

February 4, 2003

**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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 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: 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 Nowatka.

Pastor Daniel Moriarity, Ascension Lutheran, gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

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 Nowatka, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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 Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone that the monthly test of the ExxonMobil siren and the Community Alert system would be Wednesday, February 5, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Councilmember Nowatka announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee would hold a joint meeting with the Torrance Unified School District on Wednesday, February 5, at 4:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Assembly Room regarding soda vending on school and city property.

Councilmember Scotto announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee would meet on Tuesday, February 18, in the City Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m. for the Mid-year Budget Review.

City Clerk Herbers announced vacancies on the Civil Service Commission and the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission and that applications would be accepted until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, with appointment to be made at the February 25 City Council meeting.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the acrylics of Torrance Artist Guild member Georgeann Robertson in the City Clerk's office through the end of February.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the Columbia space shuttle crew.

Mayor Walker announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Thursday January 30, 2003, the City Manager received a proposal from Eli Alexander regarding the terms and conditions of the lease for premises located at 25320 Bellanca Way at the Torrance Airport. As an immediate response by the City Council was necessary, the City Manager requested that City Council add an executive session to the agenda and discuss the matter in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. In order to take action on a matter not listed on the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Council that immediate action is required and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto, seconded by Councilmember McIntyre, moved to add the item to the agenda; the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2002**

7b. **PURCHASE OF COVERT BODY WIRE TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER EQUIPMENT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council authorize the appropriation and allocation of \$15,000 from the U. S. Treasury Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture account to FEAP #382 to purchase Covert Body Wire Transmitter/ Receiver equipment and accessories for use by the Police Department.

7c. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE DESIGN SERVICES FOR KEN MILLER RECREATION CENTER**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve an amendment to Reuter & Reuter Inc. C2002-076 for \$6,000 for an amount not-to-exceed \$22,325 and extend the contract term from March 26, 2003 to December 31, 2003; and
- 2) Appropriate \$6,000 from the Cultural Arts Center Enterprise Fund to the Ken Miller Recreation Center Renovation FEAP #286.

7d. **ECONOMIC INVESTMENT FUND ASSISTANCE: ROBINSON HELICOPTER EXPANSION PROJECT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to an agreement between Robinson Helicopter and the City of Torrance to provide \$69,277 in Economic Investment Fund (EIF) assistance to relocate and construct a new sewer line as part of their expansion project located at 2901 Airport Drive.

7e. **LAS CANCHAS LEASE RENEWAL**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council approve the Las Canchas lease renewal C2000-070 with Courtney Weichsel Hance, director of the South Bay Tennis Center.

7f. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE MICROTURBINE PROJECT**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve a contract amendment to Teng Construction of California, Inc. C2002-198 of Glendale, CA for \$14,038.48 for a total contract amount of \$68,318.48 and extend the contract term from December 31, 2002 to December 31, 2003; and
- 2) Appropriate \$14,038.48 from FEAP #239 Design and Implementation-Energy Conservation to FEAP #292 Microturbine Installation.

7g. **PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council appropriate \$35,000 from the Police Department's Computer Replacement Fund for the replacement of hardware and software on an as needed basis in support of the Police Department's Information Technology Program.

7h. **APPROPRIATION/ALLOCATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council appropriate and allocate \$25,000 from the Department of Justice Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture account to FEAP #383 to replenish the Asset Forfeiture Miscellaneous Projects account.

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

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **CONTINUATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOOD/
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 Drive and Singingwood Drive.

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

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The Redevelopment Agency met from 6:11 p.m. to 6:14 p.m.

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16. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

16a. Councilmember Lieu reported that he had attended the Torrance Employee Service Awards dinner and was impressed with the level of service and commitment by the employees. He congratulated Frank Duarte of the Parks and Recreation Department on reaching 45 years of service.

16b. Councilmember Mauno expressed condolences to the families of the Columbia crew.

16c. Councilmember McIntyre echoed comments on the outstanding awards dinner and expressed condolences to the families of the shuttle crew.

16d. Councilmember McIntyre commended former commissioner Doug Stenhouse on his watercolor show at the Malaga Cove public library in January.

16e. Councilmember Nowatka congratulated staff on hosting a wonderful service awards dinner and echoed condolences to the families of the shuttle crew.

16f. Councilmember Scotto echoed comments on a great service awards dinner and also expressed condolences to the Columbia crew families.

16g. Councilmember Witkowsky expressed condolences to the Columbia crew families and noted that she enjoyed attending the Employee Service Awards dinner.

16h. Mayor Walker echoed comments that the Employee Service Awards dinner was outstanding.

16i. Mayor Walker echoed Councilmember McIntyre's comments on Doug Stenhouse noting he had once served with him on the Planning Commission.

16j. Mayor Walker announced that a BMW dealership would be coming to Torrance setting up business at the former Buick dealership location.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ADDED TO AGENDA (See page 2)

d. REAL PROPERTY - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
(California Government Code § 54956.8):

- 1. Property: Collins-Dietrich
25320 Bellanca Way
- Negotiating Parties: LeRoy J. Jackson and Eli Alexander
- Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of lease

At 6:20 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to discuss the matter added to the agenda. The Council reconvened at 6:26 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:26 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 11, 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:

/s/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on April 8, 2003