

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular session at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, Messerlian, O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ted Porter, former District Manager with Southern California Edison.

Reverend Larry Young, Riviera Methodist Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Lee 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 Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilman Lee 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 Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee

Monday, April 19, 1999, 12:00 noon

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Update on 1999 Armed Forces Day Parade

40th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade

Saturday, May 15, 1999, 2:00 p.m.
Crenshaw and Torrance Boulevards
Displays at Del Amo Fashion Center
May 14-16, 1999

Budget Workshops

Wednesday, May 26, 1999
Wednesday, June 2, 1999
5:30 p.m., Council Chambers – City Hall
3031 Torrance Boulevard

Budget Hearings

Tuesday, June 8, 1999
Tuesday, June 15, 1999
5:30 p.m., Council Chambers – City Hall
3031 Torrance Boulevard

Councilman Walker announced that the Ad Hoc Rose Float Committee had met as scheduled on Wednesday, April 14, and would be forwarding a recommendation to the Council regarding the design of the 2000 Rose Float.

Referring to the Columbine High School shootings that took place earlier in the day, Mayor Hardison expressed sympathy for the families involved in this tragedy.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

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The Mayor recognized and presented Community Service Awards to outgoing City commissioners as follows: William Sobko, Airport Commission; Tom Rische, Cable TV Advisory Board; Robert Billett, Civil Service Commission; Jackie LaBouff and Pat Brady, Community Services Commission; Thelma Carr and Gloria Jacobs, Cultural Arts Commission; Harvey Horwich, Parks & Recreation Commission; and John LeResche, Planning Commission.

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6a. PROCLAMATION RE “OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the month of April 1999 as “Occupational Therapy Month” in the City of Torrance to Robyn Wu, Pediatric Therapy Network; and occupational therapists Linda Jubilado, Paulette Monahan, Becky Stahley, Joanne Vandewater, Louise Mayenura, Carolyn Theriault, Joel Nery, and Roxy Ancona.

6b. PROCLAMATION RE “EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the month of April 1999 as “Earthquake Preparedness Month” in the City of Torrance to John Schugt, Chair of the Disaster Council.

6c. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation to Laura Toner, Volunteer Coordinator, declaring the week of April 18 through April 24, 1999, as “National Volunteer Week” in appreciation of the more than 900 volunteers who contributed over 50,000 hours of their time to the City of Torrance in 1998.

Mayor Hardison recognized and presented Certificates of Appreciation to volunteer representatives for each volunteer area as follows: Henry Ishikawa, Farmers’ Market; Fujiko Ishikawa, Sister City Association; Ted Doty, Parks & Recreation; Anne Dumke, City Attorney’s Office; Patricia Weimer, Cultural Arts Center; Richard Ortega, Fire Department; Violet Galioto, Streets Department; LeRoy Hawker and James Clark, Police Department; and Rajaa Ammar, William Hilker and Juny Kim, Library Services. Ms. Toner noted that all City volunteers were recognized with letters of appreciation and specially inscribed pins.

6d. PROCLAMATION RE “RETIRED TEACHERS WEEK”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 18 through April 24, 1999, as “Retired Teachers Week” in the City of Torrance to Mary P. Miller, President, South Bay Chapter of California Retired Teachers Association. Ms. Miller commented on teachers’ lifelong commitment to giving and urged everyone to make the time to make a difference.

6e. RESOLUTION NOS. 99-33 & 99-34 RE ZAMPERINI WAY

Recommendation

The Engineering Director and the Street Naming Committee recommend that City Council approve the renaming of Aero Way to Zamperini Way from Pacific Coast Highway to Airport Drive and adopt resolutions approving the street name change.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-33

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING
THE STREET NAME OF AERO WAY TO ZAMPERINI WAY
BETWEEN PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND AIRPORT DRIVE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-33. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-34

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING LOUIS ZAMPERINI BY THE RENAMING
OF AERO WAY TO ZAMPERINI WAY FROM PACIFIC COAST
HIGHWAY TO AIRPORT DRIVE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-34. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented a framed Resolution and a commemorative street sign to Louis Zamperini. Mr. Zamperini expressed his appreciation and briefly reminisced about his homecoming following the 1936 Olympics.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENT

Recommendation

The Human Resources Director of the City of Torrance recommends that City Council authorize the execution of an agreement for employment and training services with Bren Industries d.b.a. California Career Schools for vocational training and placement services to enter into a contract not to exceed \$83,394 (which includes a contingency up to \$24,999).

7b. NEWLY CREATED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR BUSINESS MANAGER

Recommendation

The Human Resources Director recommends that City Council approve the newly created job description for Business Manager.

7c. PURCHASE ORDER RE EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION SYSTEM

Recommendation

The Planning Director, Street Services Director and the Fire Chief recommend that City Council authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to Henberger Traffic Center of Lake Forest, California for the sole source purchase of Opticom emergency vehicle preemption system equipment.

7d. UPGRADE OF AIRPORT NOISE MONITORING SYSTEM

Recommendation

The Building and Safety Director recommends that City Council:

- (1) Approve an agreement with Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc. to upgrade the airport noise and operations monitoring system to meet Y2K compliance for \$103,940;
- (2) Allocate \$5,200 towards the City's hardware replacement fund for future hardware upgrades; and
- (3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement on behalf of the City.

7e. AGREEMENT RE REPAIR OF BUS TRANSMISSIONS

Recommendation

The Transit Director recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a one-year agreement with S & J Chevrolet to repair and rebuild the Allison transmissions of the Torrance Transit buses for an annual cost not to exceed \$75,000.

