

**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 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2003, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Lieu, McIntyre, Mauno, 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; 17b) Public Employee Performance Evaluation; 17c) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; and 17d) Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54957, 54956.9(c) and 54956.8.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:10 p.m. (absent Councilmember Scotto, who arrived at 7:12 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 Mauno gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre 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 McIntyre 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 **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

Item 11b was withdrawn.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Nowatka announced that the Armed Forces Parade committee would hold a meeting on November 4th at 4:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Assembly Room to discuss the 2004 Armed Forces Day Parade.

Mayor Walker commended *Daily Breeze* reporter Jasmine Lee, who will be leaving the newspaper to pursue a career as a lawyer.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2003-146 RE KENNETH CARR**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING KENNETH CARR UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
CITY AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-146. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Walker presented the resolution to Ken Carr, who accepted with appreciation.

6b. **PROCLAMATION RE “RED RIBBON WEEK”**

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 23 through October 31, 2003 as ***Red Ribbon Week*** in the City of Torrance to Cindy Pearson, Torrance Council of PTAs, Membership Chair; Angie Farr, Membership Chair, North High School; Cheryl Pivovaroff, Red Ribbon Chair, Torrance Council of PTAs; Terry Ragins, 1st Vice President, North High School PTA; Joyce Barney, President, Torrance Council of PTAs; and Kristine Kiesling, Police Community Services Officer. Officer Kiesling provided background information about the origin of Red Ribbon Week; noted that Torrance Police Department has been instrumental in the removal of several tons of narcotics from the street; and urged everyone to participate in drug awareness activities and to display or wear red ribbons during this week to make a strong, visible commitment to living a healthy life.

6c. PROCLAMATION RE “PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT MONTH”

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation declaring the month of October 2003 as “PTA Membership Enrollment Month” in the City of Torrance to Andrea Perez, Director of Health, Torrance Council PTAs, and Joyce Barney, President, Torrance Council of PTAs. Ms. Barney encouraged parents, teachers, students, and other members of the community to join the PTA in being advocates for all children.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize the execution of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) agreement from the Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services (DCSS). This contract is in the amount of \$83,173 for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 to provide employment and training to Adults and Dislocated Workers. The funding for the 2003-2004 Workforce Development Division budget comes from the County of Los Angeles.

7b. ALLOCATION OF INTEREST FROM 2001 BJA LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council appropriate and allocate any interest from the 2001 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Local Law Enforcement Block Grant to fund the recruitment of personnel for the Police Department.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 7a and 7b. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOOD AND SINGINGWOOD DRIVE

Recommendation

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 Lane and Singingwood Drive.

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

11b. MEMORANDUM OF INTENT WITH TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council concur in principle with a Memorandum of Intent for the Torrance Police Officers Association.

Item was withdrawn.

11c. RESTATEMENT OF BAIL SCHEDULE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Clerk** that City Council adopt a Resolution restating the suggested bail schedule for offenses arising from violations of the Torrance Municipal Code.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION 2003-132 AND ALL PREVIOUS CITY OF TORRANCE BAIL SCHEDULE RESOLUTIONS BY ADOPTING A RESTATED RECOMMENDED TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BAIL SCHEDULE

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-154. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11d. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS TO IMPLEMENT DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** and the **Civil Service Commission** that City Council approve the proposed revisions to the class specifications for Airport Operations Supervisor, Public Works Supervisor, Traffic and Lighting Supervisor, Water Service Supervisor, Cable and Community Relations Manager, and a new class specification for Administrative Services Manager.

The **Human Resources Director** recommends that City Council adopt an amendment to the Resolution governing employment compensation for Executive and Management employees and to the Resolution governing employees represented by the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association to implement the recommended title changes.

Sr. Human Resources Analyst Lawrence advised that the proposed revisions were necessary to implement the restructuring of the Public Works Department and the City Manager's office.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2003-98 SETTING FORTH CHANGES
REGARDING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EXECUTIVE AND
MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 21, 2003

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-155. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-128 SETTING FORTH CHANGES
REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND
SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-156. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**11e. TERMINATION OF CONCESSION AGREEMENTS WITH TORRANCE
SKATE PARK ASSOCIATION**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Adopt a Resolution ratifying the termination of Concession Agreements C93-070 and C2000-175 ("Agreements") between the City and the Torrance Skate Association;
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to demand surrender of the premises under the terms of the respective agreements; and
- 3) Authorize the City Attorney to initiate any actions or proceedings including litigation necessary to protect the interests of the City and public.

Finance Director Tsao reported that the Torrance Skate Association (TSA) is in arrears approximately \$167,000 in payments owed to the City; that, in addition, TSA owes approximately \$600,000 to other creditors; that staff does not believe TSA can meet current obligations without restructuring its debt; and that staff was recommending that the Council take action in order to protect the interests of the City and the public.

