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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – DECEMBER 7, 2004

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At 8:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Adjourned in Memory of
Liisi Mauno

December 7, 2004

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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Lieu, McIntyre, Nowatka, Scotto, Witkowsky and Mayor Walker.

Absent: Councilmember Mauno.

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

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Agenda Item 17 was considered out of order at this time.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 17A) Conference with Labor Negotiator and 17B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.8.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by North High School Army JROTC, Saxon Battalion Color Guard, Cadet Lt. Col. Phillip Cotton commanding..

Councilmember Witkowsky gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu 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 Scotto, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu 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 Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Witkowsky reported that the Community Planning and Design Committee held a meeting on December 2 to discuss possible ways to preserve historic homes in Torrance, which was attended by over 200 people, and announced that discussion of this topic will continue at the next Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Walker announced that he received notification from the L.A. County Probation Department that all minors on probation had been removed from the Starview Adolescent Center as of November 29, 2004, and thanked the Torrance Police Department for their assistance in resolving this matter.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Liisi Mauno, mother of Councilman Mike Mauno, who passed away December 4, 2004, and expressed condolences to Mr. Mauno and his family.

In a brief presentation, Major Gibson, on behalf of the North High School JROTC, thanked the Mayor and Council for the donation of the 12-passenger van.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-151 RE POLICE SERGEANT MICHAEL TERRY

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE SERGEANT MICHAEL WILLIAM TERRY UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-151. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

Mayor Walker presented the resolution to Sergeant Terry, who accepted with appreciation.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-152 RE CITY LIBRARIAN JAMES BUCKLEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING CITY LIBRARIAN JAMES WHITNEY BUCKLEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-152. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

For adoption only, to be presented at a later date.

6C. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-153 RE STREET MAINTENANCE LEADER RICHARD GASSET

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING STREET MAINTENANCE LEADER RICHARD ORTEGA GASSET UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-153. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

For adoption only, to be presented at a later date.

6D. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-154 RE POLICE OFFICER JAVIER MORIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER JAVIER FERNANDO MORIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-154. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

Mayor Walker presented the resolution to Officer Terry, who accepted with appreciation.

6E. PROCLAMATION RE "OPERATION TEDDY BEAR DAY"

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation to DeDe Hicks and Jean Adelsman declaring December 9, 2004 as ***Operation Teddy Bear Day*** in the City of Torrance, commending and expressing sincere appreciation to the Volunteer Center for its outstanding contribution to the youth of our community.

Ms. Hicks noted that the Volunteer Center, through Operation Teddy Bear, donates 5,000 backpacks filled with toys, educational items, and a teddy bear to disadvantaged first graders each year.

6F. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council accept a donation in the amount of $5,000 from Exxon Mobil Corporation to be used for Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) program.

Charlie Watson accepted the donation from Exxon Mobil representative John Sakers, Refinery Safety Group Leader.

Noting that she is a graduate of the CERT program, which offers training for residents so they can provide assistance in the event of an emergency, Councilmember Witkowsky thanked Exxon Mobil Corporation for supporting this important program.

6G. 2004 ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE VIDEO

Councilmember Scotto, Chair of the Armed Forces Day Parade Committee, shared a video created by the Police Department of the 2004 Armed Forces Day Parade for viewing by representatives of the various branches of the military at the Pentagon prior to a planning session for the 2005 Armed Forces Day Parade. He noted that the presentation was very well received and thanked the Police Department for their efforts.

Police Captain Neu introduced the video and thanked Lieutenant Dave Smith and Detective Jim Wallace for creating the DVD. He noted that Torrance's Armed Forces Day Parade is one of only six military parades sponsored by the Department of Defense.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. CONTRACT WITH MAIN STREET TOURS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN EXCURSIONS JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2005

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council approve contracts with Main Street Tours in the amount of $26,180 and with American Travel Club/Tours in the amount of $28,368, for a total amount not to exceed $54,548, for Senior Citizens Program excursions planned for the months of January through June, 2005.

