

September 10, 2002

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting at 7:02 p.m. on September 10, 2002, for a joint meeting with the Library Commission in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Meeting Room.

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.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember McIntyre.

The invocation was given by Reverend Dean Mayeda, Hope Chapel Gateway.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka 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 McIntyre and a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka 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 a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that item 7g. had been withdrawn.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Scotto invited everyone to join the Mayor and City Council for Patriot Day observance on September 11th at 10:00 a.m. in front of City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard. He added that a piece of the I-beam from the World Trade Center would be on display.

Councilmember Nowatka announced a meeting of the City Council Ad Hoc Armed Forces Committee on September 12th at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Third Floor Assembly Room.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and the public to view the watercolors of Torrance Artist Guild member Pat Fierro on display in the City Clerk's office through the end of September.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Colonel Warren E. Besse, father of Deputy Chief Paul Besse. He further asked that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of former El Camino College President and Torrance resident, Stuart Marsee and in the memory of Brenda Sunshine, wife of Assistant to the City Manager Brian Sunshine.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. PATRIOT DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Walker issued a proclamation declaring September 11, 2002 as Patriot Day in the City of Torrance, urging all citizens to display the flag of the United States at half-staff and observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those individuals who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 to Fire Chief Bongard and Police Chief Herren who thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 23 AND AUGUST 6, 2002

Recommendation

Approval of minutes of July 23 and August 6, 2002.

7b. WHEELER METER MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL RE LARGE METER TESTING AND REPAIR PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

1. Accept the proposal submitted by Wheeler Meter Maintenance for Large Meter Testing and Repair Program for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 and award a contract to this firm in the amount of \$57,025 (B2002-22);
2. Reject all other proposals; and
3. Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said contract.

7c. WATER COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2001-2002

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director and the Water Commission that City Council accept and file the 2001-2002 Water Commission Annual Report.

7d. SUBDIVISION BONDS FOR TRACT MAP NO. 52845

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve the release of three subdivision bonds for Tract Map No. 52845, located at 3845 Pacific Coast Highway and 24001 Los Codona Avenue.

7e. VENDOR CONTRACT RE UNITED ROCK PRODUCTS OF IRWINDALE, CA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council authorize a vendor contract to be awarded to United Rock Products of Irwindale, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$64,000, for the purchase of crushed aggregate base on an

as needed basis. The vendor contract will be for a term of one year, beginning September 11, 2002 and ending September 10, 2003. (B2002-32)

7f. VENDOR CONTRACT RE BLUE DIAMOND MATERIALS OF ANAHEIM, CA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council authorize a vendor contract to be awarded to Blue Diamond Materials of Anaheim, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000, for the purchase of asphalt plant mix on an as needed basis. The vendor contract will be for a term of one year, beginning September 11, 2002, and ending September 10, 2003. (B2002-29)

7g. MAXIMUS, INC. LEASE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve the execution of a lease with MAXIMUS, Inc.

7h. INCENTIVE PAYMENT RE PANASONIC DISC SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve the appropriation of \$167,540.21 from the General Fund Reserve for Economic Development and to authorize the final economic incentive payment to Panasonic Disc Services Corporation in the amount of \$167,540.21.

7i. MASON BROTHERS PAINTING CONTRACT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize the award of a contract to Mason Brothers Painting of Torrance, CA to provide miscellaneous painting services on an "as requested basis" (B2002-21) for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.

7j. CALWORKS YOUTH AGREEMENT C2001-184 AMENDMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council accept and ratify the changes made to the CalWorks Youth Agreement C2001-184 that were made by the County after the agreement was approved by Council on August 21, 2001.

The Human Resources Director further recommends that City Council:

1. Approve Amendment One to the contract adding an additional \$12,130; and
2. Approve Amendment Two adding \$111,122 to the contract and extending the contract term to December 31, 2002;
 - Authorize an amendment to CalWorks agreement with LAUSD adding an additional \$60,059
 - Authorize an amendment to the CalWorks agreement with SCROC adding an additional \$40,040.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve items 7a through 7f and items 7h through 7j as written. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **RESOLUTION NO 2002-103 RE 202ND STREET**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE CHANGING STREET NAME OF 202ND STREET
WEST OF WESTERN AVENUE TO WESTERN WAY.**

Engineering Assistant Perkins reported that the request to change the name to Western Way originated from the Western Federal Credit Union which is building on a two acre parcel at the end of the street which is about 600 feet long.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Resolution No. 2002-103. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11b. **HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE 2001 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS**

Recommendation of the Building and Safety Director that City Council set the date of September 24, 2002 for a public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance adopting the 2001 California Building Codes with local amendments.

