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At 8:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to **Tuesday, November 16, 2004**, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

November 9, 2004

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting at 5:31 p.m. on November 9, 2004, in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under 17.a) Conference with Labor Negotiator; and 17.b) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.8.

Councilmember Mauno left City Hall at 7:12 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Nowatka.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Scotto.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu 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 Witkowsky and a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu 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 (absent Councilmember Mauno).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson reported a request to hold items 11c and 11d for two weeks for meet and confer issues raised by the Torrance Municipal Employees Association AFSCME Local 1117 and he added that internal to item 11d is an individual who will be coming up for retirement and would like to move ahead with his retirement package, but the action does not affect the employee organization who raised the issues. Hearing no objection, Mayor Walker so ordered.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild Member Florence Strauss on view for the month of November in the office of the City Clerk and at the James Armstrong Theatre.

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications were being accepted for Commission appointments in January 2005 and are available from the City Clerk's office by contacting (310) 618-2870. Residents are welcome to attend Commission meetings to get the flavor of the work being done by the volunteers, and meeting schedules and additional information are available by contacting the City website or by calling the City Clerk.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK (WiN) POLICY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Recommendation of the **Workforce Investment Network (WiN) Policy Board** that City Council appoint and officially swear in Dr. John Schmitt, Torrance Unified School District, as member of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network (C/L/T WiN) Board.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved to approve the staff recommendation. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

City Clerk Herbers issued the oath to Dr. John Schmitt. Councilmember Nowatka extended his personal thanks to Dr. Schmitt for agreeing to serve again and he noted that Dr. Schmitt has been an important part of the Board of Directors and has served on the Teen Employment Network.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Walker noted that 7l would be considered under Administrative Matters and Councilmember Nowatka asked that item 7c be pulled for separate consideration.

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 17, 24, SEPTEMBER 14, 21, AND OCTOBER 5, 2004.

Recommendation

Approval of minutes of August 10, August 17, August 24, September 14, September 21, and October 5, 2004.

7b. LICENSE AGREEMENT RE TWO (2) GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a license agreement with ConocoPhillips Company, for two (2) groundwater monitoring wells.

7c. DONATION AND SALE OF 14 SURPLUS/OBSOLETE VEHICLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize the sale of one (1) surplus/obsolete vehicle to Torrance Unified School District, R.O.T.C. program and authorize Ken Porter Auction to facilitate the sale of thirteen (13) surplus/obsolete vehicles.

CONSIDERED OUT OF ORDER

7d. **HOMEWORK CENTER AT THE KATY GEISSERT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Librarian** that City Council accept and appropriate a gift in the amount of $9,623 from the Friends of the Torrance Library to be used to purchase software for the new Homework Center at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, and to procure the final phase of 'time out' software.

7e. **TIMING SYSTEM DONATION RE VICTOR E. BENSTEAD PLUNGE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council accept and appropriate a $6,000 donation from Bob Abramson for the purchase of a Colorado timing system for the Victor E. Benstead Plunge.

7f. **PURCHASE ORDER RE TRASH RECEPTACLES AT VARIOUS TRANSIT STOPS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Transit Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to LNi Custom Manufacturing, Inc. of Hawthorne CA in an amount not to exceed $225,000 for the special opportunity purchase and installation of trash receptacles to place at transit stops within City boundaries.

7g. **CONTRACT MODIFICATION RE COMPUTER MODULES FOR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** and the **Fire Chief** that City Council approve a modification in the amount of $14,600 to the existing contract with Gartner Consulting to search for Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management System, and Mobile Data Computer modules for both the Police and Fire Departments for a total expenditure of $139,200.

7h. **APPROPRIATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2004 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize the acceptance and appropriation of the FY2004 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of $24,774.34. These funds will be used to purchase specialized equipment for the Fire Department, which will enhance the City of Torrance capabilities to respond to terrorism incidents.

7i. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) GRANT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council accept and appropriate the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant (FEAP #491) in the amount of $14,500, which is the federal share (80%) of the approved project cost of $18,125. These funds will be used to retain professional consultant services to assist in reviewing documents and preparing an Area Plan as required by the Health & Safety Code.

