

March 20, 2007

**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 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Brewer, Drevno, McIntyre, Nowatka, Sutherland, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: Councilmember Witkowsky.

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

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation, 18C) Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation, and 18D) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government § 54957.6, 54956.9 (b)(3)(B), 54956.9 (c), and 54956.9 (a).

The City Council reconvened at 7:09 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 Cub Scout Pack #211, Brian Connett, Scoutmaster.

City Clerk Herbers gave the non-sectarian invocation.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA / MOTION TO  
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

City Clerk Herbers reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, March 15, 2007.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland 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 McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson noted that Item 12B was being deferred to the March 27, 2007 City Council meeting.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Brewer announced that the City Council meeting of April 17 would be held at the South High School Gym at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Pauline Greer, retired City employee, who passed away on March 16, 2007.

Public Works Director Beste provided an update on the development of Water Well No. 6 located on Yukon south of Artesia.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6. **GREEN WASTE COLLECTION PILOT PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council review information regarding the implementation of a pilot program for the curbside collection of residential green waste.

Sanitation Services Manager Knapp, in a PowerPoint presentation, reviewed the green waste collection pilot program. He noted that program will involve the areas encompassed by the Northwest Torrance Homeowners Association and the Riviera Homeowners Association, and that it will last 12 months, after which it will be determined based on the level of participation whether it is feasible to implement the program throughout the City.

Responding to questions from the Council, Sanitation Services Manager Knapp confirmed that staff will investigate the possibility of using split trucks that can collect both green waste and recyclables should the program go citywide. He reported that it is hoped that the City can achieve the waste reduction goal of 50% with the addition of the green waste program and eventually have more recyclables and green waste than refuse.

7. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, invited the public to the museum on Saturday, March 24, for a film presentation on the history of burlesque *All Gussied Up!* and a book signing by Liz Goldwyn, author of *Pretty Things, the Last Generation of American Burlesque Queens*.

**7B.** Leo Lewis, Knolls Lodge, expressed concerns regarding management practices of Kort & Scott, including rent increase and parking fees, and submitted for the record a DVD of an Antioch City Council meeting regarding similar issues.

**7C.** Anna Nichols, Knolls Lodge, read a letter by Janet Watters printed in the *Daily Breeze* for the record.

**7D.** Ben Goldman, Knolls Lodge, echoed concerns regarding management practices by Kort & Scott.

**7E.** Mayor Scotto reported that he has a meeting scheduled with Kort & Scott in the coming week.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 23, 2007**

**8B. SUBSIDY OF RENTAL FEES OF KEN MILLER AUDITORIUM**

**Recommendation**

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council subsidize rental fees for the Ken Miller Auditorium at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center for the Torrance Relay For Life Cancer Survivor Reception on March 27, 2007 in the amount of \$415.75.

**8C. MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RE WILSON PARK SPORTS CENTER, ROLLER HOCKEY AND SKATE PARK FACILITES**

**Recommendation**

The **Community Services Director** recommends that City Council approve an amendment to agreement with Priority Building Maintenance (C2005-200) in the amount of \$24,336 for a total not to exceed amount of \$47,268 for the annual custodial maintenance at the Wilson Park Sports Center, Roller Hockey and Skate Park Facilities.

**8D. PURCHASE AGREEMENT RE IRRIGATION PVC AND SPRINKLER PARTS**

**Recommendation**

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council authorize renewal of an existing annual purchasing agreement with Aqua-Flo Supply Inc. of Torrance, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to furnish irrigation PVC and sprinkler parts on an as needed basis. The subject purchasing agreement will be effective April 28, 2007 through April 27, 2008.

**8E. PURCHASE/INSTALLATION OF LOCKERS AT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Recommendation**

The **Chief of Police** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a purchase order be awarded to Engineered Storage Systems, City of Industry, CA for the purchase and installation of new lockers and the removal and disposal of existing lockers at the Police Department for a total of \$86,373.12, including sales tax; and
- 2) Transfer \$3,873.12 from the Police Department operating budget to FEAP #565 (Replacement of Officers' Lockers Capital Project).

**8F. AGREEMENT RE SUBLEASE AT ROLLING HILLS SHOPPING CENTER**

**Recommendation**

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council authorize a Landlord Consent, Non-disturbance, Recognition, Attornment and Estoppel Agreement by the City of Torrance and for the benefit of Peet's Operating Company, Inc and its successors and assigns for a Sublease with the Schwartz Investment Company, Inc., on City-owned property known as Rolling Hills Shopping Center located at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.

