

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, August 9, 2005 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

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Agenda Item 17 was considered out of order at this time.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 17A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, and 17B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.9(a)

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:25 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 Lieu.

Councilmember Nowatka gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno 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 Lieu and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno 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 Lieu and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that Item 7I had been withdrawn and deferred to the August 30, 2005 City Council meeting and that Item 11A had been withdrawn.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. INTRODUCTION OF SISTER CITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM STUDENTS

Torrance Sister City Association President Gary Yoshida introduced students from Kashiwa, Japan, participating in the Sister City Exchange Program with Torrance, and their adult leader: students Sakurako Hoshino, Misa Inaba, Wakiko Maeda, Nahomi Nakamura, Ayako Sano, Saeka Tada, Yukiko Yamasaki, Ayumi Yoshida and adult leader Hiroyo Yamanaka. Students shared their impressions of Torrance and reported on their future plans.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 7, JUNE 14, AND JUNE 28, 2005

7B. PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS & JACKETS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** that City Council authorize a renewal purchase agreement for an annual amount not to exceed \$80,000, with Custom Embroidery and Screen Printing by Icon, Torrance, CA, for the purchase of T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and collared shirts.

7C. PURCHASE ORDER FOR FORD F250 CAB AND CHASSIS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order to South Bay Ford of Hawthorne, CA in the amount of \$47,331.42 including tax and applicable tire fees, to furnish two (2) 2006 Ford F250 Cab and Chassis with attached Utility Bodies (B2005-39).

7D. SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASE OF VIDEO SEWER INSPECTION VEHICLE

Recommendation

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

- 1) Appropriate \$26,422.27 from the Sewer Enterprise fund balance for the purchase of video sewer inspection vehicle (FEAP #517); and
- 2) Authorize a purchase order to Advanced Infrastructure Technologies of Torrance, CA in the amount of \$151,422.27 for the sole-source purchase of one (1) "Envirosight" Video Sewer Inspection System mounted onto a 2006 Ford E350 Cutaway Van Chassis.

7E. PURCHASE ORDER FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF BULLET-RESISTANT VESTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council authorize a purchase order to Aardvark Tactical, Inc. of Azusa, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, for the purchase of the department's annual requirement of bullet resistant vests on an as-needed basis. The purchase order will be for a 12-month term, beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, to coincide with the fiscal year.

7F. PURCHASE ORDER FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council authorize a purchase agreement to Gall's/Long Beach Uniform of Long Beach, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, for the purchase of the department's annual requirement of police uniforms and equipment on an as-needed basis. The purchase order will be for a 12-month term, beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, to coincide with the fiscal year.

7G. RENEWAL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM CONTRACT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council accept the County of Los Angeles Delinquency Prevention Program contract in the amount of \$29,070 and appropriate the funds to the Juvenile Diversion Program.

7H. TRAINING AGREEMENT WITH DOOTSON SCHOOL OF TRUCKING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize the execution of a vocational training agreement with Dootson School of Trucking in the amount of \$150,000.

7I. SELECTION OF DISABILITY AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR NON-SAFETY EMPLOYEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve the selection of Mutual of Omaha as the City's disability insurance carrier and modifications to the disability insurance plan for non-safety employees. The rates will not exceed 63 cents per \$100 of payroll for Short Term Disability (STD) and 46 cents per \$100 of payroll for Long Term Disability (LTD) beginning October 1, 2005 and are guaranteed for a two year period;
- 2) Approve a binder payment of an amount equivalent to a one month premium in order for the carrier to implement the program; and
- 3) Approve a higher amount of life insurance coverage with the current carrier Standard Insurance for certain non-safety employees effective October 1, 2005.

Item was withdrawn and deferred to the August 30, 2005 Council meeting.

7J. PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR NEPTUNE BRAND 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 \$280,327.45. This purchase agreement will enable the City to purchase Neptune brand meters on an "as needed" basis during the period of August 10, 2005 through August 9, 2006; and
- 2) Approve an appropriation of \$75,000 from the Water Enterprise fund balance to fund the parts inventory purchases account.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A through 7J, with the exception of Item 7I. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9A. CONSIDERATION OF ADDING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND EDUCATION/ CULTURAL ARTS ELEMENTS TO GENERAL PLAN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council direct staff to incorporate any new programs/policies adopted by the City on Historic Preservation into the existing Conservation Element and incorporate any new programs/policies adopted by the City on Education and Cultural Arts into the existing Parks and Recreation Element of the General Plan.

Sr. Planning Associate Chun noted that staff was directed by the City Council to obtain a cost estimate for adding separate Historic Preservation and Education/Cultural Arts elements to the General Plan and reported that P & D Consultants submitted an estimate of \$74,530 for preparing a separate Historic Preservation Element and \$16,750 for preparing a separate Education/Cultural Arts Element. She advised that it was staff's opinion that this additional expense was not warranted because any new programs or policies adopted for either historic preservation or education/cultural arts can be easily incorporated into existing elements.

In response to Councilmember Witkowsky's inquiry, Sr. Planning Associate Chun confirmed that voluntary historic preservation programs/policies recently approved by the City Council will be included in the Conservation Element of the General Plan.

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

9B. DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council:

- 1) Review and approve the Development Impact Fee Justification Study;
- 2) Hold an open and public meeting regarding the Development Impact Fee; and
- 3) Consider and approve the time and place for the public hearing, to be held on August 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, regarding the adoption of the development impact fee ordinances.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan briefly reviewed the proposal to levy Development Impact Fees to partially fund the undergrounding of utilities and improvements to the City's transportation facilities, sewers and storm drains. He noted that the fees would apply to all development except for single-family residential.

