

April 24, 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember McIntyre.

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

Agenda Item 15A was considered out of order at this time.

15A. APPEAL HEARING ON SUSPENSION OF LAURA PATTI

Recommendation

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council conduct a hearing on the appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision sustaining the suspension of Laura Patti. (Hearing may occur in closed session per Government Code Section 54957)

At 5:31 p.m., the City Council went into closed session to consider Laura Patti's appeal of the Civil Service Commission's decision to sustain her suspension.

The Council reconvened at 7:02 p.m. Brad Wohlenberg, Counsel for the Commission, announced that the City Council, in closed session, voted to affirm the decision of the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Scotto called for a short recess, and the City Council reconvened in regular session at 7:20 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Calle Mayor Middle School Principal Chris Sheck.

City Clerk Herbers 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, April 19, 2007.

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 Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent McIntyre).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS – None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Witkowsky announced that the City Council Public Safety Committee would meet on Thursday, April 26, at 4:30 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room to discuss the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Expo, PTA emergency preparedness, residential evacuation plans, and critical facilities within the city.

Councilmember Nowatka announced that budget workshops/hearings would be held on Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Herbers invited citizens to attend a City Council candidate information meeting on Monday, April 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., which will cover various aspects of seeking a City Council seat in June 2008. Registration is required in order to provide materials for all in attendance.

Mayor Scotto announced that Students and Government Day would be held on Tuesday, May 1.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald who passed away April 21, 2007.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK”**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 22 through April 28, 2007 as ***National Crime Victims’ Rights Week*** in the City of Torrance to Police Lieutenant Steve Unglaub. Julie Lamantia provided information about the Torrance Victim Support Program, which provides assistance to crime victims and increases their participation in the criminal justice system.

6B. **PROCLAMATION RE “TORRANCE SAVES LIVES MONTH”**

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of June 2007 as ***Torrance Saves Lives Month*** in the City of Torrance to Leadership Torrance representatives Cliff Numark and Paula Weiner. Mr. Numark provided information about the “Torrance Saves Lives” campaign being conducted by Leadership Torrance to raise awareness about the critical importance of blood donation, which will include blood drives at various sites in Torrance during the month of June. Ms. Weiner noted that City of Torrance employees would have an opportunity to donate blood on June 13 (general employees) and June 21 (police department employees).

6C. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION FOR 2007 GREEN TEAM PROGRAM**

Recommendation

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Accept a \$100,000 donation from Exxon/Mobil Corporation;
- 2) Appropriate the donation to the 2007 Green Team Summer Youth Employment Program;
- 3) Transfer the remaining appropriation of \$726 from the 2006 Green Team Summer Youth Employment Program (FEAP 547) to the 2007 Green Team Summer Youth Program; and
- 4) Authorize payment to Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) for Mobil Green Team Program in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

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

Max Ocansey, Refinery Manager of ExxonMobil, presented a \$100,000 check to Mayor Scotto for the 2007 Green Team Program, also present were Caroline Keith Wade from ExxonMobil and Chris Sheck and John Schmidt from the Torrance Unified School District.

Mayor Scotto thanked ExxonMobil for the generous donation, which will fund summer jobs for 40 Torrance youths and provide them with academic enrichment.

6D. APPROVAL OF DESIGN/FUNDING FOR 2008 ROSE FLOAT

Recommendation

The **Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve the design entitled "Festival of Flowers" for the City's float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2008;
- 2) Approve an agreement between the City of Torrance and Fiesta Parade Floats for the design, construction, entry, display and operation of the Torrance Float in the 2008 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade; and
- 3) Approve the expenditure of \$138,000 for related costs.

Mary Hoffman, president of Torrance Rose Float Association, Tim Estes, president of Fiesta Floats, and Raul Rodriguez of Raul Rodriguez Designs, unveiled the proposed design for the City's 2008 Rose Float entitled "Festival of Flowers," which recognizes the 35th anniversary of the Sister City friendship between Torrance and Kashiwa, Japan.

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

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Bonnie Mae Barnard, Save Historic Old Torrance, invited everyone to attend a May 6 tour of the Dominquez Rancho adobe. She noted that SHOT meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the West Presbyterian Church, 1880 220th Street, and that the May 10 meeting will feature Environmental Quality Commissioner Paul McCabe speaking on "green buildings."

