

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 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 1999, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Lee.

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 Torrance High School Coach Hal Warfle.

Pastor Daniel Low, Bread of Life World Mission, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Horwich 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 Horwich 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 WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that an addendum, Item 7g, had been added.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Torrance Parks and Recreation Department presents
Arts Alive Festival '99
Saturday & Sunday, September 25-26, 1999
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive

Mayor Hardison announced that Friday night's performance of "It's a Grand Night for Singing," at 8:00 p.m. in the James Armstrong Theatre, would be the first Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation event of the season.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 99-99 RE POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM GAGE HAMMEL**

RESOLUTION NO. 99-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM GAGE HAMMEL UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption on Resolution No. 99-99. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Lee).

To be presented at a later date.

6b. **RESOLUTION NO. 99-100 RE POLICE OFFICER THOMAS KIYUNA**

RESOLUTION NO. 99-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER THOMAS KIYUNA UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption on Resolution No. 99-100. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Lee).

To be presented at a later date.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **AIRPORT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT – JULY 1998 THROUGH JUNE 1999**

Recommendation

The General Services Director recommends that City Council accept and file the Airport Commission Annual Report for July 1998 through June 1999.

7b. **AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES**

Recommendation

The General Services Director recommends that City Council authorize the sale of six (6) surplus vehicles.

7c. **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT - JULY 1998 THROUGH JUNE 1999**

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that City Council accept and file the Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Report for July 1998 through June 1999.

7d. **PURCHASE ORDER RE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

Recommendation

The Chief of Police recommends that City Council approve additional funding for a purchase order with TRW, Inc. in the amount of \$5,086.37 to upgrade infrastructure hardware for the computer network at the Police Department.

7e. **PURCHASE ORDER RE DIRECTIONAL SIGNS FOR CULTURAL ARTS/ CIVIC CENTER**

Recommendation

The Planning Director recommends that City Council authorize a change order to Purchase Order #441 with Ampersand Contract Signing Group in the amount of \$21,670.00 for fabrication of new directional signs for the Cultural Arts/Civic Center.

7f. **CONTRACT RE CONSTRUCTION OF AMIE AVENUE RETENTION BASIN FORCE MAIN**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Award a bid to GCI Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$468,771.00, for construction of Amie Avenue Retention Basin Force Main and reject all other bids;
- 2) Authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$23,440.00;
- 3) Authorize staff to prepare a standard public works agreement between the City and GCI;
- 4) Waive a minor irregularity in the Contractor's Bid Proposal; and
- 5) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to said Agreement.

7g. **PURCHASE ORDER RE RESCUE UTILITY BOXES**

Recommendation

The General Services Director and the Fire Chief recommend that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for an amount not to exceed \$85,951.00 to Super Vac Mfg. Co., Inc. (SVI Trucks), Loveland, Colorado, for the purchase of four (4) rescue utility vehicle boxes to be fabricated and installed in vehicles provided by the City of Torrance. (Bid 99-36)

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

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

8a. EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AT LOS ARBOLES PARK

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that City Council grant a perpetual easement and right-of-way and grant permission to construct a sanitary sewer and appurtenant structures at Los Arboles Park to Torrance Unified School District.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett reported that the easement is necessary in order to accommodate the Torrance Unified School District's installation of portable classrooms at Riviera School which is adjacent to Los Arboles Park.

In response to questions from Councilmembers, Parks Services Administrator Wilson provided information regarding the timing of the project and indicated that it was not expected to disrupt school traffic.

Mayor Hardison recommended that staff encourage the school district to inform neighbors about the project.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Lee).

8b. NAMING OF BASEBALL FIELD AT TORRANCE PARK

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director recommend that City Council name the baseball field at Torrance Park "Kendall Field."

Mr. Hal Warfle, 4112 Sea Horse Lane, Rancho Palos Verdes, thanked Parks and Recreation Director Barnett, his staff, and the Parks and Recreation Commission for supporting his request to honor Fred and Jason Kendall by naming the baseball field at Torrance Park "Kendall Field."

Ms. Gail Morgan, President of Torrance High School Alumni Association, thanked everyone involved for honoring this father and son, both of whom are alumni of Torrance High.

Mayor Hardison commented that she was pleased to be able to honor people while they are alive.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Lee).

9. **PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

9a. **LOAN TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Considered out of order, see pages 5-6.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council approve the recommended designation of voting delegate to represent the City of Torrance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Mayor Hardison reported that Councilman Horwich would be attending the conference and had agreed to be the City's voting delegate.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to designate Councilman Horwich as the City's voting delegate at the League of California Cities Annual Conference. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilman Lee).

14. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

14a. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3474**

ORDINANCE NO. 3474

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE, TO CONSTRUCT, LAY OPERATE, TEST, MAINTAIN, USE, RENEW, REPAIR, REPLACE, MOVE, CHANGE THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF, AND REMOVE OR ABANDON IN PLACE, A SYSTEM OF PIPELINES AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING, TRANSPORTING, CONVEYING AND CARRYING GAS, OIL, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND WATER, ON, ALONG, IN, UNDER AND ACROSS PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS AND PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3474. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Lee).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:24 p.m. to 7:27 p.m.

Item 9a was considered concurrently with Redevelopment Agency Item 4a.

9a. LOAN TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Recommendation

The Redevelopment staff and the City Manager recommend that City Council approve and appropriate a \$75,000 loan from the City's Economic Development Infrastructure (Bond) Fund for paving and restriping of the abandoned railroad right-of-way to the Redevelopment Agency to fund public improvements associated with the Border Avenue Project.

Planning Manager Bihn reported that this project was being proposed as an interim measure to take care of the dirt strip that remained after the railroad tracks on Border Avenue were removed and noted that residents and businesses in the area have expressed support for this temporary solution.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Member Lee).

15. OTHER

15a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Cribbs thanked Street Services Director Bell for providing the report she requested on work requests received from the public.

Councilman Messerlian commented favorably on a memo from the Transit Director indicating that there would be no advertising on City buses.

Councilman Messerlian asked staff for information on the placement of antennas for cellular telephone communications.

Councilwoman O'Donnell echoed comments made previously regarding bus advertising and shared a schedule of work completed by the Streetscape Division of the Street Services Department.

Councilwoman O'Donnell offered information on Mardrona Marsh classes.

Councilman Walker wished Councilwoman O'Donnell a "Happy Birthday."

Mayor Hardison suggested that staff look into the possibility of setting guidelines for cellular phone antennas in residential areas, noting that the City of Cerritos has done a lot of work in this area.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:36 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(c) and 54957, the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

The Council returned to open session in Council Chambers at 8:54 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter heard in closed session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:54 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 28, 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