7B. CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH TAMANG ELECTRIC RE GENERATOR REPLACEMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council extend the contract term with Tamang Electric (C2004-170) from January 30, 2005 to June 30, 2005 for the replacement of generators at Fire Station #5, West Annex, and Civic Center Library.

7C. CONTRACT WITH TEKTON CORPORATION RE HUMAN RESOURCES TESTING AND TRAINING ROOM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council:

1) Award a contract to Tekton Corporation for $64,800 with a contingency of $2,452 for the Human Resources Testing and Training Room (FEAP #304) (B2004-39);
2) Approve a 10% project management fee of $6,480; and
3) Appropriate $23,500 from the Department Reorganization FEAP #398.

7D. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE PAPER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize purchase orders to Spicers Paper, Santa Fe Springs, CA, in an amount not to exceed $85,200 and to Unisource, LaPalma, CA in an amount not to exceed $26,400 for the purchase of miscellaneous office paper. (B2004-45) The term will be for a period of one (1) year, beginning December 17, 2004 and ending December 16, 2005.

Considered separately, see page 5.

7E. CONTRACT WITH TEKTON CORPORATION RE KEN MILLER RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council:

1) Award a contract to Tekton Corporation for $368,800 with a 5% contingency of $18,440 for the Ken Miller Recreation Center Renovation (B2004-43);
2) Approve a 10% project management fee of $36,880 and $5,000 in professional services; and
3) Appropriate $91,012.86 from the Cultural Arts Center Enterprise Fund.

7F. CONSIDERATION OF 2005 COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council consider the following Tuesdays as City Council dark nights for the first six months in 2005: January 4, January 18, February 22, March 29, and May 31.

7G. REIMBURSEMENT OF PLAN CHECK FEES RE GOLDEN WEST TOWERS REHABILITATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council appropriate $27,508 from the Energy Reserve Fund to reimburse the Building and Safety Department for plan check fees assessed to Affordable Housing Access Inc. (AHA) owner of Golden West Towers for seismic and life safety upgrades.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A through 7G, with the exception of 7D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre an passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

Consent Calendar Item 7D was considered at this time.

7D. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE PAPER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize purchase orders to Spicers Paper, Santa Fe Springs, CA, in an amount not to exceed $85,200 and to Unisource, LaPalma, CA in an amount not to exceed $26,400 for the purchase of miscellaneous office paper. (B2004-45) The term will be for a period of one (1) year, beginning December 17, 2004 and ending December 16, 2005.

Councilmember Lieu commended the City Manager for his commitment to reduce paper use by 20% this year; questioned how much of the paper purchased will be recycled paper; and suggested that the City adopt a formal policy to purchase recycled paper whenever possible.

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that approximately 90% of the paper purchased will be recycled paper.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2, 2004 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Clerk** that City Council adopt Resolution No. 2004-155 declaring the results of the Special Municipal Election consolidated with the General Election held in the City of Torrance on November 2, 2004, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City a proposed Charter amendment.

City Clerk Herbers reported that Measure T was approved by a vote of 35,830 to 17,589 and as a result, the date of the City's general municipal election will be changed to coincide with the statewide direct primary election in even numbered years. She noted that all registered voters in Torrance will be notified by first class mail that the terms of office for all elected officials currently in office will be extended by approximately 3 months.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECITING THE FACT OF THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004, DECLARING THE RESULT AND OTHER SUCH MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-155. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
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CITY OF TORRANCE

CONNY B. McCORMACK
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

November 29, 2004

Ms. Sue Herbers, City Clerk
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503

Dear Ms. Herbers:

Enclosed is the official Canvass Certificate and the official Statement of Votes Cast by precinct for the City of Torrance Special Municipal Election conducted with the General Election held on November 2, 2004.

