

October 5, 1999

**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 6:35 p.m.* on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

*At 5:30 p.m., City Clerk Herbers announced aloud in Council Chambers that a quorum was not present, but was expected at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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Mayor Hardison announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Thursday, September 30, 1999, City staff received information about facts and circumstances that they believed presented a significant exposure to litigation against the City by the Torrance Engineers Association. As it was necessary for Council to take immediate action in order to provide instructions to the City Attorney, a motion was made by Councilman Horwich, seconded by Councilman Lee, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, to add the item to the agenda per Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1) and to consider the matter in Executive Session.

Agenda Item 16 was considered out of order at this time.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:36 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section Nos. 54956.9(c) and 54956.9(b)(1), the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 7:16 p.m., the Council returned to Council Chambers, and the meeting reconvened in regular agenda order.

City Attorney Fellows announced that during Executive Session, the Council unanimously came to the conclusion that the City should submit a letter of comments to the Federal Trade Commission expressing the City's concerns about potential problems arising out of the Mobil/Exxon proposed merger. He noted that the City Manager had been instructed to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature to be sent to the Federal Trade

Commission, and that the Council, in addition, had authorized the Mayor to travel to Washington, D.C., to consult with public officials should that become necessary or desirable.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Mayor Ken Miller.

Reverend Nancy Johnson, Cathedral of Life Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Harold Crozier, former Councilmember and Mayor of the City of Hawthorne.

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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

Councilwoman Cribbs announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee will meet for the first quarter budget review on November 16, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

City Clerk Herbers announced that there will be a League of Women Voters TUSD candidate forum and panel discussion of the pros and cons of the City of Torrance Charter Measure held on October 21, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Library. She also reminded everyone that under the Political Reform Act, candidates for public office are required to file a Notice of Intention, and noted that full information is available by calling the City Clerk at (310) 618-2870.

Mayor Hardison noted that the Ken Miller Recreation Center is a recycle location for old telephone books.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 99-105 RE GERALD GOINS**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILOF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING GERALD GOINS FOR HIS
DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-105. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

6b. **RESOLUTION NO. 99-106 RE SAMUEL R. KIRKWOOD**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILOF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING SAMUEL R. KIRKWOOD FOR HIS
DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-106. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

6c. **RESOLUTION NO. 99-107 RE DANIEL C. WHITMAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 99-107

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILOF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING DANIEL C. WHITMAN FOR HIS
DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-107. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

6d. **RESOLUTION NO. 99-108 RE MELVIN H. FRENCH**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILOF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING MELVIN H. FRENCH FOR HIS
DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-108. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

6e. RESOLUTION NO. 99-109 RE WILLIAM M. BUCK

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILOF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING WILLIAM M. BUCK FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-109. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

6f. RESOLUTION NO. 99-110 RE GEORGE C. WILLIAMS

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILOF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING GEORGE C. WILLIAMS FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-110. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

6g. RESOLUTION NO. 99-111 RE GERALD W. BRESSLER

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILOF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING GERALD W. BRESSLER FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-111. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

6h. PRESENTATION OF CIVIL AIR PATROL COMMENDATION AWARD

Major Phil Laisure, Civil Air Patrol, South Bay Senior Squadron 129, presented a commendation award to Mayor Hardison and the Council in recognition and appreciation of the 32 years of support the City has provided to Civil Air Patrol Squadron 129.

6i. RECOGNITION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEADERSHIP TORRANCE CLASS OF 1999

Mayor Hardison presented Certificates of Appreciation, recognizing the Chamber of Commerce South Bay Leadership Torrance Class of 1999 for its donation to the Torrance Teen Center, to Paul Besse, Jamie Freeman, Jason Kimura, Ted Lieu, Susan Reuter, Ramune Vitkus, Dawn Wendl, John Wisz, and Dennis Young and read the following names of those receiving Certificates but were unable to attend: Dr. Rebecca Foo, Judy Gibson, Ron Guziak, Sean Hallet, Sandy Libby, Charles Mayeda, Sergio Minassi, Colleen Piechota, Christine Purcell, Tracy Russell, Timothy Salazar, Marie Sardinha, Cynthia Sliwa, Jill Spear, Darren Thurlow, Sharon Vazquez, and Vikki Westerskov.

