

January 9, 2007

**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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Brewer, Drevno, McIntyre, Nowatka, Sutherland, Witkowsky, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

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

Mayor Scotto announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the City Attorney's office received a settlement proposal in the case of Willett v. City of Torrance, Case No. 06CC03319, and the City Attorney has requested that the City Council consider adding this item to the agenda because he needs immediate instruction from the Council regarding this matter. In order to take action on a matter that is not on the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote that immediate action is necessary and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to add the item to the agenda under Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The matter was considered in closed session, pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2(b)(2) and 54956.6(a). Councilmember Nowatka did not participate in the discussions as he has a personal relationship with the party involved.

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the above-mentioned item and agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to California Government § 54956.9 (c).

The City Council reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

City Attorney Fellows reported that by a unanimous vote in closed session, the City Council had authorized the City Attorney to retain outside counsel at a minimal cost to file a "friend of the court" letter supporting petitions for review in the matter of *County of Los Angeles et al vs. State Water Resources Control Board*, Second District Court of Appeals Case No. B184034. He noted that the case relates to lawsuits involving Los Angeles County agencies seeking review of the ability of the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board to require municipalities to accomplish the impossible, i.e., to achieve strict compliance with numeric water quality standards, irrespective of the federal maximum extent practicable ("MEP") standard.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council member Tommy Nguyen. Captain Ivan Wild, The Salvation Army, gave the non-sectarian invocation.

3. **REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA / MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING**

City Clerk Herbers reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, January 4, 2007, with an addendum posted on Friday, January 5.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland 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 McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember McIntyre announced a meeting of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to discuss the 2nd quarter budget 2006-2007.

Councilmember Nowatka announced a meeting of the Armed Forces Committee on January 11, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. to plan the Armed Forces Day celebration in May.

Councilmember Witkowsky encouraged the public to attend the February 27, 2007 City Council meeting to be held in the Wilson Park Gym, which will include a community workshop on the upcoming City budget.

Councilmember Brewer introduced Youth Council representative Tommy Nguyen.

Mayor Scotto thanked Councilmember Nowatka for his service as mayor pro tem for the past nine months and welcomed Councilmember McIntyre as mayor pro tem for the next six months.

Mayor Scotto congratulated the Torrance Rose Float Association on winning the Volunteer Trophy at the 2007 Tournament of Roses Parade on New Years Day, noting that Torrance's floats have won awards in seven of the last eight years. He commended the volunteers for their work throughout the year.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-01 RE POLICE SERGEANT SCOTT MARGOLIN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE SERGEANT SCOTT GLEN MARGOLIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-01. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-02 RE POLICE OFFICER ROBIN KAKUMU

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER ROBIN KEMBO KAKUMU UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-03 RE POLICE OFFICER MANUEL LOPEZ

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER MANUEL ENRIQUE LOPEZ UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6D. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-04 RE POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL TOKLE

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL DEAN TOKLE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6E. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Recommendation

The **City Clerk** recommends that City Council review applications and make appointments to fill vacancies on the Airport, Cable TV Advisory Board, Civil Service, Cultural Arts, Disaster, Environmental Quality & Energy Conservation, Library, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Traffic and Water commissions. The City Clerk further recommends that the City Council confirm the Senior Club appointments to the Commission on Aging and that the City Clerk administer the Oath of Office to commissioners present.

Mayor Scotto noted supplemental material available at the meeting.

A brief discussion ensued regarding whether or not to accept an application for the Traffic Commission, which was received after the deadline for submittal.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved not to accept any application received after the deadline. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by a 5-2 roll call vote, with Councilmember Drevno and Mayor Scotto dissenting.

Candidates were introduced and given an opportunity to address the Council.

The City Council made the following appointments by unanimous ballots for four year terms except as noted:

Airport Commission - Susan Rhilinger and William Tymczyszyn; (Sutherland/Nowatka)

Cable Television Advisory Board - Henry Carlson & Georgia Perkins, Charles Leone (term expires 1/15/2010); (Witkowsky/Sutherland)

Civil Service Commission – Carol Dean and Peter Donnell; (Sutherland/Witkowsky)

Cultural Arts Commission – Kathryn Endo-Roberts; (Sutherland/Brewer)

Disaster Council – Melvin Glass; (Witkowsky/McIntyre)

Environmental and Energy Conservation Commission – Betty Chim and Paul McCabe; Jackie Decker (term expires 1/15/2008); (Sutherland/Drevno)

