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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – DECEMBER 21, 1999

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At 7:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

December 21, 1999

**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, December 21, 1999, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

*At 5:30 p.m., City Clerk Herbers announced aloud in Council Chambers that a quorum was not present, but was expected at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: Councilman Messerlian.

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

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Agenda Item 16 was considered out of order at this time.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:30 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), and 54956.9(c), the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:16 p.m.

Pursuant to the Brown Act, Deputy City Attorney Whitham reported for the record that during closed session the City Council had approved the settlement of the lawsuit of Buck v. City of Torrance and Fernando de Moraes, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 060028, and that, as part of that settlement, the Council was revoking its approval of Precise Plan PRE99-00004 (Resolution 99-113) regarding the property located at 234 Via Pasqual.

City Attorney Fellows advised that due to the fact that TMC §91.41.6 e is unenforceable, an amendment to the Hillside Ordinance will be brought before the Council at the January 11, 2000, meeting.

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2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nancy Clinton of the Torrance Air Fair Association.

Captain Don Gilger, The Salvation Army, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Lee 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 Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilman Messerlian).

MOTION: Councilman Lee 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 Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilman Messerlian).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Herbers reminded the public that applications are being accepted for commission appointments in January with applications available in the City Clerk's Office.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the County of Los Angeles was seeking precinct/poll workers for the March 7, 2000, election, and that anyone interested may call the Registrar/Recorder at (800) 815-2666.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION NO. 99-139 RE CITY OF LAWNSDALE

RESOLUTION NO. 99-139

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF LAWNSDALE
UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-139. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

To be presented at a later date.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material available at the meeting on Consent Calendar Items 7g and 7n.

7a. **AGREEMENT RE WATER RECLAMATION PROJECT RETROFITS AND SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an Agreement with Project Partners, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$26,200 for construction management and inspection services for:
 - a) Water Reclamation Project Retrofits of Columbia Park and Magruder School, I-12; and
 - b) Dominguez Street/Madrid Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement, I-36;
- 2) Authorize a 5% contingency for said Agreement in the amount of \$1,310; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest said Agreement.

7b. **ANNUAL AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER LEASE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve an amendment to the Airport Control Tower lease with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

7c. **CONTRACT RE SECURITY OF CITY YARD**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council award a contract to Wells Fargo Guard Services for a 7-month period at a cost not to exceed \$49,000.

7d. **PURCHASE ORDERS RE CITY VEHICLES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize purchase orders through the State of California, for the purchase of one (1) Dodge cargo van, three (3) Chevrolet Malibu sedans, seven (7) Dodge pick-up trucks, and one (1) Dodge cab and chassis, as a cooperative purchase with the State of California and \$1,969.77 service charge to the State for use of their contracts.

7e. **LEASE RE ELECTRONIC MAIL PROCESSING SYSTEM**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize a 48 month lease for an amount not to exceed \$51,752.00 to Pitney Bowes of Los Angeles, CA, for the lease of an electronic mail processing system as a Special Opportunity Purchase.

7f. **2000 AIR FAIR AGREEMENT**

Considered separately, see pages 6-7.

7g. **EXTENSION OF LIABILITY CLAIMS CONTRACT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve a contract amendment extending the current contract with Ward North America, Inc. for the months of January and February 2000, at a cost of \$15,000.

7h. **CONTRACT RE CLASSES AT GREENWOOD PARK**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council approve an agreement hiring Family Fun Time as the provider of pre-school classes at Greenwood Park in an amount not to exceed \$84,480.

7i. **GRANT AWARD TO TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC.**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council approve the grant request from Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc. in the amount of \$4,800.

7j. **CONTRACT RE CLASSES AT TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council approve an agreement hiring SuperKids as the provider of gymnastics classes at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, not to exceed \$91,020.00.

7k. **LEASE AGREEMENT RE NEW PRINTING AND PUBLISHING SYSTEM**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Director of General Services that City Council authorize the replacement of the existing leased Xerox printing and publishing system, and enter into a new 5 year lease with Xerox of Los Angeles, CA for a new, high-speed photocopying color processing, network integrated printing and publishing system utilizing the County of Los Angeles price agreement with Xerox in an annual amount not to exceed \$238,707.72.

