

August 7, 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 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 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, Assistant City Attorney Pohl, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patrick Wren, Torrance Police Department Volunteer Coordinator.

Pastor E. Lorne Jack, South Bay Alliance Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joseph Michael Dressler, Water Service Technician in the Engineering Department

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 hearing no objections, Mayor Hardison so ordered .

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 hearing no objections, Mayor Hardison so ordered.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

Agenda Item 7t (Contract with Peoplesoft USA, Inc. for Software Maintenance) was withdrawn.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Scotto announced a Veterans' Memorial Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Third Floor Assembly Room.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. INTRODUCTION OF KASHIWA EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND ADULT LEADER

Torrance Sister City Association president Ray Roulette introduced adult leader Keiko Shiina and students Kentaro Abe, Emi Iriya, Megumi Mizuno, Chiaki Sakai, Takuya Shiraishi, Miwa Taneya, Nana Uemura, and Risa Yamaguchi, who shared their impressions of Torrance and reported on their activities.

6b. INTRODUCTION OF DEL AMO ROTARY CLUB EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Del Amo Rotary Club president, Mike Thompson, introduced students Makiko Handa and Toyoshima Yutaka.

6c. RESOLUTION NO. 2001-88 RE JOSEPH RICHARD PERRON

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE HONORING JOSEPH RICHARD PERRON
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY
YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-88. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented the Resolution to Mr. Perron who accepted with appreciation.

6d. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME"

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring Tuesday, August 7, 2001 as "National Night Out Against Crime" in the City of Torrance to Community Services Officer Kristine Kiesling and block captains Pat Wren, Sue Harlan and Diana Demshki. Noting that this was the first National Night Out community event held at City Hall, Officer Kiesling stated that she was very pleased with the large turnout and thanked City employee Linda Santos, who suggested the idea, and Councilmember Cribbs for their efforts.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 26, 2001

7b. **PURCHASE ORDERS FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF T-SHIRTS SWEATSHIRTS, AND JACKETS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** and the **Parks & Recreation Director** that City Council authorize purchase orders be issued for an annual anticipated amount not to exceed \$105,000 for use by the Parks & Recreation Department, to Robinhood Enterprises, Torrance, CA, and another purchase order to the same vendor for a not to exceed amount of \$23,500 for use by other departments (city-wide) for the purchase of t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. The purchase orders will be for one year to coincide with the fiscal year. (Bid B2001-17)

7c. **PURCHASE ORDERS FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council authorize purchase orders to be awarded to various vendors for the purchase of the City's annual requirement of sports equipment. Total purchase order expenditure is not to exceed \$74,811. (B2001-15)

7d. **SUBLEASE AGREEMENT RE GREAT AMERICAN AIRCRAFT MAINENANCE COMPANY, INC.**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Land Management Team** that City Council consent to a sub-lease by and between Great American Aircraft Maintenance Company, Inc., and Dyna-Cam Engine Corporations for space located at 3401 Airport Drive, Torrance.

7e. **ARTESIA BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT JOINT TRENCH FEES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Artesia Boulevard Rehabilitation Team** that City Council authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$280,932.43 with Arizona Pipeline Co. for the City's portion of the joint trench fees for the Artesia Boulevard undergrounding.

7f. **PURCHASE ORDER RE COMPUTER SERVER AND WORKSTATION EQUIPMENT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** that City Council authorize an annual purchase order in an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 for the purchase of new and replacement computer servers over a period of one year (July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002) to Dell Computer Corporation of Round Rock, TX.

7g. **2001 BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** and **City Manager** that City Council authorize the acceptance of the 2001 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$124,902. Further, that City Council authorizes the appropriation and allocation of \$13,878 of Asset Forfeiture funds for the cash match, for a total grant award of \$138,780.

7h. **PURCHASE ORDER RE PERVO BRAND TRAFFIC PAINT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Street Services Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued to Pervo Paint of Los Angeles, California, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the sole source purchase of Pervo brand traffic paint on an as needed basis, from August 7, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

7i. **CONTRACT RE RECORDING SECRETARY SERVICES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Clerk** that City Council authorize a contract in an amount up to \$25,000 to K. Sue Sweet to provide minute taking and transcription services at a rate of \$20 hour from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

7j. **EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR TRENCH CUT RESTORATION STUDY**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve the second amendment to Contract 99-097 with Lorick Associates Consulting, Inc. that extends the term of the contract to September 30, 2001, for Pavement Trench Restoration Study; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the amendment on behalf of the City.