7B. Pennie Lubbers, resident, reported that her teenage son was asked to leave a movie theater at 8:30 p.m. because the movie he was watching was scheduled to end after 10:00 p.m. and requested that the City reconsider its stringent enforcement of curfew laws.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. AGREEMENT FOR SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD REHABILITATION AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council award a contract services agreement to Labelle-Marvin, Inc. in the amount of \$68,700 to perform materials testing and paving compaction testing services for the Sepulveda Boulevard Rehabilitation and Water Main Replacement Project (Hawthorne Boulevard to west City limit), T-48/I-89.

8B. APPROPRIATION FROM SECURITY IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FOR DISASTER RELATED TRAINING

Recommendation

The **Chief of Police** recommends that Council appropriate and allocate \$70,000 from the Security Improvement Reserve and approve the expenditure of the funds for disaster-related training.

8C. EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENT WITH EASTER SEALS

Recommendation

The **Carson/ Lomita/ Torrance Workforce Investment Network (W/N) Board** and the **Human Resources Director** recommend that City Council authorize the execution of an employment and training agreement with Easter Seals in the amount of \$50,000 for the period of December 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

8D. AGREEMENT WITH CAROLLO ENGINEERS FOR PRE-DESIGN SERVICES

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with Carollo Engineers (CIP No. I-102) for pre-design services for Best Management Practices and Habitat Restoration for Detention Basins Tributary to the Santa Monica Bay as required by storm water regulations.

8E. AGREEMENT WITH PSOMAS FOR DESIGN SERVICES

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council award a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$470,394 to Psomas of Costa Mesa, CA to perform design services for the Crenshaw Boulevard Rehabilitation, T-22 (182nd Street to 190th Street) and Crenshaw Boulevard Rehabilitation, T-51 (Maricopa Street to Sepulveda Boulevard).

8F. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION 2006-07 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

The **Community Services Director** recommends that City Council Body accept and file the Torrance Rose Float Association's 2006-2007 Annual Report (2007 Float).

8G. AMENDMENTS TO POLICE PERSONNEL CONTRACTS WITH LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE

Recommendation

The **City Attorney** recommends that City Council approve funding for several existing police personnel contracts and increase funding for amendments to three police personnel contracts with the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore in the amount of \$170,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Drevno moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8G. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO AB 640

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** and the **Torrance Water Commission** recommend that City Council adopt Resolution opposing the passage of AB 640, which would, for the first time, mandate a split Replenishment Assessment (RA) between the Central and West Coast groundwater basins. This bill would have major adverse impacts on local and regional water supply reliability and would result in unjustified higher water rates for parties in the West Coast Basin, including the City of Torrance.

Public Works Director Beste reported that AB 640 would end over 50 years of cooperative efforts to supply ground water to communities in the West Basin and increase the dependence on imported water. He estimated that it would cost the City of Torrance an additional \$1 million per year for water should the bill pass.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 640 AUTHORED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER DE LA TORRE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-34. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

12B. MUNICIPAL CODE ADDITIONS RE INFRACTIONS/UPDATE BAIL SCHEDULE

Recommendation

The **City Clerk** recommends on behalf of the City Attorney, Finance Director, Community Development Director, Community Services Director and Police Chief that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance amending and restating the Torrance Municipal Code to indicate which citations may be written as infractions, with an Ordinance Summary for publication; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution restating the suggested bail schedule for both misdemeanor and infraction offenses arising from violations of the Torrance Municipal Code and repealing Resolution 2003-154.

City Clerk Herbers noted a scrivener's error on Attachment A.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3694

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.2.6 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO INFRACTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3694. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2003-154 AND ADOPTING A RESTATED RECOMMENDED TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BAIL SCHEDULE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-35. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

12C. MEMORANDUM OF INTENT FOR SUCCESSOR MOU WITH ENGINEERS AND FISCAL EMPLOYEES

Recommendation

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council approve a Memorandum of Intent (MOI) outlining the deal points for a Successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for employees within Engineers and Torrance Fiscal Employees bargaining units.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine reported that the proposed wage and benefit package is within the parameters established by the City Council.

Mayor Scotto noted that the Council had been provided with copies of a letter received earlier in the day.

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

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:19 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

13. HEARINGS

13A. CUP06-00019, DIV06-00017: 1903 WEST 222ND STREET

Recommendation

The **Planning Commission** and **Community Development Director** recommend that City Council deny the appeal and take the following action on property located in the R-3 Zone at 1903 West 222nd Street:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of a four-unit condominium project; and
 - 2) Adopt a Resolution approving a Division of Lot for condominium purposes.
- CUP06-00019 and DIV06-00017: MIKE CHAMBERLAIN (Pita Properties, LLC)**

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Councilmember Nowatka announced that he was recusing himself from consideration of this item because the owner of the subject property is a colleague and longtime friend and exited Council Chambers.