Please call the Election Coordination Section at (562) 462-2630, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CONNY B. McCORMACK
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

SYLVIA LIRA, Head
Election Coordination Section

Enclosures

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Los Angeles County
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Certificate of the canvass of the election returns

I, CONNY B. McCORMACK, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, of the State of California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that pursuant to the provisions of Section 15300 et seq. of the California Elections Code, I did canvass the returns of the votes cast for each elective office and/or measure(s) in

TORRANCE CITY

at the General Election, held on the 2nd day of November, 2004.

I, FURTHER CERTIFY that the Statement of Votes Cast, to which this certificate is attached, shows the total number of ballots cast in said District, and the whole number of votes cast for each candidate and/or measure(s) in said District in each of the respective precincts therein, and the totals of the respective columns and the totals as shown for each candidate and/or measure(s) are full, true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of November, 2004.

CONNY B. McCORMACK
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
County of Los Angeles

FINAL OFFICIAL
STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST

CITY/PREC	REGISTRATION	BALLOTS CAST	TORRANCE CITY SPECIAL MUNI MEASURE T YES	NO
TORRANCE 7150001A	644	339	205	77
TORRANCE 7150002A	739	506	301	131
TORRANCE 7150003A	683	416	224	131
TORRANCE 7150004A	760	477	271	124
TORRANCE 7150005A	727	491	286	134
TORRANCE 7150006A	772	474	258	141
TORRANCE 7150007A	785	472	253	161
TORRANCE 7150008A	860	480	298	120
TORRANCE 7150009A	640	379	219	108
TORRANCE 7150010A	765	462	274	113
TORRANCE 7150012A	749	502	289	148
TORRANCE 7150013A	631	474	271	126
TORRANCE 7150015A	852	537	324	143
TORRANCE 7150016A	804	502	307	124
TORRANCE 7150017A	643	392	228	102
TORRANCE 7150019A	1203	776	497	183
TORRANCE 7150022A	993	655	377	180
TORRANCE 7150024A	628	408	233	99
TORRANCE 7150025A	906	538	249	222
TORRANCE 7150026A	797	513	308	140
TORRANCE 7150027A	779	524	314	131
TORRANCE 7150028A	659	430	231	140
TORRANCE 7150031A	1174	759	457	214
TORRANCE 7150032A	839	550	278	213
TORRANCE 7150034A	741	427	274	99
TORRANCE 7150037A	812	552	324	161
TORRANCE 7150038A	933	614	383	144
TORRANCE 7150039A	934	596	384	125
TORRANCE 7150041A	749	473	282	120
TORRANCE 7150044A	632	431	205	171
TORRANCE 7150046A	1253	803	448	236
TORRANCE 7150048A	919	574	293	197
TORRANCE 7150049A	772	541	271	219
TORRANCE 7150051A	903	541	283	192
TORRANCE 7150055A	833	524	288	182
TORRANCE 7150056A	813	538	278	212
TORRANCE 7150057A	880	564	303	168
TORRANCE 7150058A	928	574	289	229

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CITY/PREC	REGISTRATION	BALLOTS CAST	TORRANCE CITY SPECIAL MUNI MEASURE T YES	NO
TORRANCE 7150060A	969	654	334	250
TORRANCE 7150061A	630	435	256	131
TORRANCE 7150063A	850	541	296	179
TORRANCE 7150064A	836	514	273	195
TORRANCE 7150065A	823	508	310	136
TORRANCE 7150067A	888	541	305	161
TORRANCE 7150068A	819	541	299	173
TORRANCE 7150069A	840	552	294	201
TORRANCE 7150070A	917	580	338	167
TORRANCE 7150071A	629	428	206	170
TORRANCE 7150073A	774	488	204	236
TORRANCE 7150076A	1039	566	321	132
TORRANCE 7150077A	769	431	247	133
TORRANCE 7150080A	1209	748	388	283
TORRANCE 7150081A	811	538	271	211
TORRANCE 7150082A	848	559	283	193
TORRANCE 7150084A	846	578	275	231
TORRANCE 7150087A	859	569	370	129
TORRANCE 7150088A	822	537	305	150
TORRANCE 7150090A	624	430	218	162
TORRANCE 7150092A	880	605	333	198
TORRANCE 7150093A	1063	679	385	207
TORRANCE 7150094A	767	565	319	192
TORRANCE 7150096A	642	374	214	98
TORRANCE 7150097A	746	437	229	142
TORRANCE 7150098A	606	397	246	102
TORRANCE 7150101A	1052	624	349	203
TORRANCE 7150102A	886	551	308	179
TORRANCE 7150104A	837	533	316	162
TORRANCE 7150106A	961	547	321	161
TORRANCE 7150109A	867	573	354	143
TORRANCE 7150112A	894	505	315	150
TORRANCE 7150114A	832	508	305	117
TORRANCE 7150115A	1105	653	392	154
TORRANCE 7150116A	739	462	261	156
TORRANCE 7150121A	798	503	299	143
TORRANCE 7150125A	676	441	260	98
TORRANCE 7150131A	964	632	340	226