7k. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE CIVIC CENTER LIGHTING RETROFIT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve an amendment to the California Retrofit Inc. contract (C2001-064) for additional costs incurred during the Civic Center lighting retrofit of \$14,117.74 for a total contract amount of \$101,687.42.

7l. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE CONTAINMENT SOLUTIONS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve an amendment to Containment Solutions contract (C2000-232) of \$3,869.79 for additional costs incurred during the installation fuel tank collars for a total contract amount of \$37,129.79.

7m. AGREEMENT RE SANITARY SEWER PROGRAM ENGINEERING SERVICES

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve a Consulting Services Agreement with Boyle Engineering Corporation to provide consulting engineering services for the Sanitary Sewer Program for a twenty-four month period, in an amount not to exceed \$760,817 for:
 - a) Sanitary Sewer and Alley Construction Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for Downtown Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Phases 1 and 2, for \$208,910 (I-37) and \$192,344 (I-38);
 - b) Water Main Replacement Plans, Specifications, and Estimates corresponding to alley reconstruction for \$74,051 (I-60);
 - c) Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Projects (Year 1 and 2) Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for \$135,512 (I-53); and
 - d) Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Program Management on an as needed basis for \$150,000 (\$50,000 for I-37, \$50,000 for I-38, and \$50,000 for I-35)
- 2) Appropriate \$208,910 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund for design of I-37 ahead of the Capital Budget's schedule (FY 2002-2003) and \$192,344 for design of (I-38) ahead of the Capital Budget's schedule (FY 2003-2004), and \$100,000 to provide for program management (\$50,000 for I-37 and \$50,000 for I-38);
- 3) Appropriate \$74,051 from the Water Enterprise Fund for design of downtown water main replacements (I-60) corresponding alley reconstruction ahead of the Capital Budget's schedule (FY 2004-2005); and
- 4) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to the agreement.

7n. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE EMERGENCY STORM DRAIN REPAIRS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Street Services Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve an amendment to the Contract Services Agreement C2001-168 with Doty Bros. Equipment Company in the amount of \$30,000 on a time and materials basis for emergency storm drain repairs at 405 Via El Chico.
- 2) Appropriate \$42,000 from Capital Improvement Fund; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

7o. YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION RE "BEAT THE ODDS" HONOREES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Torrance Youth Council** that City Council approve a \$5,000 donation from the Youth Council Donation Account to five "Beat the Odds" honorees and authorize the Finance Director to issue the warrants.

7p. **CONSTRUCTION/INSPECTION AGREEMENTS RE SLURRY SEAL PROJECT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Street Services Director** that City Council:

- 1) Accept the bid and award a standard Public Works Agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to Pavement Coatings Company for the 2000-2001 Residential Slurry Seal Project, Base Bid, in the amount of \$508,667. (B2001-22).
- 2) Authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$25,450.
- 3) Approve a standard Consulting Services Agreement approved as to form by the City Attorney, with Charles Abbott Associates, Inc., for inspection services in the amount of \$25,000; and
- 4) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreements.

7q. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE LEASE DOCUMENTS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve the execution of two documents;

- 1) an Estoppel; and
- 2) a Subordination, Attornment and Non-Disturbance Agreement for the lease of the Workforce Investment Network Board Carson One-Stop.

7r. **APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP 24743**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council approve Final Parcel Map 24743 consisting of nine parcels, and the abandonment of several Irrevocable Offers to Dedicate easements that are not necessary for public use. The map area is bounded by Western Avenue to the east, Van Ness Avenue to the west, 195th street to the north and Del Amo Boulevard to the south; and substantially conforms to and has met all conditions of approval of the tentative map.

7s. **ARTESIA BOULEVARD REHABILITATION FUNDING**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Artesia Boulevard Rehabilitation Team** that City Council transfer funds from completed capital projects to the Artesia Boulevard Rehabilitation project to address funding issues.

7t. **CONTRACT WITH PEOPLESOFT USA FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** and the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize a contract with Peoplesoft USA, Inc. to reinstate software maintenance for the Peoplesoft HR and Benefits Administration modules in the amount of \$25,728.