7j. CONTRACT RE HANGAR REHABILITATION AT TORRANCE AIRPORT

Recommendation

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

1) Award a contract to Richard M. Lane Company for $786,396 with a 5% contingency of $39,320 for rehabilitation of 239 Hangars at Torrance Airport (FEAP #395);
2) Authorize a 10% project management fee of $78,640; and
3) Appropriate $199,001 from the Airport Enterprise Fund. (B2004-29)

City Manager note: The estimate for FEAP #395 was $710,000 and the bid was $786,396. The estimate was based on the square footage of the hangars and material costs of the previous hangar projects. The estimate did not include contingency and project management fees. This bid of $786,396 includes the roof repair and coating, painting and installation of gutters.

7k. CONTRACT RE GRAFFITI MAINTENANCE OF TRANSIT STOPS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Transit Director** that City Council approve a contract services agreement with Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc. for the maintenance of transit stops within City boundaries at an annual cost not to exceed $60,000.

7l. CITY OF TORRANCE WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 2004

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council approve the form of preliminary official statement related to the issuance of not to exceed $5,500,000 aggregate principal amount of City of Torrance Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004.

CONSIDERED OUT OF ORDER UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS Item 11G.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve items 7a and 7b and 7d through 7k as written. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno.)

7c. DONATION AND SALE OF 14 SURPLUS/OBSOLETE VEHICLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize the sale of one (1) surplus/obsolete vehicle to Torrance Unified School District, R.O.T.C. program and authorize Ken Porter Auction to facilitate the sale of thirteen (13) surplus/obsolete vehicles.

Councilmember Nowatka reported a long established relationship with the school district whereby surplus vehicles are given to them at a reduced amount. The 1997 Dodge Colt passenger van with over 80,000 miles on it is priced at $1,805 and is unique as it will be used by the ROTC program. He indicated that the Council had a great deal of flexibility with the way they can dispose of vehicles and he suggested that the vehicle be donated to the ROTC program thereby allowing the $1,805 to be used to improve the vehicle.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved to approve item 7c with the stipulation that the 1997 Dodge Colt passenger van be donated to the ROTC program. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

City Manager Jackson indicated that an appropriation out of other funds would have to be made to cover the transfer.

9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9a. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-138 RE MADISON STREET EASEMENT

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

1) Approve and adopt a RESOLUTION declaring the intention to vacate a portion of the street easement and future street easement along Madison Street between Senefeld Drive and Candlewood Road and setting December 14, 2004 as the date for the hearing thereon; and
2) Direct staff to meet with the neighborhood to explore the feasibility of privately maintaining the circular islands in the cul-de-sac of Eleda Drive and Courtney Way.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Witkowsky, Transportation Manager Semaan explained that the area would become part of the parkway normally in front of their homes or on the sides of their yards and they will be maintained as they normally are.

Councilmember Witkowsky observed that their parkway area would be increased and City Manager Jackson clarified that their usable lot space would be increased. He added that the City has had responsibility for the area as a potential street extension and this action would allow residents to recover that area and gain a larger build-able lot which they can modify or fence in.

Responding to Councilmember Witkowsky regarding the future need to widen the street, City Manager Jackson explained that property north of there would have to be condemned and the potential of needing the width of space no longer exists.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to accept the staff recommendation. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE STREET EASEMENT AND FUTURE STREET EASEMENT OF MADISON STREET BETWEEN SENEFELD DRIVE AND CANDLEWOOD ROAD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE RESOLUTION

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-138. Councilmember Lieu seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

10a. PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) SYSTEM UPGRADE

Recommendation of the **Communications & Information Technology Director** and the **Chief of Police** that City Council approve the expenditure of $242,000 to upgrade the Police Department's existing nine-operator-position Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) system.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to accept the staff recommendation. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (Councilmember Mauno).

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. TERMINATE THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR CAROLWOOD LANE AND SINGINGWOOD DRIVE

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

Assistant City Manager Giordano commended Building and Safety Director Isomoto, City Manager Jackson and City Attorney Fellows for bringing the matter to a successful conclusion. Councilmember Witkowsky commended the entire staff noting that the failure of the hill occurred early on in her service and staff had worked hard to give the homeowners as much support as possible while incurring costs in the process by hiring professionals to help stabilize the hill. She indicated being pleased to see that many homeowners had put the support in action.

Building and Safety Director Isomoto reported that several homeowners built sizable retaining walls and lowered the slopes to meet the safety standards in the most severe portion of the slide which has stabilized the center portion leading staff to conclude that the catastrophic effect of the slide no longer exists and removal of the state of emergency is justified.

