

March 20, 2001

**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, March 20, 2001, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Messerlian, Nowatka, Scotto, Walker, Witkowsky, and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

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

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

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:30 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a), 54956.9(c), 54957 and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda under 16a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation; 16b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; 16c) Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager; and 16d) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:20 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Pack 862, Ronald Doi, Cubmaster.

Rabbi Yisroel Hecht, Chabad of South Bay, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs 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, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs 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, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Cribbs announced a joint meeting of the Citizen Development & Enrichment Committee with Torrance Unified School District on Wednesday, April 18, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilmember Cribbs announced a meeting of the Armed Forces Committee on Monday, April 23, at 12:00 p.m. in the downstairs Assembly Room of the Police Department.

Councilmember Messerlian announced a meeting of the Finance & Governmental Operations on Tuesday, March 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex Meeting Room for the Mid-Year Budget Review.

Mayor Hardison announced that the City Council will hold a joint meeting with the Commission on Aging on Tuesday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex Meeting Room.

Mayor Hardison announced the formation of an Ad Hoc Veterans Memorial Committee, consisting of Councilmembers Cribbs, Nowatka and Scotto as chair, to look into honoring Torrance veterans.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mayor Hardison announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the need arose to adopt a resolution honoring and commending fire fighter/paramedic Carl Besanceney as the recipient of a Medal of Valor award. As a two-thirds vote of the Council is required to add an urgency item to a posted agenda, Councilmember Messerlian, seconded by Councilmember Cribbs, moved to add this item to the agenda as Item 7f, and the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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Agenda Item 6b was considered out of order at this time.

6b. ACCEPTANCE OF MATTEL HOT WHEELS TORRANCE "FIRE ROD"

Fire Chief Bongard reported that in March 2000, Mattel received permission to use Torrance Fire Department graphics on a collector's series of Hot Wheels and that the Torrance "Fire Rod" was now available at KayBee Toy Stores. He introduced Mattel representatives, Corinne Murat, Manager, Governmental Relations, and Helen Akiyama, Government Affairs Specialist, who presented the Mayor and Councilmembers with Torrance Fire Rods.

6a. PROCLAMATION RE TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, March 24, 2001, as the official day of celebration to honor Torrance Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary's 50th anniversary to Elaine Potampa, President, and Velta Lanham, Chair of the TMMC Auxiliary 50th Anniversary Committee.

6c. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK BOARD APPOINTMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Policy Board** that City Council appoint and officially swear in Thomas Miller of Little Company of Mary Hospital to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network (C/L/T W/N) Board.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to appoint Thomas Miller to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network (C/L/T W/N) Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call.

Mr. Miller was sworn in by City Clerk Herbers.

6d. INTRODUCTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT BICYCLE PATROL PROGRAM

Sergeant Mark Matsuda introduced members of the Police Department's Bicycle Patrol detail: Officers Rick Rudd, Santiago Carreras, Robert Lara, and Craig Marshall. Sergeant Matsuda noted that the Bicycle Patrol Program was started in February 2001 and indicated that officers will be patrolling throughout the City on bikes, focusing on problem areas and Del Amo Fashion Center.

6e. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS FOR RETIRED COMMISSIONERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Clerk** that the Mayor and City Council present Community Service Awards to retired commissioners.

Community Service awards were presented to Joe Arciuch and John Kern (not present) – Airport Commission; Pat McIntyre (not present) and Jerry Nishioka – Civil Service Commission; Christine Aihara – Cultural Arts Commission; Dorothy Miller - Disaster Council; William Cook – Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission; Willis Delperdang – Planning Commission; Jenifer Gresset – Traffic Commission and James Vogl – Commission on Aging (received on his behalf by Frank Wolf and Irene Griffith of the Commission on Aging.)

6f. RESOLUTION RE FIRE FIGHTER/ PARAMEDIC CARL BESANCENEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING FIRE FIGHTER/
PARAMEDIC CARL BESANCENEY AS THE RECIPIENT OF
A MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD**

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-24. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 23, 2001

7b. AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY RE SHARING AND DISPLAYING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM DATA

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve an amendment to an Agreement between the City of Torrance and Los Angeles County C1999-024 to allow reciprocal sharing and displaying of Geographic Information System (GIS) data on the Internet; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the Agreement.