Mayor Walker noted that should the agreement with TSA be terminated, the Parks and Recreation Department would take over the operation of the facility at Wilson Park and existing sport programs would be preserved.

In response to Councilmember Nowatka's inquiry, Finance Director Tsao reported that TSA owes the City for the full calendar year of 2002 and for the first three quarters of 2003.

Councilmember Lieu questioned whether operations at the skate facility would be disrupted, and Recreational Services Administrator Jones expressed confidence that Parks and Recreation staff could step in immediately and take over the operation without any disruption of current programs.

Reading from a prepared statement, Bob Delvechio, Treasurer of Torrance Skate Association, stated that TSA had taken on a debt of approximately \$600,000 to develop the skateboard park and batting cages at Wilson Park; that the debt was not repayable under current circumstances; that TSA was being sued by one its creditors for breach of contract and had received a Notice of Default from the City of Torrance; and that TSA had decided to file for the protection of Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings due to their inability to reach a negotiated settlement with creditors.

Mr. Delvechio related TSA's commitment to continue operating the hockey rink, skateboard park, batting cages and concession stand under the court's protection; to file a plan for reorganization and debt repayment; and to emerge from Chapter 11 financially healthy and able to expand its service to the community. He vowed to keep all interested parties updated as the proceedings progress, noting that TSA has acted in good faith and with the highest ethical and moral standards throughout this crisis. He reported that members of the Board of Directors have personally suffered financial loss and freely given thousands of hours of their time to further TSA's mission; noted that private individuals risked hundreds of thousands of dollars to create the facility used by thousands of South Bay residents; and contended that it was not too much to ask the City to show the same level of commitment by giving TSA the time it needs to resolve financial issues. He invited people to visit TSA's website www.Torranceskate.com for additional information.

Mayor Walker stated that the City has the highest respect for all the people who went to the trouble of developing these facilities and recognizes that this situation evolved because well meaning people did very good things, some of which did not work out.

Reading from a prepared statement, Mike Hodge, Torrance, reported that he recently retired from municipal service having served 32 years in the cities of Culver City, West Covina and Hawthorne; commented on the growing demand for roller hockey rinks and skateboard parks in order to provide a safe place for young people to recreate; and commended Torrance for recognizing this need years ago and taking a proactive approach to modernizing an underutilized Wilson Park. He indicated that he had spoken with members of the TSA board regarding the possibility of having the local high school's baseball and softball teams use the batting cages and that he planned to use the batting cages, should he be chosen as a coach. He voiced his opinion that the City does not have the budget or staff necessary to successfully operate the facilities and urged that TSA be granted a time extension.

A speaker whose son has participated in TSA's hockey league for the last 7 to 8 years (name inaudible/no speaker card) offered information about the scope of the hockey program, including the number of players and the hours involved; commented on

the positive atmosphere it provides for children; and expressed concerns about the City's ability to take over the operation of the program.

Carine Gorsky, 5337 Linda Drive, teacher and mother of an avid skateboarder, urged the Council to grant TSA a time extension to allow the Goals for Kids Foundation to proceed with plans for new programs at the park. She stated that the hockey rink and skateboard park are well maintained and well supervised and expressed concerns that young people would resort to the unsafe practice of using streets and parking lots if these facilities were no longer available. She suggested the possibility that local businesses might be willing to make tax-deductible donations to TSA in exchange for advertising at the facilities.

William "Stretch" Fowler, 9028 Hayvenhurst Avenue, North Hills, stated that he has been very proud to be part of TSA for the past six years; reported that "blade ball," something which he invented, will be coming to Los Angeles, making skating even safer than it is today; and expressed confidence that TSA would be able to resolve its financial problems if given the opportunity.

Robert Day, 1427 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro, TSA board member, related his ten-year-old son's positive experience as a participant in TSA's hockey program for the past five years, noting that he has now transitioned to ice hockey and plays throughout North America. He commented on the many dedicated volunteers who help run the program and the pleasure he has derived from being a hockey coach. He stated that the TSA facility represents the hopes and dreams of hockey players throughout the South Bay; that it provides an affordable place for the community's youth to learn, play and in some cases get school credit for hockey; and asked that the City work with TSA to continue this great tradition.

Mayor Walker stated that the City is very proud of the environment that has been created at Wilson Park and expressed confidence in the Park and Recreation Department's ability to operate the facilities and preserve the programs currently enjoyed by the community's youth.