7l. **PURCHASE ORDER RE STANDARD PERSONAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Systems Director that City Council authorize a purchase order for the purchase of standard personal computer software to Compucom for an amount not to exceed \$190,000.

7m. **MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RE HARDWARE SERVICES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Systems Director that City Council authorize the continuance of a yearly maintenance agreement for hardware services with Decision One Corporation of Ontario, California. The agreement is to cover

maintenance of (2) VAX mini computers, computer peripherals, and one (1) Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS). Expenditure: Not-to-exceed \$31,125.00.

7n. AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

Considered separately, see page 6.

7o. SUPPORT FOR KASHIWA MUNICIPAL SYMPHONIC BAND ACTIVITIES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and the General Services Director that City Council approve the use of the City's reserve for program contingencies to fund rental fees at the Cultural Arts Center in the amount of \$1,015 as requested by the Torrance Sister City Association for the Kashiwa Municipal Symphonic Band concert, rehearsals and reception.

7p. ACCEPTANCE OF JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT FUNDING

Recommendation

Joint recommendation of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Human Resources Director of the City of Torrance that City Council:

- 1) Accept an additional \$40,000 in 8%-30% funds from the State and appropriate it to the Employment and Training Division Budget, for a total of \$80,000 in funds for this grant during the current program year; and
- 2) Approve an amendment to the contract with Los Angeles Unified School District adding \$34,000 (bringing the agreement total to \$68,000) and serving an additional 13 youth (bringing the participant total to 26 youth).

7q. JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENT RE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council authorize the execution of a JTPA agreement with the City of Long Beach to provide employment and training services ending June 30, 2000.

7r. SETTLEMENT OF U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SUPERFUND REMEDIATION ACTION RE CASMALIA DISPOSAL SITE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council authorize a settlement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency of the Casmalia Disposal Site Superfund remediation action in an amount not to exceed \$16,463.

7s. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT RE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve the third amendment to the agreement with Children's Discovery Centers extending the agreement for three months.

7t. AGREEMENT RE CROSSROADS DATABASE COLLISION SOFTWARE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council approve a Consulting Services Agreement with Crossroads Software of Brea, California, in an amount not to exceed \$24,905.34 for the sole source purchase and installation of the Crossroad Database Collision Software.

7u. FUNDING FOR REPAIR OF RIGGING SYSTEM AT ARMSTRONG THEATER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve appropriation of \$17,461.60 from the Cultural Arts Center fund balance to be used for the repair of the James Armstrong Theater's rigging system.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written, with the exception of Items 7f and 7n. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

Consent Calendar Items 7f and 7n were considered separately at this time.

7n. SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize the sale of six (6) surplus vehicles.

Referring to supplemental material on this item, General Services Director Tilden explained that the department had decided to retain one of the vehicles, the 1984 Mobil Street Sweeper, for use as a reserve vehicle for street sweeping operations. He noted that it will be part of the rental fleet available for use by other City departments.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to authorize the sale of five (5) surplus vehicles. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs; and hearing no objection, Mayor Hardison so ordered (absent Councilman Messerlian).

7f. 2000 AIR FAIR AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Airport Commission that City Council approve the 2000 Air Fair Agreement between the City of Torrance and the Torrance Air Fair Association (TAFA), for the Air Fair to be conducted at Zamperini Field on July 15 and 16, 2000. The Airport Commission further recommends that the City of Torrance give consideration to adjusting the City's contribution to the 2000 Torrance Air Fair pursuant to discussions with TAFA.

Mr. David Ouwkerk, Chair of the Airport Commission, advised that the Airport Commission was requesting that the Council give consideration to increasing the City's

contribution to the Air Fair because, while the fair has grown over the years, the City's contribution has remained the same.

Referring to the staff report, Mayor Hardison pointed out that, in addition to \$15,000 in City funding, various City departments provided materials, equipment and labor totaling \$24,560 for the 1999 Air Fair. She related her understanding that, although this is the first time these costs have been itemized, they have also increased along with the expansion of the fair.