6j. PROCLAMATION RE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation recognizing the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Cultural Involvement Task Force and the Japan Business Association-South Bay Region to James Autrey, Vice President, Cultural Involvement Division; Michio Inoue, President, Japan Business Association, South Bay Regional Chapter; Lili Miura, Chair, Torrance/Japan Business Partnership Reception; and Paul McCabe and Cindy Chu, Co-Chairs, Cultural Involvement Task Force.

6k. PROCLAMATION RE "PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT MONTHS"

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the months of September and October 1999 as "PTA Membership Enrollment Months" in the City of Torrance to Caren Dutton, President, Torrance Council of PTAs, and Sandy Gibson, PTA Membership Chair, North High School. Ms. Gibson presented NHS PTA memberships to the Council.

6l. PROCLAMATION RE "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 3 through October 9, 1999 as "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Torrance to Firefighter Jim Swing, who invited everyone to attend the annual Fire/Police Safety Fair to be held at Del Amo Fashion Center on October 9, 1999. Mayor Hardison also presented a Certificate of Achievement to Firefighter Swing in recognition of his efforts as Public Safety Officer for the past 12 years.

6m. PROCLAMATION RE "CALIFORNIA RIDESHARE WEEK"

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 4 through October 8, 1999 as "California Rideshare Week" in the City of Torrance to Kim Fuentes, City of Torrance Commuter Transportation Consultant. Ms. Fuentes noted that the City's Rideshare Program, with approximately 400 employees participating, is one of the most successful in the state.

6n. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH"

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the month of October 1999 as "National Arts and Humanities Month" in the City of Torrance to Chris Aihara, Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission, and Commissioners June Armstrong, Mary Miller and Kim Wang.

6o. INTRODUCTION OF CITISOUNDS

Arlene Ghio, Community Relations Officer, and Michael Smith, Cable TV Administrator, described the programming and traffic information that will be available to the community on CitiSOUNDS, the City's new radio station to be broadcast on 1620 AM.

Mayor Hardison thanked Kathy Jenno and the staff from Information Systems, Ernest Gallo, Jerry Edwards and Richard McEvelly; and Michael Smith and his crew at CitiCABLE, Gus Ponce, Bob McAteer and Tanya Green, the voice of CitiSOUNDS, for their efforts in getting the station up and running; and thanked Arlene Ghio for coordinating the project.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. PURCHASE ORDER FOR REPLACEMENT TREES

Recommendation

The Street Services Director recommends that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to Big 7 Nursery of Torrance, California, in the anticipated amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the sole source purchase of replacement trees.

7b. PURCHASE ORDER RE PERIODICALS FOR LIBRARY SYSTEM

Recommendation

The City Librarian recommends that City Council authorize a purchase order in an amount no to exceed \$57,000.00 to EBSCO Subscription Services of Los Angeles, CA, for the purchase of the annual requirement of periodicals for the Torrance Library System for the Calendar Year 2000.

7c. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT – JULY 1998 THROUGH JUNE 1999

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that City Council accept and file the Cultural Arts Commission 1998-99 Annual Report.

7d. JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT AGREEMENT

Recommendation

The Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Human Resources Director of the City of Torrance recommend that City Council authorize the execution of the JTPA Agreement with Los Angeles Unified School District for \$34,000 to perform School-To-Career services.

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.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **PARKING EASEMENT AT 21221 WESTERN AVENUE**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the granting of a Non-exclusive Parking Easement from STARWOOD/SUP L.L.C. for the benefit of the City of Torrance for a portion of the property located at 21221 Western Avenue, Torrance, California.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine reported that this easement will provide parking for the TransMachine project which will be constructed on City-owned land but lacks sufficient space for parking.

