

**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 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmembers Guyton and McIntyre.

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Witkowsky.

Councilmember Nowatka gave the non-sectarian invocation.

**3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto 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 passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Guyton and McIntyre).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto 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 passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Guyton and McIntyre).

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN AND DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 25, 2006 AND MAY 9, 2006**

**7B. 2006-2007 GRANT PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Cultural Arts Commission** and the **Community Services Director** that City Council approve funding under the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Grant Program for Non-Profit Arts Organizations to be awarded to Art Attack Foundation (\$500), Peninsula Symphony Association (\$500), Regina Klenjoski Dance Company (\$500), South Bay Ballet (\$500), South Bay Conservatory (\$500), Starlight Productions (\$500), Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation (\$500), Torrance Symphony, (\$500), Torrance Historical Society (\$500) and Torrance South Bay YMCA (\$500).

**7C. CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** and the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve a one-year consulting services agreement with Gary F. Brown ("Consultant"), from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000 for provision of Critical Incident Stress Management Program.

**7D. PURCHASE ORDER FOR EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve a purchase order with O.C. Tanner for an amount not to exceed \$38,000 for the purchase of employee service awards during the Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

**7E. AGREEMENT WITH FIT KIDS GYMNASTICS CENTER, INC.**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** that City Council approve the agreement with Fit Kids Gymnastics Center Inc., to provide fee offset gymnastics classes at the Wilson Park Sports Center, in an amount not to exceed \$44,100.

**7F. CONTRACTS RE SENIOR CITIZEN EXCURSIONS JULY – DECEMBER 2006**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** that City Council approve contracts with Main Street Tours in the amount of \$16,896 and with American Travel Tours in the amount of \$58,964, for a total amount not to exceed \$75,860, for Senior Citizens Program excursions planned for the months of July through December, 2006.

**7G. PURCHASE AGREEMENT RE PACCAR/ PETERBILT REPAIR PARTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize a purchasing agreement with Rush Truck Center of Pico Rivera, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the sole-source purchase of Paccar/Peterbilt brand repair parts. The purchasing agreement will cover a 12-month term, beginning August 2, 2006 and ending August 1, 2007.

**7H. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR TRACTOR LOADER AND VIBRATORY ROLLER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council award a purchase order to Scott Equipment Company of Fontana, CA, in the amount of \$47,248.66 (includes sales tax) to furnish one (1) New Holland Model LV80 Tractor (Skip) Loader.

The **General Services Director** further recommends that City Council award a purchase order to Nixon-Egli Equipment Company of Ontario, CA in the amount of \$34,861.15 (incl. sales tax) to furnish one (1) HAMM Model HD-13 Vibratory Roller.

**7I. TEMPORARY WATER RIGHTS LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve an agreement to temporarily lease water rights to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles during the remaining 2005-2006 Fiscal Year;
- 2) Approve an agreement to temporarily lease water rights to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreements.

**7J. LEASE RENEWAL FOR INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM SITE AT AIRPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Land Management Team** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a lease by and between the City of Torrance and the Federal Aviation Administration for Lease Number: DTFAWP-07-L-00004 for the Instrument Landing System (ILS) site located on the airfield of Torrance Municipal Airport/Zamperini Field.

**7K. PURCHASE ORDER RE FIRE HOSE WITH COUPLINGS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to Allstar Fire Equipment, Inc. of Arcadia, CA, in the amount of \$19,203.01 for the purchase of Angus fire hose with couplings.

**7L. PURCHASE ORDER RE MOBILE DATA COMPUTER MOUNTING HARDWARE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** and the **Information Technology Director** that City Council approve a purchase order be issued, in the amount of \$29,764.46, to Adamson Industries for the purchase of mounting hardware to install Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) in police vehicles.

**7M. DONATION OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES FROM USALSO AND AYSOREGION 16**

Considered separately, see page 4.

**7N. FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a water conservation funding agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

**7O. REUSE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING FOR TRASH FOR TEACHING PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation the **Public Works Director** that City Council approve the appropriation of funds and the Memorandum of Understanding with Trash for Teaching for the Reuse Grant awarded to the City by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The Reuse Grant program is to reuse manufacturer residuals or cast-offs as art project materials for Torrance elementary schools. The grant funds are \$49,700 and require matching funds of \$24,850, which will be funded by the Sanitation Enterprise Fund.

**7P. PURCHASE AGREEMENT RE NEPTUNE WATER METERS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a purchase agreement with Measurement Control Systems, Inc. of Santa Ana, CA in an amount not to exceed \$769,601.25, including tax. This purchase agreement will enable the City to purchase Neptune brand water meters on an as needed basis during the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; and

- 2) Approve a supplemental appropriation of \$121,508.75 from the Water Enterprise Fund to fund the 2006-2007 parts inventory operating budget for the balance of the parts inventory purchase.

**7Q. TORRANCE DIAL -A-TAXI PROGRAM CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

Considered separately, see pages 4-5.

**7R. TORRANCE SENIOR TAXI RIDE PROGRAM CONTRACT AGREEMENTS**

Considered separately, see pages 5-6.

**7S. AGREEMENT WITH SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC.**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a contract services agreement with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. to provide security services for the Torrance Transit System from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$206,856; and
- 2) Appropriate \$15,000 from the Transit Security Reserve Fund.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Mauno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A through 7S, with the exception of Items 7M, 7Q and 7R. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Guyton and McIntyre).