Councilmember Nowatka also congratulated staff on the end of the state of emergency.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to accept the staff recommendation. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA TERMINATING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED ON CAROLWOOD LANE AND SINGINGWOOD DRIVE

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-139. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

11b. CHANGES TO SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a **Resolution** approving the changes to the South Bay Cities Council of Governments' Joint Powers Authority Agreement.

Management Aide Khajadourian reported that the Board of the South Bay Cities Council of Government recently reviewed the joint powers authority agreement created in 1995 when the 16 founding cities initially approved the agreement and formed the Council. The agreement has not been changed in 10 years and recently the Board made several changes to conform the document to the current practices. The six changes were approved by the Board on September 23, but amendments must be approved by each member city.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE CHANGES TO THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-140. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to hold items 11c and 11d for two weeks with the caveat that staff proceed with the retirement package for the senior accountant position in the finance department. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno.)

11c. FINANCE & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation of the **Finance and Governmental Operations Committee** that City Council concur with the following:

1) Accept the First Quarter 2004-2005 Budget Review Report;
2) Accept the City Treasurer's Investment Report;
3) Approve the allocation of Fiscal Year 2003-2004 carryover; and
4) Approve the department program modifications for:
   - Communication & Information Technology (CIT),
   - General Services,
   - Parks and Recreation,
   - Police, and Public Works.

Item to be considered on November 23, 2004.

11d. FINANCE AND GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURING

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** and the **City Manager** that City Council approve restructuring in the Finance and General Services departments to facilitate the implementation of future 2.5% budget reductions.

Item to be considered on November 23, 2004.

11e. JOB TRAINING PROJECT LEADER ALLOCATION

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve the reallocation of funding for one Job Training Project Leader position from the WiN budget to the Human Resources Department budget.

Human Resources Director Winer asked the Council to approve the temporary re-allocation of one position in the WiN budget to the Human Resources budget to provide additional staff support needed during the labor negotiations process. She also recommended appropriating funds from the contingency reserve to support the transfer.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to accept the staff recommendation for reallocation and appropriation of funds. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

11f. **RESOLUTION NO. 2004-141 RE AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING TECHNICIAN SALARY REVISIONS**

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a supplemental Memorandum of Understanding RESOLUTION for TME-AFSCME revising the salary of Air Conditioning and Heating Technician, adding 8.8% to the pay grid.

Linda Gottshall-Sayed, Donora Avenue, expressed concerns with the recommendation of an 8.8% increase to the pay grid noting the report indicated that recruitment efforts had yielded minimal applicants. She questioned whether the position had been advertised outside of the City as most Torrance employees do not live in the City and she also questioned whether the analysis of pay had taken benefits into consideration.

Ms. Gottshall-Sayed noted that the resolution would change the pay grid permanently and pointed out that an 8.8% increase is a significant amount of money for a City that is currently having trouble funding worthwhile causes. She found it troubling that the department would be able to cover the $20,000 increase by reducing supplies and noted that the following year that money would have to be taken from the General Fund. She questioned whether the increase to the budget included upping the pay scale for the two existing employees which would be only fair, but would cost some money.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence reported advertising in local area papers and searching trade journals for qualified candidates. She noted a shortage of qualified candidates and indicated that they had looked at comparable agencies in the City as well as at private sectors including benefits packages and although there would be an increase to the grid, Torrance would still not be comparable to many municipalities or private companies. She noted that this action is an effort to try to get in line with internal salaries and Mr. Lee and AFSCME are aware of the pay issues, and as far as the incumbents, they will eventually benefit from the increase but the intent is to recruit at the appropriate level.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation to revise the pay grid. Councilmember Lieu seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-141

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION 2003-99 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNCIPAL EMPLOYEES – AFSCME, LOCAL 1117.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-141. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

11g. **RESOLUTION NO. 2004-142 RE CITY OF TORRANCE WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS**

Formerly item 7I.

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council approve the form of preliminary official statement related to the issuance of not to exceed $5,500,000 aggregate principal amount of City of Torrance Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004.

Finance Director Tsao stated that this was the last action required by Council prior to the refunding and sale of water revenue bonds and if the item is approved the sale will go forth in mid December. He noted that the savings to the Water Enterprise Fund is approximately $50,000 annually, reducing the outstanding average coupon on the bonds from 6.2% to 3.45%.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember Mauno).

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT RELATED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BOND SERIES 2004 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-142. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 7:43 p.m. to 7:44 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. Councilmember Lieu congratulated President Bush on his re-election and expressed hope that the country would unite behind him.