Library Commission – Wendy Wang and Judith Gerber; (Sutherland/McIntyre)

Parks & Recreation Commission - Tom Hazell and Stephen Robbins; (Witkowsky/McIntyre)

Planning Commission – Richard Browning and Steven Busch; (Witkowsky/McIntyre)

Traffic Commission – Don Clouch and Tom Rische; (Sutherland/McIntyre)

Water Commission – Peter Warner and Kay White; Alex See (term expires 1/15/2009) (Sutherland/Brewer)

Commission on Aging – Club members Art Callen and Charles Breaker were confirmed for a one-year term. (Sutherland/McIntyre)

City Clerk Herbers administered the oath to appointees who were present.

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The City Council recessed from 7:52 p.m. to 8:08 p.m.

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7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Bob Kunesh, Torrance, submitted a petition on behalf of a neighborhood seeking parking relief by way of a permit parking system.

7B. Bonnie Mae Barnard, Save Historic Old Torrance, invited the public to attend upcoming meetings, including a January 11 lecture on native plants for historic homes and a February 8 viewing of a video production by Art Callen on the history of Torrance, both at the West Presbyterian Church. She announced the 3rd Annual Historic Preservation Gala to be held at The Depot restaurant on March 4 with information available at www.savehistoricaltorrance.com. She also sought donations through Hope Chapel for a family injured in a recent fire.

7C. Brian Benoit, Torrance, invited the public to attend a free concert by the Torrance Symphony on Saturday, January 13, at 8:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Theatre.

7D. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced a program on the history of the Hollywood Riviera on Sunday, January 21, at the Torrance Historical Society Museum. She also noted Torrance High Alumni Association sponsorship of a 90th birthday celebration for Louis Zamperini, which will include tours and a reception at Torrance High School on Saturday, January 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 17, 2006

8B. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2006

Recommendation

The **City Treasurer** recommends that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of November 2006.

8C. MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR DATA NETWORK DEVICES

Recommendation

The **Communication and Information Technology Director** recommends that City Council approve a SmartNet maintenance service agreement with Cisco Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$44,275.18 to provide data network equipment maintenance services.

8D. ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Recommendation

The **Communication and Information Technology Director** recommends that City Council approve the purchase of an annual software maintenance and support for the Telestaff Personnel Scheduling system from Principal Decision Systems International of Irvine, CA, in the amount of \$36,947.72 (including sales tax) to provide software maintenance, support, and enhancements from February 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008.

8E. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 63585

Recommendation

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council

- 1) Approve Final Tract Map No. 63585, creating 25 lots, subdivided by Headlands Realty Corporation, and located at 2920 Columbia Street, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map;
- 2) Accept the right to restrict the erection of buildings or other structures within Lot A of said Tract Map; and
- 3) Accept a 25' corner radius street easement at the southeast corner of Maple Avenue and Columbia Street.

8F. LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL

Recommendation

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council authorize a license agreement with Rapid Gas Inc., for one (1) groundwater monitoring well.

8G. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS FOR TRACT MAP NO. 54028

Recommendation

The **Community Development Director** recommends that the City Council approve the release of three subdivision bonds for Tract Map No. 54028, which was subdivided by Watt Developers at Bay Breeze LLC, and located at 20536 Earl Street.

8H. GRANT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES

Considered separately, page 7.

8I. PURCHASE ORDER FOR HYBRID SEDANS

Considered separately, see page 8.

8J. CONTRACT FOR FABRICATION/ INSTALLATION OF CRANE

Recommendation

The **General Services Director** recommends City Council award a contract to CraneVeyor Corporation for \$26,824 with a 5% contingency of \$1,341 for fabrication and installation of a two ton crane in the Mower Repair Shop (FEAP #493) (B2006-43).

8K. PURCHASE ORDER FOR PETERSON LIGHTNING LOADER

Recommendation

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a purchase order to Nixon-Egli Equipment Co. of Ontario, CA in the amount of \$99,400.56, including sales tax, to furnish one (1) Peterson Model RL-3 Lightning Loader mounted onto a new 2006 GMC TC7500 gasoline-powered cab and chassis (B2006-46); and
- 2) Appropriate \$21,400.56 to FEAP #575 (Lightning Loader) capital project.

8L. CONTRACT FOR DESIGN OF KATY GEISSERT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Recommendation

The **General Services Director and Community Services Director** recommend that City Council award a contract to Deems Lewis McKinley Architecture for \$146,500 with a 5% contingency of \$7,325 for architectural design work on the main level of the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library (FEAP #327).

