

**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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 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: Assistant City Manager Giordano, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scotto.

Councilmember Nowatka 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Herbers reminded everyone that voting precincts would be open until 8:00 p.m.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and the public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Peg Simmons on display in the City Clerk's office through the end of November.

Fire Chief Bongard reminded the public of the monthly test of the ExxonMobil siren and the Community Alert system on Wednesday, November 5, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Councilmember Scotto announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee would meet on Tuesday, November 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2003

7b. IMPLEMENTATION OF RESIDENTIAL ULTRA-LOW FLUSH TOILET REBATE PROGRAM AND MASTER FUNDING AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a consulting services agreement with Honeywell DMC Services, Inc., not to exceed \$120,000, to implement a Residential Ultra-Low Flush Toilet (ULFT) Rebate Program;
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to enter into a letter agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) for approval of the Master Residential Water Conservation Plan Funding Agreement; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the consulting services agreement between the City and Honeywell DMC Services, Inc.

7c. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a consulting services agreement with Geo-Environmental, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$164,000 for geotechnical and geological engineering support, soil placement observation and materials testing for water and sewer capital improvement projects; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

7d. THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN DIGITAL, INC.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a third amendment to an existing contract services agreement with Northern Digital, Inc. (C2001-075), for a time extension to June 15, 2004 to complete the addition of the City's Metropolitan Water District (MWD) connections (T-5, T-6 & T-7); and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said amendment.

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

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOOD LANE 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. MODIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES RESOLUTION

Recommendation

Recommendation that City Council amend the Executive and Management Employees Resolution modifying the salary of the City Manager to reflect an increase of 2.32%, which is the same as the general employee increase.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2003-98 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-167. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11c. IMPLEMENTATION OF SALARY RANGE FOR AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING SUPERVISOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council adopt an amendment to the Resolution governing employees represented by the TPSA to implement the recommended salary range for the Air Conditioning and Heating Supervisor.

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. 2003-168

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 (TPSA)

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-168. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11d. IMPLEMENTATION OF PREMIUM FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ANALYST

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council adopt an amendment to the Resolution governing employees represented by the Engineers to implement the recommended premium for the Hazardous Materials Analyst.

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. 2003-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-129 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-169. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11e. FOURTH AMENDMENT TO PROPERTY LEASE FOR 3111 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the Fourth Amendment to Lease by and between the City of Torrance and Peyton Cramer Infiniti (C 1311) successor by merger to the interest of RI/PCI Merger Corp., for City owned property located at 3111 Pacific Coast Highway.

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

15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

15a. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3547

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1780-1922 OAK STREET AND 2367 JEFFERSON STREET FROM M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) TO P-D (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT)

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3547. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by a 6-1 roll call vote, with Councilmember Mauno dissenting.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 6:11 p.m. to 6:13 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine announced that the Employee Variety Show had raised a total of \$6,200 to benefit the American Cancer Society.

16b. Councilmember Lieu noted that he had attended the induction ceremony for the National Honor Society at Torrance High and congratulated the students who were inducted.

16c. Councilmember Mauno commented on the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Visionary Workshop held in Torrance, noting that this area has the 11th largest economy in the world and that a tremendous amount of population growth is projected over the next 20 years.

16d. Councilmember McIntyre commented on the achievements of Eagle Scout Steven Gunderson.

16e. Councilmember McIntyre announced the Residential Low-Flush Toilet Rebate program available in the City, which was approved at tonight's meeting (Item 7b).

16f. Councilmember Nowatka reported that the Armed Forces Committee had met earlier in the day; that the 45th annual parade and observance would be on May 15, 2004; and that the Navy was the featured branch of the service.

16g. Councilmember Nowatka echoed comments regarding Eagle Scout Steven Gunderson and the many accomplishments he has made in his fifteen years.

16h. Councilmember Witkowsky echoed comments regarding the money raised by the Employee Variety Show adding that an additional donation of \$600 was made to the Wellness Community.

16i. Mayor Walker commended Toyota Motor Sales for donating one million dollars to the American Red Cross to aid the people in the Los Angeles and surrounding counties affected by recent wildfires.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:21 p.m., the City Council 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 6:50 p.m.

City Manager Jackson announced that the City Council had concurred in principle with the counter proposal offered by the Torrance Police Officers Association with the following modification: delete the second line of the second to the last paragraph and add “if the insurance exceeds \$855/month the employee will pay the first \$75 up to \$930/per month. The City will pay any costs above \$930 up to \$1005. Above \$1005, the employee will pay.”

City Manager Jackson further stated that if TPOA agreed by November 4, 2003, the City Council would consider this a Memorandum of Intent and that a Memorandum of Understanding would be brought forward by November 18 for pay changes to go into effect with November 2 pay period.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the above-stated proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:51 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, November 11, 2003 will be a Council dark night.**

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
November 4, 2003