Item withdrawn, see page 1.

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

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

10a. STATE DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** and the **Finance Director** that City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief and the Finance Director to execute for, and on behalf of the City of Torrance, applications and documents to obtain financial assistance under the State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program. Funds granted will be used to purchase specialized equipment needed to adequately prepare the City of Torrance to deal with terrorist threats.

Division Fire Chief Thompson provided a brief summary of the staff report, noting that this was the first of a three-year non-matching grant program. In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry, he clarified that it would be the City's responsibility to replace certain pharmaceuticals used in decontamination operations after their shelf life expires, if they choose to do so, however, the City is not required to replace them.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-89

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN STATE DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FUNDS

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-89. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. CONTINUATION OF THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** and the **City Attorney** that City Council continue the state of local emergency, proclaimed March 2, 2001 for the properties located on Carolwood Drive and Singingwood Drive.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

14a. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3503

ORDINANCE NO. 3503

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 802 SARTORI AVENUE FROM R-2 (LIMITED MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO R-D (RESIDENTIAL DOWNTOWN DISTRICT)

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 3503. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Redevelopment Agency met from 7:46 p.m. to 7:47 p.m.

15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications were being accepted for vacant seats on the Community Services Commission and the Cable Television Advisory Board until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, with appointments to be made at the August 21 City Council meeting.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view the oils of Torrance Artist Guild member Galina Evangelista on display in the City Clerk's office during the month of August.

City Clerk Herbers indicated that, as there had been some interest in the processes for candidacy in the 2002 municipal election, preliminary information was posted on the website. She noted that any prospective candidates must file papers with the City Clerk prior to raising or spending money. A list of those who have filed notices of intention are also on the website, as well as on the Public Notice Board at City Hall and at the counter in the City Clerk's office.

Councilmember Cribbs encouraged the public to attend the very professional Torrance summer musical "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at the Armstrong Theater through August 26.

Councilmember Cribbs thanked Law Office Administrator Santos, Police Lt. Kreager, Firefighter Friedman, Community Services Officer Kiesling, Division Fire Chief Thompson and Police Chief Herren for their efforts on the National Night Out event held in front of City Hall preceding the City Council meeting.

Councilmember Messerlian commented on a recent article in the *Los Angeles Times* and asked staff to prepare a report on how the City looks at the design and aesthetics of telecommunications facilities.

Councilmember Nowatka also commented on the excellent summer musical production and encouraged attendance.

Councilmember Nowatka also invited the public to the Joslyn Gallery to view the Youth at Risk exhibit.

Councilmember Nowatka noted that he had recently attended the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Squadron 129 awards banquet and congratulated Squadron 129 for being named as the "Outstanding Squadron of the Year" for the third year in a row. He passed on a certificate of appreciation from the CAP recognizing the City's efforts to the Mayor.

Councilmember Nowatka suggested that the City explore the possibility of honoring someone with the Jared Sidney Torrance Award.

Councilmember Witkowsky echoed the comments regarding the summer musical.

Councilmember Witkowsky commented on the National Night Out event and how well the children were treated as they looked at the police and fire equipment.

Mayor Hardison commented on the National Night Out event and expressed the hope that it could become an annual event.

Mayor Hardison related her pleasure that the summer musical had returned, noting that tickets were very reasonably priced and that it was a very professional production.

Councilmember Messerlian invited the public to attend the free Torrance Symphony Concert in the Park at Wilson Park on Sunday, August 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Joni Gang, Torrance, spoke on animal control issues in the City of Torrance.

Ray Jackman, Torrance, publicly thanked concerned citizens for being involved and recovering his property after a recent theft.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:06 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to consider matters listed on the meeting agenda under 16a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation and 16b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(c) and 54956.9(a).

The Council returned to open session in Council Chambers at 8:38 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Pohl announced that City Council, by a unanimous 7-0 vote, had approved a request to join in a Friend of the Court Brief on the matter of Barden vs. City of Sacramento, Court of Appeals Docket No. 01-15744. This matter deals with the issues surrounding whether City sidewalks are considered a "program" under ADA requiring the City to modify all its sidewalks to meet ADA standards.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 21, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Tuesday, August 14, 2001 will be a Council dark night.

Adjourned in memory of Joseph Michael Dressler

Attest:

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on September 11, 2001