8M. PURCHASE ORDER FOR CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTORS

Considered separately, page 8.

8N. SECOND AMENDMENT TO YOUTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

Recommendation

The **Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network (W/N) Board** and the **Human Resources Director** recommend that Council authorize the execution of a 2nd Amendment to youth services agreement between the City of Torrance and Los Angeles Harbor College (C2005-215) to extend the term to June 30, 2007.

8O. AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENT

Recommendation

The **Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network (W/N) Board** and the **Human Resources Director** recommend that Council approve the execution of the amended agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Community and Senior Services reducing the amount awarded by \$3512 for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

8P. PAYMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007 SELF-INSURANCE ASSESSMENT

Recommendation

The **Human Resources Director** recommends that City Council approve the payment of the Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Self-Insurance Assessment to the State of California Self-Insurance Plans in the amount of \$81,096.10.

8Q. REVISION OF COMMERCIAL WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAMS

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with Huls Environmental Management, LLC to revise several of the City's commercial waste reduction programs in a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.

8R. PURCHASE OF LED TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODULES FROM JTB SUPPLY CO.

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued to JTB Supply Company of Orange, CA in the amount of \$117,776, as a cooperative purchase with the City of Long Beach, to furnish Dialight amber colored LED traffic signal modules for all City maintained signalized intersections within the City.

MOTION: Councilmember Drevno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8R, with the exception of Items 8H, 8I and 8M. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Calendar Item 8H was considered at this time.

8H. GRANT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES

Recommendation

The **Community Services Commission** and the **Community Services Director** recommend that City Council approve grant funding under the year 2006-2007 Grant Program for Non-Profit Social Services Agencies to Behavioral Health Service (\$3,500), Community Helpline (\$2,000), HealthCare and Elder Law Programs Corp. -- H.E.L.P. (\$2,500), Homeownership for Personal Empowerment -- H.O.P.E. (\$1,500), Little Tokyo Service Center (\$3,750), National Council on Alcoholism (\$2,000), New Life Advocacy (\$2,000), R.S.V.P. (\$3,944.54), Save Historic Old Torrance (\$500), Society to Aid Retarded Inc. (\$1,000), So. Bay Children's Health Center (\$2,000), The Children's Dental Center (\$3,000), The Gathering Place (\$1,000), The Salvation Army (\$3,000), The Wellness Community (\$2,500), Torrance Historical Society (\$1,000), Torrance/Lomita Meals on Wheels (\$3,950), and Torrance/So. Bay YMCA (\$2,000) for a total of \$41,144.54.

Recreation Services Manager Jones briefly reviewed the list of non-profit social services agencies to receive funding from the City's grant program.

Councilmember Witkowsky expressed concerns that \$7,250 in grant funds (Little Tokyo Service Center, \$3,750; The Gathering Place, \$1,000; The Wellness Community South Bay Cities, \$2,500) was awarded to agencies not based in Torrance.

Recreation Services Manager Jones advised that while not based in Torrance, the agencies in question provide services to Torrance residents and the grant funds will be used solely for this purpose.

Councilmember Nowatka, a former member of the Community Services Commission, noted that agencies that receive grants are audited to ensure that funds are spent in accordance with the grant application.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve the grant funding as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Calendar Items 8I and 8M were considered together.

8I. PURCHASE ORDER FOR HYBRID SEDANS

Recommendation

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Award a purchase order to Manhattan Beach Toyota in the amount of \$152,838.72 (includes sales tax) to furnish four (4) 2007 Toyota Prius Hybrid Sedans and two (2) 2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid Sedans (B2006-42); and
- 2) Approve the appropriation of \$152,838.72 from the Fleet Vehicle Replacement fund balance.

8M. PURCHASE ORDER FOR CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTORS

Recommendation

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a purchase order to Burch Ford of La Habra, CA in the amount of \$298,755.65 including sales tax, to furnish thirteen (13) 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors (CVPI) as a cooperative purchase with the City of Manhattan Beach; and
- 2) Approve the appropriation of \$298,755.65 from the Fleet Vehicle Replacement fund balance

For the benefit of the public, Councilmember Sutherland noted that Torrance auto dealers were given an opportunity to submit a bid for these vehicles, however, their prices were not competitive.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8I and 8M. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. PUBLIC SAFETY

11A. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO

Recommendation

The **Public Safety Committee** recommends that City Council approve the Public Safety Committee's recommendation to conduct a City Disaster Preparedness Expo on Saturday, September 29, 2007 and appropriate \$15,000 funding for the marketing and implementation of this event.