7c. AGREEMENT RE PAVEMENT EVALUATION SERVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL STREETS REHABILITATION PROGRAM (I-5)

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve an Agreement with LaBelle Marvin, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$32,950 for pavement evaluation services for Residential Streets Rehabilitation Program (I-5); and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest said Agreement.

7d. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH CONTAINMENT SOLUTIONS, INC.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize an amendment to Contract C2000-232 with Containment Solutions, Inc. of Mount Union, PA for provision of containment sumps and collars and installation of the latter on eight (8) underground fuel tanks at the City Services and Transit Facilities, extending the contract through June 30, 2001.

7e. ALLOCATION OF CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FUNDING TO POLICE DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council appropriate and allocate any interest from the 1996 and 1997 COPS grants to fund continued operations of the North Torrance Police Community Center and provide for the purchase of additional MP5 carbines.

7f. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 52989

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 52989 for six residential lots and one lot for an existing mobile home park, located at 23701 Western Avenue.

7g. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH GEO-ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (C2000-088) with Geo-Environmental, Inc. for a twenty-four month time extension and provide additional geotechnical engineering support, construction observation and material testing, and field investigations in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for
 - a) Carson Street Rehabilitation (T-23) and
 - b) Residential Streets Rehabilitation program (I-5);
- 2) Authorize a Budget Transfer of \$10,000 from I-16 to I-13 and \$8,000 from T-27 to I-8 for additional geotechnical services and

- 3) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest said Amendment.

7h. **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT RE SIDEWALK RAMPING AND GRINDING AND TRAFFIC SIGN INVENTORY PROJECTS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Street Services Director** that City Council take the following actions regarding the Citywide Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding and Traffic Sign Inventory Projects:

- 1) Approve an amendment to Public Works Agreement C2000-216 with Central Coast Surface Grinding Company in the amount of \$188,500 for construction of Phase III.
- 2) Authorize a contingency for said amendment in the amount of \$18,850;
- 3) Approve an amendment to Consulting Services Agreement C2000-008 with Project Partners in the amount of \$42,000 for Phase III inspection services and for continuation of the citywide traffic sign inventory; and
- 4) Authorized the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to said amendments.

7i. **CHANGE ORDER TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT RE OCEAN AVENUE REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of both the **Engineering** and **Parks and Recreation Directors** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a Change Order in the amount of \$108,492 to Public Works Agreement C2000-207 with Sully-Miller Contracting Co. to construct a new asphalt parking lot at Lago Seco Park in conjunction with the Ocean Avenue Rehabilitation I-8;
- 2) Authorize staff to execute said Change Order; and
- 3) Authorize the transfer of \$108,492 from the "Parks and Recreation Open Space" Fund to the Ocean Avenue Rehabilitation for the construction of the new parking lot.

7j. **APPROPRIATION AND ALLOCATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council appropriate and allocate \$274,200 from the State Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture Account to fund the following:

- 1) The purchase of enhanced strobe lighting for police motorcycles - \$14,000;
- 2) The purchase of ballistic shield helmets for police officers - \$40,000;
- 3) The purchase of a Krimesite Scope to locate latent fingerprints - \$13,200;
- 4) The purchase of secondary weapons for police motorcycles - \$50,000;
- 5) Hostage Negotiation Team portable telephone system - \$15,000;
- 6) Surveillance vehicle code-three equipment and car alarms - \$5,000;
- 7) Purchase and replacement of workstations - \$95,000; and
- 8) Mobile Digital Computer contract with the City of Inglewood - \$42,000.

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

9. **PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

9a. REQUEST FOR HEARING RE KIDS CONCEPTS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Recommendation

A request by E. Thomas Moroney for Enjoy Development asking the City Council to consider the decision of the Planning Commission not to hold a public hearing to consider the modification or revocation of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP99-00026), and a Minor Development Permit (MDP99-00008) approving a children's enrichment center on property located at 22844 Hawthorne Boulevard in the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan (Meadow Park Sub District).