Jay Williams, TSA board member, stated that 8 years ago, with a \$60,000 investment and a one-year grace period from the City, TSA took a piece of land that was almost worthless and turned it into a skate park and maintained that it was unreasonable to expect TSA to repay an investment ten times that amount with only the same one-year grace period. He explained that TSA was recently granted non-profit status, making it possible to accept \$6,000 in donations that have already been offered, and that there are plans for new programs to raise additional funds. He stated that the \$167,000 in rent owed by TSA has cost the City nothing except for the \$12,000 in electricity bills, which TSA is prepared to pay, and contended that there was no reason to burden the City's taxpayers with the cost of running the hockey program when it would cost nothing to allow TSA to continue running the program while attempting to resolve its financial situation. He voiced his opinion that it would be very difficult for the City to take over the hockey program in the middle of the season and suggested that if efforts fail, the City could take it over at the start of the next season.

Tom Pepper, 4714 Via Corona, co-founder of TSA, expressed his willingness to do anything possible to help resolve the current situation, noting that promotion is one of his strengths. He stated that he thought it was very important that the hockey program

continue and expressed concerns that the City might not be aware of all that is involved in running it.

Chris Razevich, 17210 Faysmith Avenue, related his family's experience as participants on several hockey teams, as well as his experience as a TSA coach. He noted that last June one of the teams he coaches was selected to represent the United States in the global in-line hockey championships in Toronto, Canada, however, the event was canceled due to an outbreak of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). He voiced his opinion that TSA operates one of the finest youth programs in the City and urged that it be kept afloat.

Craig Hama, president of TSA, thanked Councilmembers McIntyre, Nowatka, Mauno and Scotto for meeting with TSA representatives. He stated that TSA has produced many great results that cannot be seen on any financial statement, including Brittany Martin, a junior at South High School who started playing hockey at age 9 and was recently named to the 2003 National Women's Roller Hockey Team and selected as the Pacific District representative to the National Ice Hockey Development Camp last summer. He expressed concerns about the City's ability to make a long-term commitment to continuing TSA's programs in view of recent budget cuts and voiced his opinion that the community's interests would be better served by the City and the TSA working together, pooling their resources to ensure the continuation of these valuable programs.

Bud Carroll, TSA board member, noted that he has been part of TSA since its second season and has coached more than 80 children. He requested that the City not force TSA into bankruptcy, suggesting that the City could take over the operation if TSA falters.

Councilmember Lieu related his understanding that a \$200,000 lawsuit filed by one of TSA's creditors was the impetus for the filing of bankruptcy and questioned whether the City's action would be stayed due to the filing.

City Attorney Fellows stated that the City had no verification of the pending lawsuit or any information about TSA's decision to file for bankruptcy. He advised that should the Council decide to terminate the concession agreements, the action would be initially stayed by bankruptcy proceedings; that the City would have an opportunity to put its concerns before the bankruptcy court; and that it would be up to the court to decide what action ensues.

Councilmember Scotto indicated that he had met with representatives of TSA and understood the issues. He noted that he has coached and refereed for 20 years, that he ran an organization very similar to TSA, and that his son participated in TSA's hockey program when it first started. He stated that he sympathized with the volunteers, however, as a businessman, he felt the City was forced to do something due to TSA's financial condition. He expressed concerns that there might not be a program 6 months from now if the City does nothing, noting that the Council's No. 1 priority was to ensure that the program continues.

Councilmember Witkowsky wanted to make clear that she would have welcomed an opportunity to discuss her concerns with TSA representatives, but she was not contacted. She noted that while she has not been involved with roller hockey, she has

been involved with Little League for decades and recognizes the benefits of organized sports. Indicating that she was inclined to look at this matter from a business perspective, she stated that she was troubled by the fact that TSA has taken participants' money for two years, but neglected to pay its bills. She further stated that it was not true that the operation costs the City nothing because in addition to the cost of electricity, there are expenses associated with the maintenance of the park and the parking lot.

In response to Councilmember Mauno's inquiry, Recreation Services Administrator Jones confirmed that the Parks and Recreation Department would welcome volunteers who have participated in the hockey program, noting the wealth of experience the department has had utilizing volunteers in youth sports programs.

Councilmember McIntyre commented that it was clear from the many parents and children in the audience and the number of participants who have excelled in the sport that the TSA's hockey program is exceptional and worth saving. Indicating that she had had detailed discussions with TSA representatives, she stated that it was unfortunate that TSA's financial problems were not brought to the Council's attention earlier when it might have been easier to resolve them or at least come to some kind of an agreement. She stated that she was very impressed by the volunteer hours that have gone into the program for the past ten years and that she believed the people who run the program have done a remarkable job under very strained circumstances.

Mayor Walker offered his assurance that the Council was committed to the preservation of the skate program at Wilson Park for current and future generations and stated that he saw no alternative but to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director and the City Manager.

Councilmember Mauno expressed concerns that the hockey program might be disrupted if the City takes it over in the middle of the season and indicated that he favored allowing TSA to complete the season. He stated that this made sense from a business perspective because TSA has the resources to finish the season and there would be no out-of-pocket expense to the City. Noting the expense to the City if the Parks and Recreation Department steps in, he related his preference to give TSA a little more time and at the same time stretch tax dollars.

