

**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 6:27 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Nowatka.

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

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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 agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government § 54956.9 (a).

The City Council reconvened at 7:01 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Community Services Director Weiner.

Councilmember Witkowsky 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, June 7, 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 Councilmember Nowatka).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Services Director Sheryl Ballew announced that the Annual Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4, with a fireworks display at Charles Wilson Park located at 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard. There will be a \$5.00 fee for on-site parking, free parking at designated locations in the Del Amo Fashion Center and Torrance Civic Center with free shuttle service.

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications were being accepted for appointment to fill the vacancy on the City Council. Application forms and information are available online or in the City Clerk's office. All applications are due in the City Clerk's office no later than 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, with appointment to be made on Tuesday, June 26.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the water colors of Torrance Artist Guild member Anita Johnson were on view in the City Clerk's office as part of the continuing Art on View program in the City Clerk's office.

Councilmember Brewer reminded everyone that tickets were still available for the City of Torrance Dodger vs. Angels baseball game Saturday, June 6, 2007 at Dodger Stadium, and that tickets could be purchased by calling 310.781.7171 or at the Armstrong Theatre box office.

Public Works Director Rob Beste announced that the trial program for green waste collection begins on Monday, June 18.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PRESENTATION BY SOUTH BAY BALLET TO CITY COUNCIL IN APPRECIATION FOR GRANT

Mayor Scotto congratulated the South Bay Ballet for having their production, "Configured Echoes," selected as the "Best Ballet" for the Pacific Region at the National Dance America Festival of 2007, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania earlier this year.

Christine Ruiloba, South Bay Ballet Executive Board Member, along with Candace Davis, Assistant Artistic Director, expressed appreciation to the City of Torrance for the \$500 grant, which was used to hire a professional choreographer for South Bay Ballet's production of "Configured Echoes," and presented the City Council with a certificate of appreciation and a photograph of the production.

Dee Hardison, Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation, expressed support for the South Bay Ballet.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. CONTRACT WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

Recommendation

The Information Technology Director recommends that City Council authorize the City of Torrance to enter into a five-year contract agreement with the State of California to provide various telecommunication services through its CalNet 2 Master Service agreements for an annual expenditure of \$331,182.

8B. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 66741

Recommendation

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 66741 to allow an existing professional and service office complex to be converted into 71 medical and professional condominium units on a one lot subdivision, subdivided by Madrona Medical Plaza, LLC located at 3220 - 3302 Sepulveda Boulevard, conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

8C. FY2007-2008 GRANT PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Recommendation

The Cultural Arts Commission and the Acting Community Services Director recommend that City Council approve funding under the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Grant Program for Non-Profit Arts Organizations to be awarded to: El Camino College Foundation (\$1,000), Nuestras Raices (\$1,000), Regina Klenjoski Dance Company (\$1,000), South Bay Ballet (\$1,000) and the Torrance South Bay YMCA (\$990).

8D. AGREEMENT FOR CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation

The Fire Chief and the Human Resources Director recommend that City Council approve a one-year consulting services agreement with Gary F. Brown ("Consultant"), from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000 for provision of Critical Incident Stress Management Program.

8E. REASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENTS TO CITY OF LONG BEACH

Recommendation

The Human Resources Director recommends that City Council authorize the execution of all necessary documents to reassign two youth service agreements with Joint Efforts, Inc. (C2005-141) and the Los Angeles Unified School District (C2005-139) from the City of Torrance to the City of Long Beach, pending approval by the State of the merging of the cities of Lomita and Torrance with the Greater Long Beach Workforce Investment Area. The period of reassignment would be July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

8F. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR HARBOR WORKSOURCE CENTER

Recommendation

The Human Resources Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Authorize staff to execute necessary documents to extend the 2006-2007 contract with the City of Los Angeles (C2006-177) beyond the term of June 30, 2007; and
- 2) Authorize staff to execute a subcontract agreement between the City of Torrance and the City of Long Beach for the continuation of employment and training services at the Harbor WorkSource Center from July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007 with the City of Long Beach as operator of the center.