Mr. E. Thomas Moroney, representing Enjoy Development, South Del Amo and Portfolio LLC, owners and managers of properties located at 22750-60 Hawthorne Boulevard, requested that the City Council order a public hearing on the modification or revocation of Conditional Use Permit, CUP99-00026, and Minor Development Permit, MDP99-00008. He explained that a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) may be modified or revoked if circumstances have changed and a use is no longer compatible with the surrounding businesses; if the applicants misrepresented, either unintentionally or intentionally, the intended use of the facility; or if the usage is creating a nuisance. He stated that Kids Concepts, U.S.A., 22844 Hawthorne Boulevard, is generating an extraordinary amount of traffic and its customers are taking up most, if not all, of his clients' parking, making it impossible for them to fully lease their properties. He maintained that the project was misrepresented when the Conditional Use Permit was originally considered by the Planning Commission and that it is much busier and more like a restaurant/banquet center than the educationally-based children's activity center described by the applicants. He contended that the facility does not have adequate parking because staff incorrectly applied retail parking standards, which require 86 parking spaces for the entire building in which Kids Concepts is located, whereas a recreational land use requires considerably more parking. To support his contention that the facility was attracting thousands of customers per week, he noted that his clients videotaped 1100 people entering Kids Concepts on November 11, 2000 and 600 people the following day. He submitted for the record a report from Audio Engineering Associates, the company that analyzed the videotape; a petition from tenants of 22750-60 Hawthorne Boulevard; and a menu from Kids Concepts.

Mr. Jim Arico, representing Geri and John Shapiro, owners of Kids Concepts U.S.A., maintained that Mr. Moroney was not presenting the whole picture. He advised that his clients allow no more than 250 people into the facility at one time and that there is a two-hour time limit that is strictly enforced by using time-stamped wrist bands. He pointed out that November 11, the date of the videotape, was Veteran's Day, a holiday when most of the tenants in Mr. Moroney's clients' buildings were not operating at full force. He noted that the vast majority of his clients' business takes place between 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. He explained that the facility has a snack bar for the convenience of customers; that people may not walk in off the street and eat at the facility; and that his clients have made an effort to schedule deliveries so as to disrupt the parking lot as little as possible. Commenting on the parking issue, he reported that it is not uncommon for most of the parking spaces adjacent to Kids Concepts to be taken prior to its opening time of 10:00 a.m.; suggested that nearby businesses were accustomed to monopolizing the parking when the Kids Concept site was unoccupied or occupied by a failing business; and contended that his clients were being penalized for having a successful business. He stated that his clients were operating their business in accordance with the terms of their Conditional Use Permit and urged the Council to deny Mr. Moroney's request for a hearing.

A tenant at 22760 Hawthorne Boulevard, Suite 200, name inaudible, reported that the parking lot has become jammed with SUVs since Kids Concepts has been in operation, making

it impossible for vendors who visit his computer software business in the middle of the day to find parking. He stated that he may be forced to find another place to operate his business if this situation is not resolved. In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry, he confirmed that he parks in the spaces marked "tenants only."

Mr. Jack Walser, owner of Walsers, adjacent business to the south of the subject property, stated that a number of Kids Concepts customers have been parking in his lot because the sign for Kids Concepts is very close to his driveway and directs people into his parking lot. He maintained that Kids Concepts has had a significant impact on parking for adjacent businesses and that the City Council should review the situation.

Mr. Richard Gerlach, President of Clinical Laser Systems, 22760 Hawthorne Boulevard, Suite 201, reported that the parking lot closest to his building is constantly filled and voiced concerns about the safety of children darting out into the narrow parking lot.

City Attorney Fellows offered clarification regarding the legal issues raised by Mr. Moroney.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved to receive and file the information submitted and allow the decision of the Planning Commission to stand. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs, and discussion briefly continued.

Councilmember Walker suggested that the Shapiros do what they can to address the concerns of neighboring tenants, including encouraging parents to control their children in the parking lot and relocating their sign to eliminate the confusion over which driveway customers should enter.

Noting that she visits Kids Concepts with her grandchildren on a weekly basis, Councilmember Witkowsky stated that even on the busiest days, she found parking available to the back of the parking lot and over toward the Lazy Boy showroom. She suggested the possibility of installing directional signs to inform people that additional parking is available to the north. Pointing out that there are narrow parking lots throughout the South Bay, she voiced her opinion that it is a parent's responsibility to teach children parking lot safety. With regard to the snack bar, she commented that she thought it was a good idea to have a place where parents could sit and have a snack while children enjoy their activities. Expressing support for the motion, she stated that the fact that the facility is so popular is evidence that more places are needed where children can have a good time with their parents watching.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry, Planning Manager Isomoto provided clarification regarding the reciprocal parking arrangement and confirmed that the "tenant only" parking signs to the north of Kids Concepts are not permitted and must be removed.