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CITY/PREC	REGISTRATION	BALLOTS CAST	TORRANCE CITY SPECIAL MUNI MEASURE T YES	NO
TORRANCE 7150132A	792	466	239	172
TORRANCE 7150137A	691	448	262	132
TORRANCE 7150140A	675	433	235	150
TORRANCE 7150144A	845	519	291	158
TORRANCE 7150146B	914	567	342	132
TORRANCE 7150149A	891	516	303	124
TORRANCE 7150161A	624	323	208	60
TORRANCE 7150201A	852	513	280	153
TORRANCE 7150300A	755	494	294	143
TORRANCE 7150301A	851	580	306	201
TORRANCE 7150308A	1100	677	375	202
PRECINCT TOTAL VOTE	72241	45671	25731	13941
ABSENTEE TOTAL VOTE	79	15702	10099	3648
GRAND TOTAL VOTE	72320	61373	35830	17589

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STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST

CITY/PREC	REGISTRATION	BALLOTS CAST	TORRANCE CITY SPECIAL MUNI MEASURE T YES	NO
COUNTYWIDE	72241	45671	25731	13941
COUNTYWIDE ABSENTEE VOTE	79	15702	10099	3648
TOTAL	72320	61373	35830	17589
36TH US CONGRESSIONAL	72241	45671	25731	13941
36TH US CONGRESSIONAL ABSENTEE VOTE	79	15702	10099	3648
TOTAL	72320	61373	35830	17589
28TH STATE SENATE	72241	45671	25731	13941
53RD STATE ASSEMBLY	72241	45671	25731	13941
53RD STATE ASSEMBLY ABSENTEE VOTE	79	15693	10096	3645
TOTAL	72320	61364	35827	17586
55TH STATE ASSEMBLY ABSENTEE VOTE	0	9	3	3
4TH SUPERVISORIAL	72241	45671	25731	13941
4TH SUPERVISORIAL ABSENTEE VOTE	79	15702	10099	3648

FINAL OFFICIAL
STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST

CITY/PREC	REGISTRATION	BALLOTS CAST	TORRANCE CITY SPECIAL MUNI MEASURE T YES	NO
TOTAL	72320	61373	35830	17589
4TH BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	72241	45671	25731	13941
CITY OF TORRANCE	72241	45671	25731	13941
CITY OF TORRANCE ABSENTEE VOTE	79	15702	10099	3648
TOTAL	72320	61373	35830	17589

11B. RENOVATION OF SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AND THE CITY YARD AND CONSOLIDATION OF POLICE AND FIRE DISPATCH CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** to appropriate ~~$1,010,000~~ for the renovation of the City Hall 2nd Floor, $307,000 for the City Yard renovations, and $275,500 for the consolidation of the Fire and Police communications dispatch center.

Finance Director Tsao noted supplemental material available at the meeting, which explains that the appropriation required for the renovation of City Hall 2nd Floor is $600,278 instead of $1,010,000 as listed on the agenda because $409,722 has already been allocated for this project (FEAP #398).