Planning Manager Lodan briefly reviewed the proposed project and shared photographs of existing structures on the site and the surrounding neighborhood. He reported on the Planning Commission's action, noting that the project was approved by a vote of 4 to 3.

Councilmember Witkowsky voiced concerns about the large driveway/curb cut on Cabrillo Avenue and expressed her preference that all units take access from the alley.

Planning Manager Lodan reported that it's not possible for all of the units to take access from the alley, however, staff was also concerned about the large driveway/curb cut and added a condition requiring that Unit A be rearranged to take access from 222nd Street.

The Council recessed from 9:34 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.

Mike Chamberlain, project architect, stated that he worked with City staff to design the project and used Craftsman-style architecture to complement the neighborhood. He submitted photographs to illustrate how the project would look with the driveways reconfigured as staff has requested. He voiced his opinion that the project would enhance the neighborhood.

Raul Ramirez, owner of the subject property, explained that he is a longtime resident who has owned the property since 1981 contrary to reports that the property is owned by a developer who recently purchased it. He reported that the proposed project would replace 4 outdated one-bedroom units with 4 two-bedroom units, and that it meets or exceeds all requirements and provides more than double the existing on-site parking.

Bonnie Mae Barnard, vice-president of Save Historic Old Torrance (SHOT), appellant, reported on past efforts to curb overdevelopment in this area, citing an emergency ordinance adopted in January of 1987. She stated that the mayor and councilmembers at the time expressed concerns about low-profile bungalows being dwarfed by R-3 developments and this issue continues to be a concern at the present time. She contended that the existing units on the subject property have been allowed to become blighted and could easily be rehabilitated with a little paint and the removal of window bars. She urged denial of the proposed project, maintaining that it was too large and out of character with the neighborhood. She called for the creation of a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone to prevent the old Torrance area from being overrun by condominiums.

Nina McCoy, 220th Street, read a letter from Susan Brandt Hawley, a lawyer specializing in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) issues related to historic preservation, in which Ms. Brandt Hawley disputed staff's determination that the project was categorically exempted from CEQA requirements. She contended that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required because evidence has been presented: 1) that the existing structures are contributing structures to a potential historical district and 2) that the project's mass and scale are incompatible with the neighborhood. She maintained that if the record contains a fair argument that the project may have a significant impact on a historic resource, the categorical exemption is unlawful regardless of evidence to the contrary.

Ms. McCoy reported on parking problems associated with a similar condominium development down the street.

Irene Alvarez, Gramercy Avenue, voiced support for the project, stating that she believes it would enhance the neighborhood and improve the parking situation.

Don Barnard, president of SHOT, appellant, submitted a letter from Gordon Oschlager, an architect specializing in historic preservation, stating his opinion that the area in which the project is located is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic

Places as a historic district because of its unique plan and the involvement of the renowned Frederick Law Olmsted architectural landscape firm. He further stated that although the existing structures on site are not historically significant, they have a massing and scale in harmony with the character of the historic district and any new construction should respect the one-story scale of adjacent historic structures. He suggested an alternate design with a one-story appearance from the front and two-story massing in the back.

Mr. Barnard expressed concerns that old Torrance was being destroyed one building at a time and urged its preservation.

Mary Ann Reis, Engracia Avenue, urged denial of the project, maintaining that its two-story height was out of character with the neighborhood and that the curb cut would eliminate much needed parking. She expressed concerns about the lack of open space where children can play in condominium developments.

Leo Godel, Cabrillo Avenue, disputed the contention that the project is located in a neighborhood that is primarily one-story residences, noting that most of the structures along Cabrillo are two-story, multi-family residences. He voiced support for the project, stating that he believes it would help raise property values. He urged the Council to consider the opinions of those who live in the immediate area rather than those who are not directly affected by it.

Bob Schwartz, Andreo Street, expressed support for the project and noted his agreement with Mr. Godel's remarks. He stated that this area was designed with a higher density to provide more affordable housing and recently built condominiums have been a welcome improvement. Noting that he is a real estate broker, he reported that the average value of properties in the old Torrance area has declined by a greater percentage than in the rest of Torrance over the past year and predicted that this trend will persist if development continues to be stifled by a small group of well-intentioned, but misguided people.

Sharon Imel, Border Avenue, pointed out that the structures on this property are not historic and related her belief that the project should be allowed to go forward as it meets all requirements and would provide much needed housing.

Raymie McCoy, 220th Street, voiced objections to the proposed project, contending that it would detract from the character of the neighborhood and exacerbate parking and traffic problems. He expressed concerns about the proliferation of condominium projects on Cabrillo and called for the Council to curb this type of development.

