

**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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2003, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

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

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, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, and Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9 and 54956.8.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:11 p.m.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Councilmember Lieu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Herbers 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. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion, and hearing no objections, Mayor Walker so ordered.

**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 hearing no objections, Mayor Walker so ordered.

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Nowatka announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Agency Committee would hold a joint meeting with the Torrance Unified School District on February 5th at 4:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Assembly Room regarding soda vending on school and city property.

City Clerk Herbers announced vacancies on the Civil Service Commission and the Environmental and Energy Conservation Commission and that applications would be accepted until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19 with appointment to be made at the City Council meeting of February 25.

Councilmember Scotto announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committees would meet on February 18 in the City Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m. for the Mid-year Budget Review.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired Fire Captain Samuel R. Dial and retired city employee Harry Irvine, Jr.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6a. RESOLUTION 2003-10 RE POLICE OFFICER RANDY LYNN KJENSTAD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL HONORING POLICE OFFICER RANDY LYNN KJENSTAD UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**6b. RESOLUTION 2003-11 RE POLICE OFFICER STEVEN LOUIS BURKE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-11**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER STEVEN LOUIS BURKE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-11. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**6c. RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE CAPTAIN STEPHEN GILLIAM**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-12**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE CAPTAIN STEPHEN GILLIAM UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-12. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

6d. **RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION HONORING AKI TSURUKAME**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-13**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING AKI TSURUKAME FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-13. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Walker noted that all resolutions would be formally presented at a later date.

6e. **PROCLAMATION – KASHIWA DAY**

**PROCLAMATION** declaring Thursday, February 20, 2003, as *Kashiwa Day* in the City of Torrance and thanking all of the dedicated people of Torrance and Kashiwa who have worked so tirelessly to make the Sister City program the huge success that it is today.

Mayor Walker declared February 20, 2003 as Kashiwa Day and stated that the proclamation would be formally presented at a later date.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 26 AND DECEMBER 3, 2002**

7b. **PURCHASE ORDER TO LITTLE CRAFTS/MODI-GRAPHIC, INC. FOR DONOR WALL PANELS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve a purchase order with Little Crafts/Modi-Graphic, Incorporated of Los Angeles, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,474.37 for the construction and installation of a second donor wall panel and the updating of the existing donor wall panel in the James Armstrong Theatre lobby

7c. **DONATION FROM HONDA MOTOR COMPANY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council accept the donation of a power generator, model EB 6500 SXA with an estimated value of \$2,235, from the American Honda Motor Company, Inc. (Donor recognized under Community Matters)

**7d. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SIRSI CORP FOR LIBRARY SOFTWARE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Librarian** that City Council approve a contract amendment with SIRSI Corporation C2000-199 for the annual maintenance of Library software.

**7e. PURCHASE ORDER TO FATS, INC – FIREARMS TRAINING SIMULATOR**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Authorize a purchase order be issued for an amount not-to-exceed \$53,249.02 to FATS, Inc., Suwanee, GA, for the upgrade of the existing Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) at the Police Department; and
- 2) Appropriate and allocate \$53,249.02 from the Federal DOJ Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture account to 2002 Firearms Training System (FEAP#378).

**7f. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 53576 - 22525 KENT AVENUE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 53576, creating 21 attached condominium units on one lot, located at 22525 Kent Avenue, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

**7g. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LARSON TRAINING CENTERS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council:

- 1) Execute Amendment Two to the vocational training agreement with Larson Training Centers C2000-162 to provide an additional \$150,000 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 and;
- 2) Extend the agreement to June 30, 2005.

This will provide training in general administrative, medical administrative, and customer service occupations.

**7h. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LABELLE-MARVIN INC. FOR PAVING INSPECTION AND TESTING**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve an amendment to contract services agreement with Labelle-Marvin, Inc. C2002-056 to provide additional paving inspection services and materials testing services;
- 2) Increase the agreement amount by \$52,126;
- 3) Extend the term until July 31,2003 in conjunction with the Street/Water Main Improvement Project, I-5/I-23; and
- 4) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said amendment.

**7i. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT DECEMBER 2002**

**Recommendation**

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

7j. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH UCLA**

**Recommendation**

- j. Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council:
- 1) Approve an amendment to the contract with the Regents of the University of California (UCLA) C2002-093 to extend the duration of the contract to December 31, 2003, and
  - 2) Increase the funding by \$46,000 for a total expenditure not-to-exceed \$130,000.

7k. **APPROPRIATION FOR MADRONA MARSH RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (I-77)**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** and **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council appropriate \$500,000 that will be advanced from the Water Enterprise Fund as needed and reimbursed from the California State Coastal Conservancy grant funds via the Santa Monica Bay Restoration project for the Madrona Marsh Restoration and Enhancement Project (I-77).

7l. **WAIVER OF COSTS FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council waive the labor costs associated with the transport and set up of the City's portable stage in support of the American Cancer Society through the use of General Fund Program Contingency Reserves of \$822 to offset "in-house" labor costs.

7m. **WAIVER OF FEES FOR TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council waive the fees for use of the Torrance Cultural Arts Center facilities and related labor costs for the Torrance Sister City Association 30th Anniversary activities by using Cultural Arts Center grant funds in the amount of \$3,800.

7n. **ACCEPT AND FILE 2002 WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** and the **Water Commission** that City Council accept and file the 2002 Water System Master Plan.