Building and Safety Director Isomoto indicated that staff would advertise the matter and make codes available in the Building and Safety office as well as the City Clerk's office this week.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to hold a public hearing on September 24, 2002 to consider a proposed ordinance adopting the 2001 California Building Codes with local amendments. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11c. **HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE 2000 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council schedule a public hearing on September 24, 2002 to consider a proposed ordinance which references the California Fire Code, 2001 Edition, and adopts the 2000 Edition of the Uniform Fire Code with local amendments to those codes, and the Uniform Fire Code Standards, 1997 Edition, as amended by the Uniform Fire Code standards, 2000 Edition.

Fire Chief Bongard stated that the item was a companion to item 11b.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to hold a public hearing on September 24, 2002 to consider a proposed ordinance which references the California Fire Code, 2001 Edition, and adopts the 2000 Edition of the Uniform Fire Code with local amendments to those codes, and the Uniform Fire Code Standards, 1997 Edition, as amended by the Uniform Fire Code standards, 2000 Edition. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11d. CONTINUED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR CAROLWOOD DRIVE AND SINGINGWOOD DRIVE

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

Assistant City Manager Giordano reported that the City's geotechnical consultant is continuing to monitor the slope activity. Mayor Walker reported that he has had three meetings with residents regarding the matter.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to continue the state of local emergency for Carolwood Lane and Singingwood Drive. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11e. CONTINUED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR TOMLEE AVENUE

Recommendation of the City Manager and the City Attorney that City Council continue the state of local emergency, proclaimed August 13, 2002 for properties located in the area of the 20900 block of Tomlee Avenue.

Assistant City Manager Giordano indicated that weekly meetings were being held to determine when the state of local emergency could be discontinued.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to continue the state of local emergency for properties located in the area of the 20900 block of Tomlee Avenue. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11f. URS CORPORATION CONTRACT FUNDING RE CAROLWOOD LANE AND SINGINGWOOD ROAD

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve an additional appropriation of funds in the amount of \$56,460 from the General Fund Reserve for Litigation Account. This funding will augment the existing contract with URS Corporation for geotechnical services for properties located at Carolwood Lane and Singingwood Road.

City Attorney Fellows indicated that the funds would enable the continuation of geotechnical monitoring of the hillside and bring the total amount for geotechnical studies to \$125,000, in addition to the original \$85,000 allocated for geotechnical studies aimed at helping residents form a geological hazard abatement district in that area.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Scotto as to whether that would provide enough money for residents to complete the study, City Attorney Fellows explained that the proposed funds were for the City's geotechnical consultant to monitor the area. He added that staff was continuing to work with residents to try to revitalize their geotechnical consultant efforts and at present the issue is coordination between property owners rather than money.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve augmentation of the URS Corporation contract for geotechnical services for properties located at Carolwood Lane and Singingwood Drive. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

12. HEARINGS

12a. BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council review the meeting minutes of the 2002 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Block Grant Local Advisory Board and, after holding a public hearing for comment regarding the proposed uses of block grant funds, act as follows:

1. Appropriate and allocate \$10,572 from the Federal Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture account to provide for the matching cash funds; and
2. Approve and allocate the 2002 grant award and matching funds to the recommended projects - Cadet Program - \$30,000; Personnel Recruitment - \$44,221; Uniform Crime Reporting Software (FEAP#368) - \$30,000; and Chemical Agent Launcher - \$1,500.

Lieutenant Rizzo reported that the City has been involved with the program since 1996 and the program provides funding to local agencies to reduce crime and improve public safety. He summarized purpose areas of the program noting that the City is eligible to receive a grant award of \$105,721: the base amount on the grant is \$95,149 and the City is required to provide a 10% match.

Lieutenant Rizzo indicated that recommendations for the use of the funds all pertained to recruiting, hiring and equipment issues. Last year the department instituted a cadet program to keep Explorer program participants involved as potential candidates for the police department and staff would like to continue the program by allocating \$30,000 to cover salaries for participants in an effort to carry them through to a successful job with the police department.