Deputy City Attorney Whitham provided clarification regarding California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, explaining that projects of four units or less are categorically exempted unless it is determined that the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. She reviewed the factors listed in CEQA guidelines for determining whether or not something qualifies as a historic resource and advised that the Community Development Department concluded that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on a historic resource and therefore relied on the categorical exemption.

For the benefit of the audience, Councilmember Witkowsky reported that the City Council considered the matter of whether to create a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) approximately 18 months ago following several months of study by the Community Planning and Design Committee, and the Council concurred with the Committee's

recommendation not to create a HPOZ and to instead implement the Mills Act, which provides property tax relief for those who wish to preserve or renovate their homes. She voiced her opinion that it would be very unfair to require this property owner to retain the existing structures in the absence of any regulations that would require him to do so.

City Attorney Fellows pointed out that no evidence has been presented at this hearing indicating that the existing structures have any historical value, and that the letters submitted from Ms. Brandt Hawley and Mr. Oschlager simply claim that the project is located in a historic area, but offer no information regarding its parameters. He noted that testimony has been presented that Cabrillo Avenue has a different character than other nearby streets, which suggests that the project is located outside the undefined historic area mentioned in the letters. He maintained that the letters from the attorney and the architect should have been submitted earlier in the process so the Planning Commission could review the information instead of halfway through an appeal hearing.

Mayor Scotto noted that the alley adjacent to the project is in poor repair and asked about the possibility of requiring it to be repaved as a condition of approval.

Planning Manager Lodan advised that the alley must be upgraded per Code requirements.

Mayor Scotto recommended that a condition be included requiring a landscaped berm on the southeast corner to hide the driveway on 222nd Street when viewed from Cabrillo.

In response to Mayor Scotto's inquiry, Planning Manager Lodan related his experience that the City has never required an Environmental Impact Report for a project of this size and nature.

Councilmember Brewer conceded that the project will change the neighborhood, but noted that the same size building could be built in an R-1 neighborhood as a single-family residence. He indicated that he does not consider the existing buildings constructed in 1949 to be historic.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers McIntyre and Nowatka).

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to deny the appeal and approve the project adding conditions requiring a landscaped berm at the corner of 222nd Street and Arlington Avenue and the reconfiguration of Unit A so that the garage takes access from 222nd Street, and discussion continued.

Councilmember Sutherland indicated his preference for the current driveway configuration, because it would allow someone exiting to drive forward onto Cabrillo rather than backing out. With regard to the historical significance of the existing structures, he noted that the Torrance Gardens tract was built in the early 1950s and doubted that anyone would call these homes historic. He suggested that the parking situation would only be improved by the project because the existing garages are not usable as garages because they are much too small. He stressed the importance of allowing properties to be upgraded to avoid blight.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the driveway configuration.

Councilmember Brewer seconded Councilmember Witkowsky's motion and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers McIntyre and Nowatka).

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-UNIT CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-3 ZONE AT 1903 222ND STREET (CUP06-00019: MIKE CHAMBERLAIN - PITA PROPERTIES LLC)

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-36 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers McIntyre and Nowatka).

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A DIVISION OF LOT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 29 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ALLOWING ONE LOT TO BE SUBDIVIDED FOR A FOUR-UNIT CONDOMINIUM PROJECT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-3 ZONE AT 1903 222ND STREET (DIV06-00017: MIKE CHAMBERLAIN - PITA PROPERTIES LLC)

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-37. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers McIntyre and Nowatka).

15. OTHER

15A. APPEAL HEARING ON SUSPENSION OF LAURA PATTI
Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Witkowsky reported that Los Angeles Fire Department Battalion Chief Larry Schneider recently retired after 63 years of service and asked that staff look into the possibility of recognizing him at a future Council meeting because he is a Torrance resident, a former Torrance firefighter, and he has several relatives who have served as firefighters, including two nephews currently serving on the Torrance Fire Department.

17B. Councilmember Brewer, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff schedule a joint meeting with the Youth Council.

17C. Mayor Scotto encouraged everyone to attend next week's Council meeting, a portion of which will be conducted by students in conjunction with Students and Government Day.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:40 p.m., the Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government § 54956.8 (absent Councilmembers McIntyre and Nowatka).

City Manager Jackson announced that items listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, were being deferred to a later meeting due to the lateness of the hour.

The City Council reconvened at 11:16 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting commencing in the Council Chambers.

***Adjourned in Memory of
Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald***

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on June 19, 2007