7o. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH JRB & ASSOCIATES**

**Recommendation**

- Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council:
- 1) Approve an amendment to an existing professional consulting services agreement with JRB & Associates C2002-199 for professional consulting services for a Vulnerability Assessment (VA) of the City of Torrance water system;
  - 2) Authorize staff to prepare an amendment for an eight-month extension of contract term; and
  - 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said amendment.

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

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY – CAROLWOOD LANE AND 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 Lane and Singingwood Drive.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved to continue the state of local emergency. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11b. **LEASE OF TIE-DOWN SPACE TO ROLLING HILLS AVIATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council approve a five (5) year lease with Rolling Hills Aviation for the lease of 18,236 square feet at Zamperini Field at the monthly rate of \$967 on which is situated seventeen (17) City owned tie-downs.

Assistant City Manager Giordano stated that Rolling Hills Aviation has been tenant on airport for some time and in order to allow for a proposed Robinson Helicopter expansion, the City was proposing to accommodate Mr. Sherwood, who was relocating to Flite Park, by leasing him 17 tie-down spaces.

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

11c. **AMENDMENT TO LEASE ROBINSON HELICOPTER – ZAMPERINI FIELD**

**Recommendation**

c. Recommendation of the **Land Management Team** that City Council approve the proposed lease by and between Robinson Helicopter and City of Torrance that would:

- 1) Combine their current lease for Parcel 23 and option for Parcel 31 of Official Map Number 2 into a new lease;
- 2) Add to their lease the following City Parcels: a portion of Parcels 1 and 16, and all of Parcels 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 of Official Map Number 2 for the purpose of expanding their helicopter manufacturing operation;
- 3) Set the term for a portion of Parcels 1 and 16, and all of Parcels 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 for forty years with one ten-year option; and
- 4) Set the term for option Parcel 31 for twenty-eight years with one ten-year option.

Assistant City Manager Giordano clarified that Robinson Helicopter has extensive lease and proposes to add 8 acres for a total of 25 acres and would add a new building comparable to existing for expansion that would add 700 new jobs when completed. She noted that the City would assist with a rental waiver due to design problems and costs incurred with a Los Angeles County storm drain that runs on a diagonal through the

property that would give them 10 months to recoup actual costs incurred. Ms. Giordano stated that another problem was found with a City sewer line that would cost \$140,000 to mitigate and staff would come back the following week to the City Council with a proposed Economic Development Grant to split the cost with Robinson Helicopter.

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

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The City Council recessed and met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:25 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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## **15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Lieu stated that the Board of Supervisors has requested Torrance adopt an anti-gang ordinance and asked staff to look into bringing a similar ordinance forward for adoption.

Councilmember Lieu asked staff to draft a resolution requesting the United States Coast Guard to name one of their vessels after the City of Torrance.

Councilmember Lieu congratulated the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Leadership Torrance South Bay class of 2003, noting the excellence of the program stating that this is the largest class with (27) and includes three city employees.

Councilmember Mauno stated that he had attended a town hall meeting on Friday where one of the speakers was the Ambassador to the United States from Pakistan. He stated that he had received compliments from the head of the security detail about the excellent level of security and other arrangements the City of Torrance made for the Ambassador's visit.

Mayor Walker thanked Mayor Pro Tem Witkowsky for standing in while he attended the Mayors Conference in Washington. He stated that the trip was exciting and that he had visited White House three times and was able to attend the President's speech. He had also attended meetings and heard a presentation by a Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States who spoke candidly in his conversations that gave the Mayor encouragement.

Antonie Churg, Torrance, asked the City of Torrance to adopt a resolution that has been passed by 50 cities nationwide in support of the UN inspection process and opposed to the war on Iraq.

Jim Dawson, Torrance, representing the Gray Panthers of South Bay, spoke against the war on Iraq and asked that Council adopt a resolution opposing the war.

Daniel Domonoske, Potential Recycling, Claremont, spoke on the City's contract for residential recycling noting that his company had brought in additional revenue for the City and asked that Council continue to go out to bid for this project.

Anthony Manousos, Torrance, spoke against war on Iraq and asked the Council to adopt a resolution opposing the war.

Nancy Darling Graham, Torrance spoke against war on Iraq and asked the Council to adopt a resolution opposing the war.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Council Closed Session

a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(California Government Code § 54957.6):

Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson

Employee Organization/Association:

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| 1. Certain Full-Time Salaried and Hourly Employees | 11. Torrance Library Employees                                     |
| 2. Certain Part-Time Hourly Employees              | 12. Torrance Municipal Employees Organization                      |
| 3. Crossing Guards                                 | 13. Torrance Police Officers Association                           |
| 4. Elected Officials                               | 14. Torrance Professional Parks & Recreation Employee Organization |
| 5. Engineers Association                           | 15. Torrance Professional & Supervisory Association                |
| 6. Executive & Management Employees                | 16. Torrance Recurrent Recreational Employees Organization         |
| 7. Police & Fire Trainees                          |  |
| 8. Safety Management Employees                     |  |
| 9. Torrance Fire Fighters Association              |  |
| 10. Torrance Fiscal Employees Association          |  |

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation involving Harvest Fire, located at 2823-2829 Maricopa Street, Torrance, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:

c. REAL PROPERTY - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR  
(California Government Code § 54956.8):

1. Property: Collins-Dietrich  
25320 Bellanca Way  
Negotiating Parties: LeRoy J. Jackson and Eli Alexander  
Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of lease

These matters were considered earlier in the meeting (See page 1) with no formal action taken on any matter heard in closed session.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:52 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 4, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. for a regular meeting 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 April 8, 2003