16b. Councilmember Lieu congratulated Congresswoman Harmon on her re-election and Mike Gordon on his election to the 53rd Assembly Seat replacing George Nakano. Councilmember Lieu noted some Mr. Nakano's accomplishments and asked that the Council concur on a resolution to honor him.

16c. Councilmember Lieu congratulated City Herbers and her staff for their helpful assistance of voters on election day with the record turnout. He noted that six employees had served as poll workers: Cheryl Shafagat, Michael George, Jasmin Manupid, Dennis Kobata, John Landis, Marty Zucker and Sue Walters.

16d. Councilmember Lieu reported attending the annual dinner for the YMCA with fellow YMCA board members Mike Mauno and John Fellows, and he congratulated Linda Gottshall-Sayed on receiving an award.

16e. Councilmember Lieu announced a bone marrow donation drive on Saturday, October 30 and City Manager Jackson indicated that it would be held at the Cultural Arts Center with more information available by contacting City staff at (310) 618-5880. Councilmember Nowatka clarified that a screening process would take place that day, not the actual donation.

16f. Councilmember McIntyre congratulated the 62,000+ voters who turned out for the election and she thanked City Clerk Herbers for her hard work on the election.

16g. Councilmember McIntyre announced a free event on Wednesday, November 17 at the ATTiC entitled "Private Colleges May Be For You Even Though You Don't Think So." She added that high school counselors would be available and application processes would be covered in depth.

16h. Councilmember Scotto announced a Torrance Theatre Company production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" running in November with more information available by calling (310) 781-7171.

16i. Councilmember Scotto indicated that sign ups to decorate the Rose Float would be held on November 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

16j. Councilmember Witkowsky thanked the public for supporting Proposition 1A which has been brought forward by all cities in the state of California with the support of Governor Schwarzenegger. The passing of Proposition 1A will prevent the state from taking money from local tax revenues and auto sales tax to balance the state budget, and is proof that grassroots efforts to make things happen work.

16k. Councilmember Witkowsky thanked all the men and women in the service for past and present wars noting that their contributions would be celebrated on Veteran's Day.

16l. Mayor Walker thanked everyone for participating in the election, noting that the large turn out showed great interest in the community and the process.

16m. Mayor Walker asked the concurrence of Council to have the Street Sign Committee look at renaming 195th Street to Toyota Way as it goes all the way through Toyota property.

16n. David Henseler, Singingwood Drive, requested that Councilmembers bring forward a limit imposed on the total amount of campaign contributions that can be accepted or spent on a Mayoral or City Council election by an individual who is running as he felt it would be in the best interests of the City and level the playing field for new candidates.

16o. Geri Lloyd, Carmelynn Street, commented on several difficulties she faced as a poll worker and she thanked Councilmember Mauno, Jay Griffin, Judy Emerson and Jay Scharfman for their help with the removal of a pepper tree from the parkway in front of her home. She apologized to City Manager Jackson regarding her conduct at the City Council meeting of July 20th and asked that speakers address the Council with respect.

16p. Greg Ferguson, AFSCME Local 1117, distributed materials to the Council and expressed displeasure with Councilmember Scotto for remarks critical of the union noting that he had accepted their support when running for City Council in 2000.

16q. Alan Lee, AFSCME Local 1117, reported that employees Daphne Wilkins and Robert Ward had lost children in a car accident in Compton.

He commented that unions had always been involved in politics and had contributed toward the passing of Proposition 1A. Mr. Lee was displeased with the conduct of Tom Brewer who took issue with a union member expressing political views and facilitated that member's interrogation by the Deputy Police Chief.

He indicated that the union had supported Councilmember Scotto when he ran for City Council and did not appreciate his comments in a letter to the Daily Breeze and statements at a Council meeting that if the unions spend a lot of money to support an issue it should send up a red flag.

16r. Linda Gottshall-Sayed, West Torrance Homeowners Association, reminded everyone that only 39% of union members vote in Torrance and she felt Mr. Lee had been disrespectful toward Councilmember Scotto who volunteers his time. She asserted that Mr. Scotto had raised a reasonable question when he asked why a labor union was backing a measure that addressed the date of the election when there is no guarantee that any cost savings would benefit any City employees and she pointed out that Mr. Lee did not represent the majority of Torrance voters in the union because the majority of those members do not live here.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered previously.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to **Tuesday, November 16, 2004**, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

/s/ Dan Walker
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Attest:

/s/ Sue Herbers
Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on January 25, 2005