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:41 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. City Clerk Herbers announced that applications were being accepted for appointment to various City commissions and invited those interested to contact the City Clerk's office at 618-2870. She noted that citizens are welcome to attend any commission meeting for a flavor of the work done by volunteers, with information and a meeting calendar available on the City's website.

16B. City Clerk Herbers invited staff and the public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Marlene Delugish on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of December.

16C. Councilmember Lieu expressed condolences to Councilman Mauno and family.

16D. Councilmember Lieu reported that he attended the swearing in of Assemblyman Mike Gordon and looks forward to working with him in the future.

16E. Councilmember Lieu wished Hope and Mike Witkowsky a happy anniversary.

16F. Councilmember Lieu wished everyone a happy Hanukkah.

16G. Councilmember McIntyre echoed condolences to Councilman Mauno and family, stating that Liisi Mauno was a formidable woman with many talents who will be sincerely missed.

16H. Councilmember McIntyre reported that she attended the Nutcracker Ballet presented by the South Bay Ballet at the James Armstrong Theatre and thought it was extraordinary and encouraged attendance at the remaining performances.

16I. Councilmember Nowatka echoed condolences to Councilman Mauno and family.

16J. Councilmember Nowatka extended condolences to the family of Leo Siegal, the father of former Police Captain Harvey Siegal and a longtime Torrance resident.

16K. Councilmember Nowatka noted that today marks the 63rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and called for a brief moment of remembrance for those who died in the attack.

16L. Councilmember Nowatka extended Hanukkah greetings.

16M. Councilmember Scotto expressed condolences to Councilman Mauno and his family.

16N. Councilmember Witkowsky echoed condolences to Councilman Mauno and his family.

16O. Councilmember Witkowsky announced a lighting of the Menorah on the last day of Hanukkah, December 14, in front of City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

16P. Councilmember Witkowsky reported that residents near El Camino College in the vicinity of Wilkie, 162nd and 163rd streets have expressed concerns that the permit parking recently implemented on nearby streets will shift parking problems to their area. Police Chief Herren stated that parking enforcement officers will be directed to monitor the situation and staff will bring forward a recommendation to implement permit parking in this area if the need arises.

16Q. Mayor Walker expressed condolences to Councilman Mauno and family.

16R. City Clerk Herbers encouraged everyone to attend a performance of holiday music by the Torrance Civic Chorale at the James Armstrong Theatre.

16S. Maureen O'Donnell reported that at the November 9, 2004 City Council meeting, David Henseler made a sexual gesture in full view of the audience and requested that the Council refer this matter to the Police Department and the City Attorney for investigation and appropriate action.

Norma Nance reported that she was present at the November 9 meeting and saw Mr. Henseler make such a gesture and expressed the hope that appropriate action would be taken.

16T. Alan Lee, TME-AFSCME, Local 1117, expressed condolences to Councilman Mauno and his family.

16U. Mr. Lee thanked Assistant City Manager Giordano for devising a very fair remedy in a complex personnel matter.

16V. Mr. Lee noted that his organization has expressed concerns about the adequacy of the City's insurance program for employees, including long-term/short-term disability and life insurance benefits, and that he invited a representative of Jefferson Pilot Financial to make a presentation on an alternative insurance program that would provide enhanced benefits with no increase in cost. He stated that he also invited a representative from ING to provide a brief overview of an enhanced deferred compensation plan.

Darryl Freni, Jefferson Pilot Financial, provided a summary of written material distributed to the Council comparing the City's current insurance program with a proposed program from his company.

Gavin Gruenberg, ING, reviewed written material distributed to the Council on an enhanced deferred compensation plan for City employees and provided background information about his company's ratings and experience in this field.

Mayor Walker commented on Mr. Lee's creative method of subjecting the Council to an insurance presentation and directed staff to follow through with the Council's recommendation given in executive session.

16W. Mayor Walker asked for the concurrence of Council to go forward with Ms. O'Donnell's request.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Adjourned in Memory of
Liisi Mauno

Attest:

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on February 1, 2005