

February 8, 2000

**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 5:34 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Messerlian, O'Donnell, Walker* and Mayor Hardison.
*Arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Absent: Councilmember Lee.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(c), 54957 and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

The Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under items 16.a) Conference with Labor Negotiator; 16.b) Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation; 16.c) Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager and City Attorney; and 16.d) Real Property Conference with Real Property Negotiator.

NOTE: Councilmember Messerlian, on advice from the City Attorney, excused himself from the room during consideration of Item 16 (b) (1) as he resides in the subject area.

The Council returned to Council Chambers at 7:13 p.m., and the meeting reconvened in regular agenda order.

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2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #310, Richard Bowen, Assistant Scoutmaster.

Pastor Lorne Jack gave the invocation for the meeting.

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3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and voice vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Lee.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs 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 Horwich and voice vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Lee.

Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired police sergeant, Lyndal "Sprad" Spradlin.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that item 12a was to be withdrawn and readvertised for the City Council meeting on February 22.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Cribbs announced a meeting of the Armed Forces Day Committee on Thursday, February 10 at 12:00 noon in the Police Department Basement Assembly Room.

Mayor Hardison announced a meeting of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee on Tuesday, February 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly Room.

Councilmember Cribbs announced a meeting of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee on Tuesday, February 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 1999, NOVEMBER 16, 1999, DECEMBER 7, 1999, DECEMBER 14, 1999 and DECEMBER 21, 1999

City Clerk Herbers noted that on page 11 of the October 26, 1999 meeting minutes it was Mayor Hardison who dissented on the motion, not Councilmember Cribbs as written. Minutes were approved for October 26, 1999 as amended, November 16, 1999, December 7, 1999 and December 21, 1999.

7b. PURCHASE ORDER RE ANNUAL PAPER REQUIREMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$491,531.84 to MWB Business Systems, Victorville, CA for the City's annual requirements of paper.

7c. AWARD CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT RE COMPUTER NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council award a contract service agreement in the amount of \$45,000.00 from the Police Department's operational budget, to Connectivity Based Integration, Incorporated, for computer network maintenance and upgrade services.

7d. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DROP-OFF EVENT FOR EARTH DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2000

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council approve an agreement between the City and All Tech Computer Recyclers to operate an electronics recycling drop-off event for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2000, on City property.

7e. EXTENSION OF NEGOTIATING PERIOD WITH TORRANCE FLITE PARK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council approve an extension of an additional sixty (60) days for the negotiating period with Torrance Flite Park, LLC, for the development of certain parcels at Zamperini Field/Torrance Municipal Airport based on the proposal received as solicited through RFP 99-01.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9a. AGREEMENT WITH SUNRIDER INTERNATIONAL RE LANDSCAPING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City staff and the City Manager that City Council approve an access agreement between the City and Sunrider International to install and maintain landscaping on City owned property.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to approve the access agreement between the City and Sunrider International to install and maintain landscaping on City

owned property. Councilmember Horwich seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Lee.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. RECONSIDER APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 29, 2000 AS A COUNCIL DARK NIGHT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council reconsider the Council action of January 11, 2000, which approved February 29, 2000 as a Council dark night.

Planning Director Gibson reported that there were a large number of planning cases pending.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to schedule a meeting of the City Council for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29, 2000. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and voice vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Lee.

11b. APPROVAL OF BUDGET WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MAY 16, JUNE 6 and JUNE 13, 2000

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director to approve May 16, June 6, and June 13, 2000, as dates to conduct one budget workshop and two public hearings on the second year of the City's two-year operating 1999-2001 City budget, and approve format changes for the City Manager's proposed revisions (2nd year) to the 1999-2001 operating budget.

Councilmember Cribbs suggested format changes including financial statements, short director's messages indicating whether goals were met or not and timeline changes. Mayor Hardison concurred and Finance Director Tsao indicated that those changes could be accommodated.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to approve the recommendation with format changes noted. Councilmember Horwich seconded the motion and a voice vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Lee.

12. HEARINGS

- a. Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council continue the consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission decision that an Environmental Impact Report be prepared in order to assess the environmental effects of the development of a proposed gated community with 74 detached condominium units, including a Zone Change from M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) to PD (Planned Development District) and a General Plan Amendment from Light Industrial to Low Density Residential on property

located at 2829 Maricopa Avenue. The Planning Department had scheduled the consideration of this item for tonight's meeting; however, the applicant has requested that the item be continued to the City Council meeting of February 22, 2000. The Planning Department has no objection to this request for a continuation.

EAS99-00019: MARICOPA DEVELOPMENT LLC/RICHARD GOULD

Item withdrawn. To be readvertised and heard on February 22, 2000.

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The Redevelopment Agency convened at 7:29 p.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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15. COMMUNICATIONS

15a. Police Chief Herren eulogized retired police sergeant Lyndal Spradlin.

15b. Fire Chief Bongard announced plans for the Fire Department to participate in live burns on Earl Street in the coming week and commented on the successful Burn Awareness event held previously.

15c. Fire Chief Bongard announced the Firefighter Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 4 in the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

15d. Councilmember Cribbs asked the Finance Department to accurately capture the costs of elections for future reference.

15e. Councilmember Messerlian commented on a walk through the Southwood Homeowners Association area and thanked Mitch Levine for his organization of the event.

15f. Councilmember Messerlian encouraged participation in the electronics recycling event for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2000.

15g. Councilmember O'Donnell announced a tax service available for senior citizens through April 15 at the West Annex Building.

15h. Councilmember O'Donnell announced a "Discovering Photography" hands on workshop presented by the Torrance Public Library and the Joslyn Fine Arts Gallery on Thursday, February 17 and Thursday, March 16 with information available by calling 310/618-5964.

15i. Councilmember Walker commented on the justification of costs and the possible duplication of services in the upcoming election.

15j. City Clerk Herbers responded to comments of Councilmember Walker and the Mayor regarding current and past practices of the City Clerk's office during elections indicating that it was her intent to explore the possibilities of having staff stay late on election night to provide the public with a personal touch for the elections.

15k. John Anagnost, 4022 W. 242nd Street, commented on the Begonia Farm Development landscaping and relayed concerns of neighbors that property values will be affected because, though it was agreed that landscaping would be left intact, much of it has been removed.

15l. Planning Director Gibson stated that trees had been removed due to root damage during grading, but will be replaced, though landscaping plans for the project have yet to be approved.

15m. Mayor Hardison asked that information be brought back to the City Council's attention.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:53 p.m., the Council recessed to closed session to continue consideration of matters listed on the meeting agenda.

The Council returned to open session in Council Chambers at 9:51 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter heard in closed session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:51 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 15, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

**** Adjourned in Memory of **
Lyndal "Sprad" Spradlin**

Attest:

/s/ Dee Hardison

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on March 14, 2000