Councilmember Nowatka voiced his opinion that it was necessary for the City to take immediate action and that giving TSA additional time would only increase its debt. Noting that the organization's financial problems have been 21 months in the making, he pointed out that TSA's debt is already well over \$700,000; that there is a lawsuit and a bankruptcy pending; and that the City is not being reimbursed for utilities. He expressed concerns that the debt could rise to \$1 million in six months. He commented on the Park and Recreation Department's lengthy experience in running sports programs and working with volunteers and expressed confidence in the staff's ability to take over the hockey program.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by a 5-2 roll call vote, with Councilmembers Mauno and McIntyre dissenting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
RATIFYING THE TERMINATION OF CONCESSION AGREEMENTS C93-070
AND C2000-175, BETWEEN THE CITY AND TORRANCE SKATE
ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-157. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by a 5-2 roll call vote, with Councilmembers Mauno and McIntyre dissenting.

11f. ROLLER HOCKEY OPERATION AT WILSON PARK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that if City Council approves the termination of the concessions agreements with Torrance Skate Association that the following actions be taken:

- 1) Appropriate "one-time" funds in the amount of \$98,360 to purchase roller hockey equipment, pay for staff needed to operate the existing roller hockey program through the end of the current season, and perform capital improvements at the Rink;
- 2) Increase the 2003-2004 Parks and Recreation Enterprise Fund Expenditure Budget by \$131,930 and increase the Revenue Budget by \$136,742 for continued operation of a City managed roller hockey program for the remainder of the fiscal year;
- 3) Direct staff to submit budget modifications for annual operation of a City managed roller hockey program during the City's 2004-2005 budget revision process; and
- 4) Direct staff to explore operating options for the other venues: Batting Cages, Concession Stand, and Skateboard Park.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by a 5-2 roll call vote, with Councilmembers Mauno and McIntyre dissenting.

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The Council recessed from 8:38 p.m. to 8:46 p.m.

12. HEARINGS

12a. 2003 BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council review the meeting minutes of the 2003 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 \$7,894 from the Federal Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture account to provide for the matching cash funds; and
- 2) Approve and allocate the 2003 grant award, matching funds, and any future interest earned to the recommended projects.

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.

Police Lieutenant Rizzo indicated that he was available to answer any questions.

Mayor Walker invited public comment; as no one came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation to allocate \$78,942 in funds to the Cadet Program - \$23,942 and the Asset Management Weapons Tracking (FEAP 410) - \$55,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:49 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. City Clerk Herbers reminded voters to go to the polls on November 4 for the Torrance Unified School District and El Camino Community College District elections.

16b. Councilmember Lieu congratulated the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for putting on a terrific legislative leadership luncheon with Supervisor Don Knabe as the keynote speaker.

16c. Councilmember Lieu commented on his attendance at the Carson Torrance NAACP dinner, noting that it was a very enjoyable evening.

16d. Councilmember Mauno commended *Daily Breeze* reporter Jasmine Lee for doing an excellent job of covering Torrance events and wished her well in her new career as an attorney.

16e. Councilmember Mauno echoed comments on the NAACP dinner.

16f. Councilmember Mauno noted that he attended a recent competition where Torrance High School JNROTC won gold, silver and bronze medals.

16g. Councilmember McIntyre announced that according to a recent decision by the Public Utilities Commission, the 310 area code will not be changing.

16h. Councilmember Nowatka echoed comments regarding Jasmine Lee's work.

16i. Councilmember Nowatka congratulated Torrance High School JNROTC.

16j. Councilmember Scotto commended Jasmine Lee for doing a fine job.

16k. Councilmember Witkowsky stated that she also attended the Chamber of Commerce leadership luncheon and thought it was very informative.

16l. Councilmember Witkowsky commented on her attendance at the Torrance Fire Fighters Association retirement dinner.

16m. Mayor Walker invited everyone to participate in "Make a Difference Day" Saturday, October 25, at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center.

16n. Recreation Services Administrator Jones announced that the Harvest Health Fair would be held on Saturday, October 25, at Wilson Park.

16o. David Hensler, 3210 Singingwood Drive, asked that the Council support the many Torrance residents who oppose any development of the Palos Verdes landfill site due to the impact on air quality. City Manager Jackson stated that the City had received the Draft Environmental Impact Report and that it would be brought forward to the City Council. Mayor Walker commented on the need to study the report before taking a position and noted that appropriate action would be taken at the proper time.

16p. Councilmember Nowatka asked that staff respond to issues raised by the Torrance Police Retiree Organization.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:01 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attest:

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on January 13, 2004

Sue Sweet
Recording Secretary

City Council
October 21, 2003