Mayor Hardison indicated that she had visited the site during the week and on the weekend and had no difficulty finding parking, although it was not right next to the door. She noted that the parking next to Kids Concepts was already full when she visited one weekday morning at 8:30 a.m. before the facility was open. She stated that she saw no evidence that the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit were not being upheld and did not believe there were any grounds to support holding a public hearing.

Mayor Hardison called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9b. SUMMARY VACATION OF SANITARY SEWER, STORM DRAIN AND UTILITY

EASEMENT AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND DENNY ROAD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council approve and adopt a Resolution summarily vacating a sanitary sewer, storm drain and utility easement at the southeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Denny Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF A SANITARY SEWER, STORM DRAIN AND UTILITY EASEMENT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND DENNY ROAD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-21. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. CONTINUATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOOD DRIVE 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 (Resolution 2001-20) for properties located on Carolwood Drive and Singingwood Drive.

Assistant City Manager Giordano reported that slope failure was accelerating, therefore staff was recommending an extension of the state of local emergency.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to continue the state of local emergency for properties located on Carolwood Drive and Singingwood Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmember Messerlian abstaining because he lives within 500 feet of the affected area.

11b. RESOLUTION NO. 2001-22 RE 234TH STREET CHANNEL AND AMIE STORM WATER RETENTION BASIN

Recommendation

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

- 1) Adopt a Resolution declaring the existence of an emergency due to storm damage at the 234th Street Channel and Amie Storm Water Retention Basin, authorizing emergency contracting to repair said damage without formal solicitation of bids, and appropriating \$108,000 in unallocated Drainage Improvement Funds and \$90,000 in Gas Tax Funds previously appropriated to the Amie Retention Basin Force Main Project (S-14) for the repairs; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest said resolution.

Engineering Director Burt advised that the 234th Street Channel and the Amie Storm Water Retention Basin had recently suffered serious damage and required immediate repair.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AS TO THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY ARISING FROM FAILURE OF A PORTION OF THE STORM DRAIN CHANNEL SOUTH OF 234TH STREET AND WEST OF OCEAN AVENUE AND EROSION UNDERMINING THE NORTHEAST SPILLWAY AT THE AMIE STORM WATER RETENTION BASIN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR REPAIR OF SAID FAILURE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND ENGINEERING DIRECTOR TO APPROVE EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-22. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to acknowledge that there was an urgent necessity to take action for the preservation of life, health or property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11c. APPROVAL OF REVISED AND RETITLED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRICIAN AND COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission** that City Council approve the following:

- 1) Revision the class specification of Communications Electrician and retitle the classification as Wireless Technician; and
- 2) Revision the class specification of Communications Installer and retitle the classification as Telecommunications Technician.

In addition, the Human Resources Director recommends adoption of an amendment to the Resolution, which governs employees represented by TME-AFSCME to implement the recommended salary ranges.

Senior Human Resources Analyst Lawrence reported that the proposed revisions would complete the classification plan for the Communication and Information Technology series.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to approve the revisions to the class specifications of Communications Electrician and Communications Installer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-142 SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AFSCME, LOCAL 1117 (TME-AFSCME)

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-23. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14. **2ND READING ORDINANCES**

14a. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3495**

ORDINANCE NO. 3495

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIRMENT SYSTEM

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3495. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Redevelopment Agency met from 9:05 p.m. to 9:06 p.m.

15. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Messerlian made suggestions regarding the formation of a municipal energy office as a clearinghouse for information. City Manager Jackson stated that his office was performing that function informally, but staff would look to see if there were any advantages in establishing a more specific presence.

Councilmember Nowatka asked that staff look into the alternatives for animal control in the budget.

Councilmember Scotto commented favorably on the Torrance Fire Fighters Association Spaghetti Dinner.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:12 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to continue consideration of matters listed on the meeting agenda. Councilman Walker left City Hall at 9:12 p.m.

The Council reconvened in open session at 10:20 p.m. (absent Councilmember Walker). No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Attest:

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on May 8, 2001

Sue Sweet
Recording Secretary