**7M. DONATION OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES FROM USALSO AND AYSO REGION 16**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** that City Council approve a donation of maintenance services in the amount of \$18,650 from USALSO and AYSO Region 16 for improvements and upkeep to Soccer Field 3 at Columbia Park.

Community Services Director Barnett acknowledged the generous donation of USALSO and AYSO Region 16 to renovate and maintain Soccer Field 3 at Columbia Park.

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

**7Q. TORRANCE DIAL -A-TAXI PROGRAM CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Transit Director** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to:

- 1) A one-year contract services agreement with Administrative Services Co-Op, d.b.a. South Bay Yellow Cab and United Checker Cab Co-Op to provide service for the Torrance Dial-A-Taxi Program, with two one-year options to renew the contract;
  - 2) A one-year contract services agreement with All Yellow Taxi, Inc. to provide service for the Torrance Dial-A-Taxi Program, with two one-year options to renew the contract; and
  - 3) A one-year contract services agreement with Bell Cab Company to provide service for the Torrance Dial-A-Taxi Program, with two one-year options to renew the contract.
- The recommended term is July 1, 2006 to ~~June 30, 2007~~ January 26, 2007 at a cost not to exceed an aggregate total of \$400,000 per annum for all three contracts.

Mayor Walker noted supplemental material available at the meeting, amending the term of the agreement to coincide with Taxicab Franchise Agreement, which ends on January 26, 2007, and correcting a typographical error in the first paragraph of Exhibit A.

Transit Administration Manager Mills noted that despite escalating fuel costs, which have severely impacted the Transit Department's budget, the recommendation includes no decrease in the number of ride tickets and no reduction in the maximum subsidy per ticket.

Councilmember Witkowsky reported that over the past few months, she has received complaints about taxi drivers who are refusing to provide service to seniors using ride tickets and questioned how this problem can be addressed.

Transit Director Turner advised that staff investigates all complaints; that cab companies are notified when one of their drivers refuses to provide service or acts in a discourteous manner; and that the contract includes a provision whereby companies are fined \$1000 if they have five or more complaints during any calendar month. She encouraged participants in the Dial-A-Taxi or Senior Taxi Ride programs to report any problems with drivers to the Transit Department at 310-618-6234.

Councilmember Witkowsky requested that an enclosure be included with taxi ride tickets advising participants of the phone number to call should they experience any problems with service.

Travis Nation, Lesserman Street, reported on problems he has had with the Dial-A-Taxi program, including missed pick-ups and vehicles that cannot accommodate his leg brace.

Transit Administration Manager Mills stated that he was aware of Mr. Nation's concerns and offered his assurance that staff will make every effort to ensure that he receives the best possible service.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Guyton and McIntyre).

## **7R. TORRANCE SENIOR TAXI RIDE PROGRAM CONTRACT AGREEMENTS**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Transit Director** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to:

- 1) A one-year contract services agreement with Administrative Services Co-Op, d.b.a. South Bay Yellow Cab and United Checker Cab Co-Op to provide service for the Torrance Senior Taxi Program, with two one-year options to renew the contract;
- 2) A one-year contract services agreement with All Yellow Taxi, Inc. to provide service for the Torrance Senior Taxi Program, with two one-year options to renew the contract; and
- 3) A one-year contract services agreement with Bell Cab Company to provide service for the Torrance Senior Taxi Program, with two one-year options to renew the contract.

The recommended term is July 1, 2006 to ~~June 30, 2007~~ January 26, 2007 at a cost not to exceed an aggregate total of \$700,000 per annum for all three contracts.

Transit Administration Manager Mills noted supplemental material available at the meeting, amending the term of the agreement to coincide with Taxicab Franchise Agreement and correcting a typographical error in the first paragraph of Exhibit A.

Carol Dean, a member of the Commission on Aging, expressed concerns that the \$13.00 maximum per ticket was not adequate to cover the cost of a taxi ride for North Torrance residents to medical facilities near Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Transit Administrator Manager Mills explained that while tickets may not cover the entire cost of longer trips, participants have the option of paying any additional charge over \$13.00 by cash or credit card or by using an additional ride ticket. He stated that staff believes the subsidy is adequate, noting that 86% of customers pay approximately \$1 per ride, 10% pay \$3, and 4% pay \$5.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Mauno moved to concur with the staff recommendation as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Guyton and McIntyre).

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**11A. SCHEDULING OF JULY 11, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council schedule the Tuesday, July 11, 2006 Council meeting for 6:00 p.m. with no Executive Session. Item was withdrawn.

**11B. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a Resolution for Executive and Management Employees increasing the reference point by CPI pursuant to provisions of Merit Plan, to correct scrivener's error, to add clarification with respect to Police Chief retiree stipend, and to insert dental insurance coverage approved for all employees by Council effective January 1, 2006.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-54**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-119

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-54. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Guyton and McIntyre).

**12. HEARINGS**

**12A. CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Conduct a public hearing on the proposed levy of assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007; and,
- 2) Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and ordering the improvements in connection with the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1.

Mayor Walker 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.

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-55**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972, PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-55. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Guyton and McIntyre).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:25 p.m. to 7:26 p.m.

**16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**16A.** Councilmember Nowatka thanked everyone who supported the Torrance Symphony fundraiser.

**16B.** Councilmember Witkowsky commented on her enjoyment of the Torrance Symphony fundraiser.

**16C.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society President, announced a free walking tour of Old Torrance on Sunday, June 25, at 1:30 p.m.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:29 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 27, 2006 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

Frank Scotto  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on August 8, 2006

Sue Sweet  
Recording Secretary