Councilmember Mauno voiced support for the proposed Development Impact Fees.

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

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM OF INTENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council approve a Memorandum of Intent between the Torrance Fire Fighters Association (TFFA) and the City that will affect the hours, wages, and working conditions of TFFA.

Item was withdrawn.

11B. HOSTING OF REGIONAL CANDIDATES FORUM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council consider jointly hosting a regional Candidates Forum on September 8, 2005 for the 53rd Assembly District seat, and waive the \$600 fee associated with the Toyota Meeting Hall.

Management Aide Nguyen noted that City Council involvement in a candidates forum was unprecedented. She explained that due to the short time period before the special election, the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce was seeking a larger venue for a regional candidates forum.

Noting that two Torrance councilmembers are candidates for this assembly seat, Councilmember Witkowsky asked about safeguards to ensure that all candidates are treated fairly. She indicated that she would not support the forum unless there is an agency running it, such as the League of Women Voters, which has a history of conducting forums in an unbiased manner and allowing all candidates equal time.

City Clerk Herbers reported that the Torrance and Beach Cities League of Women Voters were recently asked to provide a moderator for the forum.

Councilmember Lieu announced that he was abstaining from the vote on this item because he is one of the candidates for this office.

Councilmember Nowatka stated that he intended to vote on this item because he was assured by the City Attorney's office that there was absolutely no reason for a candidate to abstain.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmember Lieu abstaining.

15. SECOND AND FINAL READING ORDINANCES

15A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3667

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 3667 amending Chapter 2 of Division 8 of the Torrance Municipal Code by repealing Articles 1 and 2 of Chapter 2, and by enacting new Articles 1 and 2, all of which adopt or amend the 2004 Edition of the California Electrical Code and the Uniform Administrative Code Provisions for the National Electrical Code.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3667. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:01 p.m. to 8:03 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. Councilmember Lieu commended the Police Department for the successful conclusion of a hostage situation. Police Chief Herren provided details of the event.

16B. Councilmember Lieu commended the space shuttle astronauts on their return to Edwards Air Force Base.

16C. Councilmember Mauno commended Councilmember Nowatka for his driving skills at the Torrance Transit Bus Roadeo on Sunday as he won first place in the City Slickers Division.

16D. Councilmember Mauno encouraged the public to attend the Torrance summer musical *Camelot* playing at the James Armstrong Theatre.

16E. Councilmember McIntyre announced "Marsh Art" an artist exhibit and reception sponsored by the Redondo Beach Art Group featuring art that focuses on the Madrona Marsh.

16F. Councilmember McIntyre urged the public to use caution when driving on Crenshaw as traffic lanes are restricted due to the placement of reclaimed water lines.

16G. Councilmember Nowatka commended the Police Department for showing restraint in their handling of the hostage situation, noting that time is an ally when hostages are involved.

16H. Councilmember Nowatka encouraged the public to attend the Marsh Art exhibit.

16I. Councilmember Nowatka commented on the Bus Roadeo, noting Fire Chief Bongard's second place finish.

16J. Councilmember Scotto also encouraged attendance at *Camelot*, noting the sold out performance on opening night.

16K. Councilmember Witkowsky commented on her fourth place performance at the Bus Roadeo in the City Slickers division and noted that this is a serious event for Torrance Transit drivers who have gone on to win regional and national competitions.

16L. Councilmember Witkowsky invited the public to attend events featuring Congresswoman Jane Harman, including a demonstration of hybrid vehicles and a discussion of energy issues on Wednesday, August 17, in the Toyota Meeting Hall and a display of art from the Congressional Art Contest at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library on Thursday, August 18. Additional information available by contacting Congresswoman Harman's office at 310.643.3636.

16M. Councilmember Witkowsky congratulated Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Pachon for doing a great job of organizing the picnic for disaster volunteers on Sunday.

16N. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, invited the City Council and the public to attend an event at the Torrance Historical Society Museum on Thursday, August 18, honoring Torrance heroes, including Louis Zamperini, Go For Broke members, Vietnam veterans and others.

16O. David Henseler, Torrance, spoke about curb painting scams in the City.

16P. Kerrie Najjarian, Torrance, stated that she and her husband have received tremendous support from Public Works management, specifically Bob Brewer, Tony Mullikin and Jerry Armstrong, during his treatment for cancer and expressed shock and anger at comments made by Alan Lee at the previous Council meeting. She noted her agreement with City Manager Jackson's explanation of the City's actions and wanted to make clear that her husband had nothing to do with Mr. Lee's accusations.

16Q. Leo Lewis, Knolls Lodge, discussed conditions in the trailer park.

16R. Mary Marsh, Knolls Lodge, echoed concerns about conditions at Knolls Lodge and spoke about a personal dispute with the management.

Mayor Walker reported that police and fire department personnel are doing what they can to address residents' concerns about conditions at the mobile home park, but noted that there are limitations on what the City can do.

16S. Jeannie Moorman, TME – AFSCME Local 1117, indicating that she was speaking on behalf of her board and members, challenged Councilmember Scotto to answer questions raised in an email about possible misconduct.

16T. Arthur Evans, Sepulveda Boulevard, asked the City Council to look into the parking of construction vehicles in the Sepulveda Boulevard service area near Ocean Avenue.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 16, 2005 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/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on October 11, 2005