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

11b. **AMENDMENT RE TOWN AND COUNTRY SHOPPING CENTER LEASE**

Recommendation

The Land Management Team recommends that City Clerk authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a fourth amendment to the Town and Country shopping center lease.

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

11c. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that City Council approve additional funding in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the contract with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker to provide for general legal services in the matter of Breakzone Billiards.

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

11d. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR LEGAL COUNSEL TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that City Council approve additional funding in the amount of \$20,000 to the contract with the law firm of Richards, Watson & Gershon to provide general legal advice to the Civil Service Commission at an hourly rate of \$135.

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

11e. CITY ATTORNEY PAY RATE

Recommendation

Based upon performance review, the City Council hereby assigns the pay rate of \$13,553 per month to the City Attorney. This is within the current pay range set forth in Resolution 99-73, Certain Management.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to confirm the pay rate for the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11f. IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998

Recommendation

The Carson/Lomita/Torrance (C/L/T) Policy Board recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve the appointment of the C/L/T Private Industry Council (C/L/T PIC) to carry out all local board activities with the planning and implementation of WIA;
- 2) Approve the appointment of the C/L/T PIC as the Alternative Entity under WIA, effective July 1, 2000, to serve until the consortium completes the necessary work related to the appointment of a consortium Workforce Investment Board; and
- 3) Adopt a resolution naming the PIC as the Alternative Entity under WIA and reaffirming the signature authority established in Resolution 83-201 for the purpose of signing documents and agreements relative to the implementation of WIA.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with the C/L/T Policy Board's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-112

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, NAMING THE CARSON/LOMITA/
TORRANCE PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL AS THE
ALTERNATIVE ENTITY UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998 EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2000**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption Resolution No. 99-112. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11g. ESTOPPEL AGREEMENT RE 2837 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

The Land Management Team recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a Lender's Estoppel Agreement for the property located at 2837 Pacific Coast Highway, known as the Town and Country Shopping Center [ADDENDUM ITEM].

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

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:11 p.m. to 8:12 p.m.

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15. OTHER

15a. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Fire Chief Bongard announced that on October 18 and 20, 1999, Mobil will be testing warning sirens.

Councilman Horwich commented that he would be representing Torrance at the League of California Cities meeting in San Jose on October 10 through October 12.

Councilman Messerlian noted that he has heard of several complaints from people who were not notified when a hearing before the Planning Commission or City Council had been withdrawn or rescheduled. Planning Director Gibson responded that when time permits, the Department puts a notice in the newspaper, makes telephone calls, and/or sends notices, but that on many occasions an item is withdrawn or rescheduled at the last minute, making notification impossible. He advised that staff would research ways to improve the situation.

Councilman Messerlian, referring to a Southwood Homeowner's Association Newsletter, noted that there are many complaints concerning unsolicited handbills and advertisements being left at homeowners' front doors, even those with a posted "No Soliciting" sign and in spite of a City ordinance prohibiting this activity. City Attorney Fellows acknowledged the difficulty of enforcement but advised that a complete ban would be unenforceable. City Manager Jackson stated that whenever possible, the Environmental Division does contact the offender, however, it is still difficult to enforce with a citation.

Councilman Lee echoed Councilman Messerlian's comments regarding flyer distribution, and Councilwoman O'Donnell also commented on unwanted solicitors.

Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that the Torrance Rose Float Association was seeking volunteers 13 and older to work on the float between Saturday, December 11 and Thursday, December 30, 1999, in Duarte and that an orientation meeting for volunteers will be held on October 21, 1999, at 7:30 p.m.

Councilwoman O'Donnell further announced that the Harvest Health Fair, sponsored by the Disabled Advisory Committee of the Community Services Commission, will be held on October 30, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Wilson Park.

Mr. Craig Carley, 1003 Beech Avenue, requested that a stop sign or speed bumps be installed on Beech and Sierra Streets to mitigate the problems caused by people who cut through from Torrance and Crenshaw Boulevards.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:29 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 12, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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***Adjourned in Memory of
Harold Crozier***

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Torrance