Ms. Nancy Clinton, representing the Torrance Air Fair Association, commented on TAFE's commitment to provide family-oriented entertainment at an affordable price. She explained that, as the Air Fair has grown in popularity, expenses have increased considerably for fuel, insurance, security, parking, and hospitality for military personnel. She noted that TAFE is working diligently to obtain corporate sponsors to help offset these increases.

Mayor Hardison stated that she believed the Council needed more information on the financial history of the Air Fair before making any decision on additional funding. Councilman Walker concurred and recommended that the Council approve the agreement and defer the matter of additional funding to a later date.

Mayor Hardison indicated that she would contact Ms. Clinton regarding exactly what information the Council would like her to provide.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve the 2000 Air Fair Agreement and to defer consideration of additional funding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee; and hearing no objection, Mayor Hardison so ordered (absent Councilman Messerlian).

9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9a. APPROVAL OF CITYWIDE BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council adopt a resolution approving the Citywide Bicycle Master Plan.

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material available at meeting.

Mayor Hardison commented that she was pleased that the plan includes provisions for the maintenance of the existing bikeways.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry, Planning Director Gibson confirmed that by adopting the Citywide Bicycle Master Plan, the City will become eligible to apply for State funding.

Ms. Ruth Barnes, 2601 Victoria Street, Rancho Dominguez, noted that, although she no longer lives in Torrance, she spent five years on the Torrance Bicycle Advisory Team and provided input on the proposed Master Plan. She voiced support for the plan but stated that she wished that Artesia Boulevard could have been included.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-140

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A BICYCLE MASTER PLAN
FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-140. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

10a. ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH MOBIL OIL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council approve and execute an Encroachment Agreement with Mobil Oil Corporation for the operation and maintenance of the Crenshaw Safety Barriers on Crenshaw Boulevard between Del Amo Boulevard and 190th Street.

Planning Director Gibson reported that the Encroachment Agreement will allow Mobil to install traffic gates on Crenshaw Boulevard, as required by the Consent Decree, to prevent vehicles from entering the area in the event of an accidental release of toxic gases at the refinery.

Mayor Hardison requested an update on the time frame for completion of the project.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve and execute an Encroachment Agreement with Mobil Oil Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**11a. APPROVAL OF CLASS SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE
FOR STREET OPERATIONS MANAGER**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the newly created class specification for Street Operations Manager. The Human Resources Director recommends the adoption of an amendment to implement the recommended salary. The Torrance Management Employees Organization (TMEO) concurs with this recommendation.

Human Resources Analyst Lindberg reported that Street Operations Manager was a newly created position, to manage the Operations Division of the Street Department, responsible for street maintenance, traffic lighting and airport maintenance functions.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve the class specifications for Street Operations Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

RESOLUTION NO. 99-141

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 99-72
GOVERNING EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY TORRANCE
MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION**

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-141. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

11b. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT OF REAL PROPERTY FROM BAUMAN FAMILY TRUST

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council accept a gift of Real Property from the Bauman Family Trust known as the triangle property of approximately 5,000 square feet bounded by Newton Street and 242nd Street in the City of Torrance.

Management Assistant Wren reported that the actual size of the parcel would be clarified before the transfer is recorded and related her understanding that it falls somewhere between one-quarter and one-eighth of an acre.

Mr. William Beverly, representing the Bauman Family Trust, stated that the Rotary Club had committed to landscaping this property for the City.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to accept the gift of real property from the Bauman Family Trust. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. City Manager Jackson wished everyone a safe, joyous holiday season and an uneventful New Year.

15b. Street Services Director Bell announced that Christmas trees will be picked up from December 27, 1999 through January 13, 2000. He noted that trees must be cut in half and placed at the curb 4 feet from automated trash containers, with the stand, tinsel and ornaments removed.

15c. Councilman Horwich wished everyone a healthy, happy New Year.

Councilman Lee wished everyone Happy Holidays.

15d. Noting that the Torrance Unified School District had inquired about using Council Chambers for their meetings, Councilman Lee stated that he would like to see if it can be arranged.

15e. Councilwoman O'Donnell extended holiday wishes to all.

Councilman Walker wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mayor Hardison wished health and prosperity to all.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council declared Tuesday, December 28, 1999, and Tuesday, January 4, 2000, as Council dark nights and at 7:55 p.m., adjourned to Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Attest:

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on February 8, 2000