40 p.m.

Senior Events: McCallum will be bringing volunteers from West High for the next Senior Tech Day on February 24th.

Youth Forum/Community Outreach: Two speakers were finalized - Councilmember Kalani and author J.B. Ryder. Debate topics were discussed and the next meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Beat the Odds: Kim is Chair and Berga is Co-chair. The date was changed from May 11 to May 17. The due date for applications is March 11. The next meeting is at 6:20 p.m.

Publicity: None.

AAC/Happy to Chat: Miyazato visited the “Happy to Chat” bench and hopes to create “Little Library.”

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Kim moved to accept and file the committee reports; Youth Councilmember Ho seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (Absent Chang, Sharma, and Suk).

7D. Discussion – ATTIC Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Event

6:30 – 9:30 a.m. Early session will be attended by Ernst, Han, McCallum, J. Choi, Yalla, Kim, Berga, Thai, and A. Choi

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Late session will be attended by E. Lee, Miyazato, I. Lee, Kang, Ho, Tanaka, and A. Choi.

There are two entertainment slots available. To sign up, a student must email the ATTIC and include their name, grade, school, time preference and talent description. The rehearsal date is TBD.

8. COUNCIL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Ernst attended the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission. He mentioned there are new members and that they are seeking nominations to honor an environmentally conscious individual.
- Ms. Escalante reminded commissioners of the Civic Center Survey.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** At 7:59 p.m., Youth Councilmember E. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard. Youth Councilmember Ho seconded; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (Absent Chang, Sharma, and Suk).

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