Lieutenant Rizzo stated recruitment is a priority as there are currently 13 vacancies. He indicated that background checks are time consuming and staff recommends allocating \$44,221 toward overtime for background investigators in personnel so they can attend job fairs and conduct investigations in a more expeditious manner to fill vacancies.

Lieutenant Rizzo indicated that uniform crime reporting software was needed to provide accurate statistical information required for state and Federal agencies as well as for crime analysis. Staff recommends using a system developed by Orange County and allocating \$30,000 to reimburse them for that development.

Lieutenant Rizzo noted that the final allocation of \$1,500 was for a new Chemical Agent Launcher for the South Bay Platoon as the one currently in use is 20 years old and at the end of its life expectancy.

Mayor Walker opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. No speakers from the public came forward.

MOTION: At 7:21 p.m. Councilmember Scotto moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation to allocate funds to the Cadet Program - \$30,000; Personnel Recruitment - \$44,221; Uniform Crime Reporting Software (FEAP#368) - \$30,000; and Chemical Agent Launcher - \$1,500. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

15a. ORDINANCE NO. 3519 RE ABANDONED WELL SITE NO. 5

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 3519 amending Division 9 of the Torrance Municipal Code to reclassify certain property formally known as Abandoned Oil Well Site No. 5 (APN:7518-017-018) located south of lot 413 of Tract No. 22228, within the Henrietta Sump, from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to PU (Public Use).

ORDINANCE NO. 3519

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY FORMALLY KNOWN AS ABANDONED OIL WELL SITE NO. 5 (APN: 7518-017-018) LOCATED SOUTH OF LOT 413 OF TRACT NO. 22228, WITHIN THE HENRIETTA SUMP, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO PU (PUBLIC USE) ZON02-00002 CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3519. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 7:34 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. Councilmember Lieu stated that he and Councilmember Nowatka had attended a ceremony at Hickory Park on Saturday where a tree was planted and a plaque placed in honor of John Joseph Wenckus, president of Hi-Shear and a victim of 9-11-2001 and thanked Judy Radecki as well as Gene Barnett, Mike Wilson and Parks and Recreation staff for their efforts.

16b. Councilmember Mauno noted he had attended the Police Department promotion ceremony and commented that all the individuals seemed very organized and cared about public they serve.

16c. Councilmember Mauno read a letter printed in the Daily Breeze by former city employee Jim Ulrich about 9-11.

16d. Councilmember McIntyre recommended that everyone attend Visions Affirmed and Remembered, an exhibit of 21 paintings by local artists at Harbor UCLA that includes an I-beam from the World Trade Center through September 21st.

16e. Councilmember Nowatka stated that the Police Department promotion ceremony was done well.

16f. Councilmember Nowatka invited the public to attend a 9-11 observance at Salvation Army headquarters on Earl Street at noon on September 11.

16g. Councilmember Nowatka also encouraged everyone to attend the Patriot Day ceremony at 10:00 a.m. in front of City Hall.

16h. Councilmember Nowatka stated that he had attended Oktoberfest at Alpine Village and he invited the public to attend.

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16i. Councilmember Nowatka announced the Arts Alive Festival would be held on September 28th and 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

16j. Councilmember Nowatka asked staff to look into the proliferation of shopping carts in the city.

16k. Councilmember Scotto commended the Police Department on the promotional ceremony and he congratulated those who were promoted.

16l. Councilmember Scotto again encouraged everyone to attend the Patriot Day ceremony in front of City Hall and receive a remember 9-11 pin.

16m. Councilmember Witkowsky wished everyone a Happy New Year Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

16n. Councilmember Witkowsky expressed condolences to Brian Sunshine and his family on their loss.

16o. Councilmember Witkowsky congratulated the Police Department and those who were promoted.

16p. Lucy Ritorto, P.O. Box 10035, Torrance, CA 90505, Torrance resident, commented and thanked City Manager Jackson for allowing ribbons to be displayed around City Hall following the January 20, 1981 hostage release. Ms. Ritorto also asked everyone to remember Brian Timothy Delaney, Department of Water and Power employee and former South High student who tragically died on the job but who was a real hero for donating his organs for others.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at 5:30 p.m., for an executive session in the Council Chamber, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

***Adjourned in memory of Colonel Warren Besse,
Stuart Marsee and Brenda Sunshine.***

/s/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Attest:

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on November 12, 2002