7f. **AGREEMENT RE REPAIR AND OVERHAUL OF BUS ENGINES AND TRANSMISSIONS**

Recommendation

The Transit Director recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a one-year agreement with Valley Detroit Diesel Allison (VDDA) to repair and rebuild engines and the Allison transmission of Torrance Transit buses at an annual cost not to exceed \$50,000.

7g. **CHANGE ORDER RE INSTALLATION OF MEDIAN ISLANDS ON PRAIRIE AVENUE**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council approve a change order to public works agreement, No. C98-187, to Excel Paving for additional construction services in the amount of \$210,000 for a revised total contract amount of \$2,434,627.30.

7h. **PEDESTRIAN URBAN TRAILS PROJECT**

Recommendation

The Planning Director recommends that City Council take the following actions:

- (1) Authorize staff to close out the Pedestrian Urban Trails Project;
- (2) Authorize staff to apply any residual Prop C funding in that project in the amount of \$63,000.00 to partially finance the 1999 Citywide Traffic Counts;
- (3) Appropriate \$20,000.00 from Prop C Local Return; and \$7,961.50 (\$3,630.00, which covers the remaining balance of the project and \$4,331.50, which is a 5% contingency of the total project cost) from the 1998-99 Planning Department Operating Budget for a grand total project cost of \$90,961.50; and
- (4) Authorize staff to execute a Consulting Services Agreement with Transportation Studies, Inc., to perform the Citywide Traffic Counts for a not-to-exceed amount of \$86,630.00.

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

9. **TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS**

9a. **CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1**

Recommendation

The Planning Director recommends that City Council:

- (1) Adopt a resolution initiating proceedings to form City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 and to levy assessments within the District for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.
- (2) Adopt a resolution approving the Engineer's Report for the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1; and
- (3) Adopt a resolution of intention to form City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 and to levy assessments within the District for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

Transportation Planning Manager Buchman presented the staff report (per written material of record).

Referring to explanatory material to be sent to property owners along with the ballot (of record), Mayor Hardison stated that she believed that the information was clear and easy to understand. Noting that many people do not realize that this assessment was previously included in property tax bills, she asked if it was possible to highlight the section stating that “the new assessment district, Lighting District No. 99-1, is intended to replace the street lighting maintenance district, which had been in place for 20 years prior to the passage of Proposition 218.”

City Attorney Fellows advised that it was important that the information be presented in a neutral way and that he would check into the matter and report back at a later date.

In response to Mayor Hardison’s inquiry, Ms. Buchman indicated that the ballots must be mailed out 45 days prior to the public hearing.

Mayor Hardison suggested that the material clarify who may sign the ballot in the case of joint ownership of property.

Responding to Councilman Messerlian’s inquiry, Ms. Buchman explained that condominium owners would have a vote weighted by the assessment levied on the parcel.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE FORMATION OF CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SUCH DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTIC XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-35. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMATION OF CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SUCH DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTIC XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-36. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE FORMATION OF CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 AND TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SUCH DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, AND APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-37. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. RESOLUTION NO. 99-41 RE FLEET SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council adopt a supplemental resolution for Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) modifying the salary for the Fleet Services Supervisor grid.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane reported that this would be one of the final actions in connection with the recent reorganization of various City departments.

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-41
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERISORY
ASSOCIATION (TPSA)
SUPPLEMENTAL #1**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-121 SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION (TPSA)

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-41. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14. **HEARINGS**

14a. **VACATION OF ALLEY EAST OF HILLWORTH AVENUE AND SOUTH OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that following a public hearing, City Council adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of a street easement for the alley east of Hillworth Avenue and south of Pacific Coast Highway.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time, date, and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing had been properly advertised.

Engineering Director Burt stated that he had no formal presentation but was available to answer questions.

Mayor Hardison invited comments from the public. There being no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE ALLEY EAST OF HILLWORTH AVENUE AND SOUTH OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-42. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14b. **VACATION OF ALLEY SEGMENT NORTH OF SIERRA STREET AND EAST OF ACACIA AVENUE**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that following a public hearing, City Council adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of a street easement for an alley segment north of Sierra Street and east of Acacia Avenue.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time, date, and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing had been properly advertised.

Engineering Director Burt stated that he had no formal presentation but was available to answer questions.

Mayor Hardison invited comments from the public. There being no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE ALLEY SEGMENT NORTH OF SIERRA STREET AND EAST OF ACACIA AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-43. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

18. ADDENDUM MATTERS

None.

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The Council met at the Torrance Redevelopment Agency from 8:24 to 8:25 p.m.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Councilman Horwich thanked the City for the Volunteer Award but stated that he considers the work a gift he gives himself.

19b. Councilman Lee invited the public to attend the 6th Annual Torrance Education Foundation "Celebrate Education" Dinner on Friday, April 30, 1999 at the Torrance Marriott, with the proceeds to benefit children in Torrance Schools.

19c. Mayor Hardison commented on the 310 area code overlay and unsolicited mail from the Public Utilities Commission.

19d. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced a Children's Concert to be held at the Armstrong Theatre on Sunday, April 25, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. and shared information on the Municipal Area Express contest.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:34 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section Nos. 54957.6 and 54956.9(a), the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 9:30 p.m., the Council returned to Council Chambers; no formal action was taken on any matter heard in closed session.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:30 p.m., the Council adjourned to Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Torrance