8G. CHANGE ORDER FOR ROTARY BROOM PARTS

Recommendation

The Public Works Director recommends that City Council approve a change order with American Rotary Broom Co., (P.O. # 24817) in the amount of \$7,500 for a total not to exceed amount of \$32,400.

8H. AMENDMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER FOUNDATION

Recommendation

The General Services Director recommends that City Council approve an amendment of the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation agreement extending the term for a period commencing July 1, 2007 and expiring June 30, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$103,040.

8I. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CITYWIDE TRAFFIC SURVEY

Recommendation

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council approve a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$65,100 with Albert Grover & Associates to conduct Citywide Engineering & Traffic Survey.

8J. ENGINE OVERHAUL FOR TORRANCE FIRE ENGINE # 126

Recommendation

The General Services Director and the Fire Chief recommend that City Council authorize payment to Harbor Diesel and Equipment Company ("Harbor Diesel"), of Long Beach CA for performance of an engine overhaul on Torrance Fire Engine #126. Total costs, including sales tax and 5% contingency funding will not exceed \$27,255.11 (includes sales tax and 5% contingency).

8K. CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR MAX COMMUTER BUS SERVICE

Recommendation

The Transit Director recommends that City Council approve an amendment to the MV Transportation, Inc. contract (C2005-090) for the Municipal Area Express (MAX) commuter bus service and appropriate an additional \$31,259.10 from the MAX Deferred Revenue account to add service to the MAX Line 3x.

MOTION: Councilmember Drevno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8K. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. ESTABLISHMENT OF TORRANCE MILITARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council establish a Military Recognition Program to honor the Torrance residents and families of those who are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and select an option for implementation.

Senior Management Associate Sharfman reviewed the three options for establishing a Military Recognition Program: Option 1) Recognize families of military personnel – Application available on City's website to be submitted to the City Manager's office, family then invited to City Council meeting to be presented with Certificate of Appreciation; Option 2) Recognize military personnel – Same as Option 1, but the Certificate of Appreciation would be presented to military personnel returning from active duty overseas, families would also be invited to attend; Option 3) Mirror Blue Star Program using their guidelines – Blue Star organization would take a more active role in the application process and families would be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Blue Star card, which could be displayed in their homes. He noted that staff was recommending Option 1 because it gives the City the greatest flexibility in structuring the program.

Evelyn Polizzi, president of Blue Star Mothers, Chapter 5 – South Bay, provided background information about Blue Star Mothers of America; noted that the City of Redondo Beach and other surrounding cities have adopted the Blue Star Program; and urged the Council to select Option 3.

A brief discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the Council to select Option 3.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve a City of Torrance Military Recognition Program that mirrors the Blue Star program using their guidelines, with quarterly recognition at City Council meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drevno and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

12B. GRANT APPLICATION FOR MADRONA MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT

Recommendation

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council adopt a Resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space for Fourth Supervisorial District Excess funding for a Madrona Marsh Preserve Restoration Project.

Madrona Marsh Naturalist Tracy Drake advised that the grant would provide funding for the re-landscaping of the Madrona median adjacent to the Madrona Marsh Preserve and the storm retention basin on the southeast portion of the preserve.

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 Nowatka).

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING FOR MADRONA MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-61. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

15. OTHER

15A. SUPPORT OF BUDGET ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Recommendation

The City Manager and the Public Works Director recommend that City Council adopt a Resolution supporting the \$1 billion State Budget Allocation of Prop. 1B Funds to California Cities in Fiscal Year 2007-2008, which will urge the legislature and Governor to appropriate \$1 billion in Prop. 1B Funds out of the 2007-08 State Budget to fund vital local street and road repairs in California cities.

Public Works Director Beste advised that the proposed Resolution urges that \$1 billion of Proposition 1B funds be allocated in FY 2007-08 so that cities may begin work on much needed transportation projects without delay.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING \$1 BILLION STATE BUDGET ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS TO CITIES IN FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-62. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:28 p.m. to 7:29 p.m.

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17. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

None.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on August 21, 2007