

**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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Barnett.

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 Labor Negotiator and 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government § 54957.6 and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:10 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 Councilmember Nowatka.

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 28, 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 Barnett).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Community Services Director Weiner 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 spectacular fireworks display at Charles Wilson Park located

at 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard. She noted that on-site parking will be a \$5.00, with free parking at Del Amo Fashion Center and Torrance Civic Center along with free shuttle service; and that the event will include arts & crafts, food and game booths, free mini-steamer train rides, contests and continuous entertainment.

Police Chief Neu noted that fireworks are illegal in Torrance and that the police and fire departments would team together in seizing fireworks and issuing citations.

Acting Fire Chief Dumais reminded everyone that even “safe and sane” fireworks are illegal in the City of Torrance and commented on the danger of unsafe fireworks made overseas.

Acting Fire Chief Dumais announced that ExxonMobil would be conducting the monthly community alert siren testing on Wednesday, July 4, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and the public to view the summer watercolors of Torrance Artist Guild member Jane Cash on display in the City Clerk’s office for the month of July.

Public Works Director Beste noted that it has been the driest year on record and reminded everyone to conserve water this summer season.

Public Works Director Beste announced that with the rising temperatures, Edison has the potential for rolling blackouts and noted that the City of Torrance has two cooling stations, the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library and the Bartlett Senior Center.

Councilmember Sutherland announced that in addition to the City’s two cooling stations, the YMCA on Sepulveda has a senior program and is exempt from losing power during a rolling blackout.

Police Chief Neu reminded residents of the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance and provided the following contact information: to register vehicles contact the Community Development Department at 310.618.5990; for enforcement questions contact the Police Department, Traffic Division at 310.618.5557; and to activate daily permits for already registered vehicles contact 310.618.5636.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE “PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of July 2007 as “***Parks and Recreation Month***” in the City of Torrance to Bill Cook, Co-Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Adrienne Brandriss, resident, expressed concerns regarding dog owners who do not pick up after their pets. She asked about the possibility of placing signs along with plastic bag dispensers throughout the city.

7B. Adrienne Brandriss, resident, asked if the city had any control over rate increases by Time Warner Cable.

In response, Cable and Community Relations Manager Smith reported that the State of California is the authority over cable companies and there are no rate regulations.

7C. Adrienne Brandriss, resident, asked about the delay in the re-paving of Sepulveda Boulevard from Palos Verdes Boulevard to Hawthorne Boulevard.

Public Works Director Beste, in response, explained that the project involves the reconstruction of portions the roadway, the widening of intersections, and the placement of a waterline, and is expected to be completed by December 2007.

7D. Travis Nation, resident, stated that he was struck by a car while crossing Jefferson Street near Wilson Park and expressed concerns regarding the visibility of his scooter and unsafe drivers.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR MAY 2007

Recommendation

The **City Treasurer** recommends that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of May 2007.

8B. AGREEMENT EXTENSION FOR PARKING CITATION SERVICES

Recommendation

The **City Treasurer** recommends that City Council approve an amendment to the agreement with the City of Inglewood 03-144 (C2003-131) for parking citation services extending the term until December 31, 2007. Expenditure: \$19,000.

8C. REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH STARLIGHT PRODUCTIONS

Recommendation

The **Acting Community Services Director** recommends that City Council approve an agreement with Starlight Productions to produce two full scale youth musicals, conduct youth theatre camp, and to provide instruction in youth drama, dance and vocal training for the stage. Expenditure: \$84,504.

8D. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF FRIENDS OF TORRANCE LIBRARY DONATION

Recommendation

The **Acting Community Services Director** recommends that City Council accept and appropriate a ~~grant~~ donation of \$12,250 from the Friends of the Torrance Library for adult programming at the Torrance Public Library for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

8E. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY INSURANCE

Recommendation

The **Human Resources Director** recommends that City Council approve the purchase of property insurance from Public Entity Property Insurance Program (PEPIP) by Alliant Insurance Services, the City's insurance broker at a premium of \$123,158 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

8F. RENEWAL OF POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE

Recommendation

The **Human Resources Director** and **Public Works Director** recommend that City Council approve the renewal purchase of Non-Owned Disposal Site Pollution Liability Insurance from Indian Harbor Insurance Company, through Driver-Alliant Insurance Services, the City's insurance broker, at a premium of \$54,591.28 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

8G. CONTRACT FOR PROCESSING, MARKETING AND REPORTING OF RECYCLING MATERIALS

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council award the contract for recycling services for the City of Torrance, including the processing, marketing and reporting of recycling materials, to Smurfit Recycling Services, Inc.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS CITY COUNCIL VOTING SYSTEM

Recommendation

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

- 1) Appropriate \$21,000 plus 5% contingency (\$1,050) to furnish and install a wireless and wired local area network (WLAN) for the council voting system; and
- 2) Appropriate \$8,000 annually for support and capital replacement of the council voting system WLAN.

Cable and Community Relations Manager Smith reported that this was the first phase in the installation of an electronic voting system for the City Council and that the system is expected to be operational by September 18, 2007.

In response to Councilmember Witkowsky's inquiry, Mr. Smith advised that the system will not be subject to interference from cell phones, hearing aids or other electronic devices.

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 Barnett).

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:33 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland wished everyone a happy 4th of July and commented on the sacrifices made by our armed forces to preserve our freedom.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland expressed his appreciation for his first year in office and stated that he looks forward to the next three years of his term.

17C. Councilmember Witkowsky wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

17D. Councilmember Brewer asked about the status of the Torrance Airport noise abatement system.

Deputy Community Development Director Cessna advised that the new system is functional, but the vendor is working on software problems to make the system more efficient. She noted that a new monitor has been installed in the Walteria area to address helicopter noise. She asked that people who call the automated system leave a contact phone number if they want a return call.

17E. Councilmember Brewer asked about the replacement of missing entry signs at city limits.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine advised that new signs would be installed in the next 8-10 weeks and that staff was developing a long-term strategy so sign replacement will be faster in the future.

17F. Councilmember Brewer echoed 4th of July wishes.

17G. Councilmember Drevno requested an excused absence from the July 17 City Council meeting.

17H. Councilmember Nowatka echoed 4th of July wishes.

17I. Mayor Scotto wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July celebrating and asked that parents please watch their children even around safe and sane fireworks.

17J. Daniel Domonoske, Potential Industries, expressed disappointment that his company was not selected to handle the city's recycling services (Item 8G) and expressed the hope that they could do so in the future.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, July 10, 2007 will be a Council dark night.**

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