Councilmember Witkowsky, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, noted supplemental material available at the meeting clarifying that the funding source for the proposed Disaster Preparedness Expo is the General Fund Reserve for Emergency Preparedness.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS

Recommendation

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council declare the following three Tuesdays as City Council dark nights: February 13, February 20, and May 29.

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

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

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3688

ORDINANCE NO. 3688

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A FIRE FACILITIES IMPACT FEE PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3688. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

16B. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3689

ORDINANCE NO. 3689

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A POLICE FACILITIES IMPACT FEE PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3689. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12B. IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRE AND POLICE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Recommendation

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council

- 1) Adopt a Resolution adopting the Fire Facilities Plan and establishing Fire Facilities Impact Fees as authorized by Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Part I of Division 2 of the Torrance Municipal Code; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution adopting the Police Facilities Plan and establishing Police Facilities Impact Fees as authorized by Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Part I of Division 2 of the Torrance Municipal Code.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan advised that the proposed Resolutions will allow for the implementation of the recently enacted Police and Fire Development Impact Fees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE FIRE FACILITIES PLAN AND ESTABLISHING FIRE FACILITIES IMPACT FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 9 OF PART 1 OF DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE POLICE FACILITIES PLAN AND ESTABLISHING POLICE FACILITIES IMPACT FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 9 OF PART 1 OF DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-06. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12C. AMENDMENTS TO LEASE C2004-155 - 2700 SKYPARK DRIVE

Recommendation

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to Execute and the City Clerk to attest to:

- 1) A Second Amendment to lease and assignment and assumption agreement for city lease (C2004-155) from LDC Skypark, LLC, a California Limited Liability company (Assignor), to Excell Investment Group, LLC, a California Limited Liability company, 6th St. Governor, LLC, a California Limited Liability company, Skypark Equity, LLC, a California Limited Liability company, CT-1 Capital, LLC, a California Limited Liability company and TR-1 Capital, LLC, a California Limited Liability company, as tenants-in-common (collectively referred to as the Assignees and each of whom is hereinafter sometimes individually referred to as an "Assignee") and;
- 2) A ground lease estoppel is entered into by, City of Torrance, in favor of Ixis Real Estate Capital Inc., a New York Corporation ("Lender").

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine briefly reviewed the proposed amendments to city lease C2004-155 per written material of record.

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

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:46 p.m. to 8:48 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS # 2

17A. Councilmember Brewer wished everyone a happy new year and congratulated the Torrance Rose Float Association on their award-winning float and commended all who helped decorate it.

17B. Councilmember McIntyre also commended the Torrance Rose Float Association for doing a great job on the float.

17C. Councilmember Nowatka announced the Friends of Torrance Library annual book sale on January 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

17D. Councilmember Nowatka reiterated that the Torrance Symphony performance on Saturday, January 13, is free and encouraged those who wish to attend to arrive early.

17E. Councilmember Sutherland commended the Torrance Rose Float Association, noting that volunteers make the city what it is.

17F. Councilmember Sutherland shared accolades given to Torrance theatrical productions by writers at the *Daily Breeze*.

17G. Councilmember Witkowsky stated that she had had the pleasure of attending the inauguration of Secretary of State Debra Bowen and noted that Secretary Bowen was only the 6th female to hold a statewide office.

17H. Councilmember Witkowsky noted that Assemblyman Ted Lieu was one of 10 legislators who were recognized for their support of local government in 2006.

17I. Mayor Scotto thanked community members for their ongoing involvement in the City.

17J. Janet Payne, Torrance, on behalf of Torrance Historical Society, thanked the Community Services Commission for the grant of \$1,000 to be used for a special exhibit on Jerome, Arkansas, a Japanese internment camp during World War II. She invited the public to the Historical Society for both that exhibit, as well as an exhibit on the City's participation in the Tournament of Roses Parade over the years.

17K. Bonnie Mae Barnard, Torrance, on behalf of Save Historic Old Torrance, thanked the Community Services Commission for the \$500 grant to be used for a quarterly publication to educate Torrance residents about the advantages of historic preservation.

17L. Councilmember Nowatka noted a Works in Progress series of four programs in February dealing with the WWII internment.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 23, 2007 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/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on March 6, 2007