

January 7, 2003

**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, January 7, 2003, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

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2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lieu.

Pastor Milton Herring, The Living Word Christian Center, gave the 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 Nowatka, 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 Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that Item 11b was withdrawn and would be brought back for the next meeting.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Lieu announced that the Public Safety Committee would hold a meeting on January 13th at 3:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Assembly Room.

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications for appointment to the various commissions were being accepted in the City Clerk's office until January 8, with appointments to be made by the City Council at its meeting of January 14, 2003.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **TORRANCE DISASTER COUNCIL FY 2001/2002 REPORT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** and the **Torrance Disaster Council** that City Council accept and file the Disaster Council Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

7b. **TRAINING AGREEMENT WITH INLAND BOATMEN'S UNION**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Workforce Investment Network (WiN) Board** and the **Human Resources Director** that execute a customized training agreement with the Inland Boatmen's Union (IBU) of the Pacific to provide U. S. Coast Guard Standards for Training Certification & Watch Keeping (STCW) Basic Safety Training. The agreement is for an amount not-to-exceed \$54,000 for the period of January 7, 2003 through March 31, 2003.

7c. **LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WEST TORRANCE BABE RUTH BASEBALL ORGANIZATION**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to an agreement on behalf of the City of Torrance initiating a lease for the use of Entradero Sump Little League Field #4 by West Torrance Babe Ruth Baseball Organization for the period of January 7, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

7d. **APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING FOR APPRAISAL OF REAL PROPERTY**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council appropriate \$6,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Program Contingencies fund for the appraisal of real property.

7e. **CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council consider the following Tuesdays as City Council dark nights in 2003: February 18, April 29, May 27, July 29, September 30, November 11, and December 30.

7f. **APPROPRIATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT'S EL CAMINO TRAINING FUND FOR SOFTWARE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council :

- 1) Authorize a purchase order be issued to FieldSoft, Inc., in the amount of \$2,159.59 for the purchase of one license copy of FDonScene software; and
- 2) Appropriate \$4,154.59 from the Fire Department's El Camino Training Fund to pay for the software as well as for the associated user training (\$1,995).

7g. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR 2002

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Treasurer** that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of November 2002.

7h. TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Torrance Youth Council** that City Council appropriate \$1,000 from the Youth Council Donation Account for a contribution to the Volunteer Center to help fund Operation Teddy Bear.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7h. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. CONTINUATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOOD/ SINGINGWOOD DRIVE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** and the **City Attorney** that City Council continue the state of local emergency, proclaimed March 2, 2001 for properties located on Carolwood Drive and Singingwood Drive.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11b. INCREASE IN EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION FOR TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a Resolution fixing the employer's contribution under the Public Employee's Medical and Hospital Care Act for Torrance Municipal Employees represented by AFSCME Local 1117 members from \$51 per month to \$100 per month.
Item was withdrawn, see page 1.

15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

15a. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3529

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.3.2, SECTION 14.12.10 AND SECTION 14.16.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO CHOICE AMONG FIVE NAMES IN APPOINTMENTS TO DIVISION HEAD POSITIONS IN THE POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND STAFF PROMULGATION OF ELIGIBLE LISTS

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3529. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Redevelopment Agency met at 6:10 p.m., recessed to closed session at 6:18 p.m., and adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. City Manager Jackson wished everyone a Happy New Year.

16b. City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Charlie Melwing in the City Clerk's office through the end of January.

16c. Councilmember Lieu commended the fire department for sending a strike team to Malibu to assist with the fires.

16d. Councilmember Lieu wished everyone a Happy New Year.

16e. Councilmember Mauno congratulated the Torrance Rose Float Association on Torrance's award-winning entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

16f. Councilmember McIntyre echoed Councilmember Mauno's comments on the Rose Float award, noting that next year will be Torrance's 50th year of participation in the parade. She also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

16g. Councilmember Nowatka also congratulated the Rose Float Association on winning the Princess trophy and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

16h. Councilmember Nowatka commended the fire department and citizen Ken Roberts for efforts on the Fonthill Avenue fire involving an extended care facility.

16i. Councilmember Scotto commended all the volunteers along with the Rose Float Association on winning the Princess Trophy.

16j. Councilmember Scotto asked that Ken Roberts be recognized for efforts in assisting fire victims. He also wished everyone a happy and prosperous 2003.

16k. Councilmember Witkowsky wished everyone a Happy New Year.

16l. Councilmember Witkowsky commented on attending rose float officials' night, noting that she was able to glue coconut on the Torrance rose float chariot.

16m. Michelle Jager Jones, Torrance resident, questioned the safety of a City-owned tree located in front of her house.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session

- a. *CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(California Government Code § 54956.9(c))*

Request for quiet title action (Lot G, Torrance Tract, Downtown and Industrial Redevelopment Project Areas)

No formal action was taken on any item considered in closed session.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:44 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attest:

/s/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on February 11, 2003