**8G. CONSENT TO SUBLEASE TO KINECTA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

**Recommendation**

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council consent to an amendment to an existing sub-lease to Kinecta Federal Credit Union for an aggregate term of 20 years and square footage that exceeds 10% of the project known as Madison Park located on City-owned property leased to JAS Madison I, LLC on Pacific Coast Highway between Madison and Aero Way in the City of Torrance.

**8H. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE TELEPHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT**

**Recommendation**

The **Communications and Information Technology Director** recommends that City Council authorize a second amendment to the consulting services agreement with PlanNet Consulting LLC, of Brea, CA, (C2005-055) for a one-year term due to unanticipated delays in designing, bidding, and implementing the telephone system replacement.

**8I. AGREEMENT RE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

**Recommendation**

The **Finance Director** recommends that City Council approve and execute a consulting services agreement with MuniFinancial for a term of up to three years in the amount not to exceed \$80,000 to provide assessment engineering services for the Street Lighting Assessment District. The contract has the option to extend the term for two additional "one year" renewals in the amount of \$25,000 for year 2011 and \$25,000 for year 2012.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Drevno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8I. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**12. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**12A. PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER COMPENSATION**

**Recommendation**

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 2005-110 governing employees represented by TME-AFSCME to unilaterally implement the recommended salary range and compensation package for the Public Safety Dispatcher as follows:

- 8 step salary grid, ranging from \$20.55 to \$28.91 per hour.
- Creation of the following premiums:
  - Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) Certification
  - Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Certification
  - Training Pay
  - Bilingual Pay

In addition, it is recommended that the City Council amend the resolution to implement a modification to the Premium for Training Pay for Police Communications Operators.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence briefly reviewed the recommended salary range and compensation package.

Ron Johnson, AFSCME, Local 1117, requested that action on this item be postponed for one week so that union representatives could meet and confer with management to try to resolve the impasse regarding compensation for longtime Police Communication Operators. He noted that this matter was submitted for fact finding and the fact finder ruled in the union's favor.

Mayor Scotto, noting that this matter has been under discussion for three years, indicated that he was not inclined to postpone taking action on it.

City Manager Jackson clarified that the fact finder determined that there were no factual issues in dispute and made advisory recommendations, which the City declined to implement.

Tim Mackey, AFSCME, Local 1117, noted for the record that the fact finder offered three proposals, all of which the City declined to implement.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-26**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-110 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES – AFSCME, LOCAL 1117

**MOTION:** Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-26. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

#### **12B. EXAMINATION FOR DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

##### **Recommendation**

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Defer the City Manager's and employees' appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision as to eligibility for the ordered promotional examination for Deputy Public Works Director to which the appellants have agreed;
- 2) Concur in the concept of using the same eligibility used for department head promotional exams for Deputy or Assistant Department Heads and refer the attended proposed ordinance to the Civil Service Commission for its consideration and recommendation; and
- 3) Assign the long-term issues related to Civil Service and non-Civil Service employees to the Council's Employee Relations Committee.

Item was deferred to March 27, 2007 at the request of the Engineers Association.

#### **13. HEARINGS**

##### **13A. 2007 PHA ANNUAL PLAN FOR SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

##### **Recommendation**

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council conduct a public hearing, consider any comments received during the hearing, and approve the 2007 PHA Annual Plan for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.

Mayor Scotto 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.

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve the 2007 PHA Annual Plan for Section 8 Rental Assistance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3691**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3691**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3 AND DELETING SECTION 4 OF ARTICLE 18 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION ON AGING

**MOTION:** Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3691. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:50 p.m. to 7:51 p.m.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**17A.** Councilmember Nowatka, with the concurrence of Council, asked to have staff bring back an item on combining the Harvest Health Fair and the Salvation Army Senior Fair.

**17B.** Councilmember Nowatka announced that the Torrance Police Department was hosting "Tip a Cop" at the Elephant Bar on Thursday, March 22, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., to raise funds for the Special Olympics program.

**17C.** Mayor Scotto announced that Emergency Services personnel and the EPREP Team have been updating the City of Torrance Disaster Plan and have recommended that oversight of animal control disaster volunteers be shifted to the City's Animal Control Program. He requested that this matter be referred to the Public Safety Committee to discuss how this revision will function and allow for public comment.

**17D.** Mayor Scotto announced that on Tuesday, April 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Toyota would be sponsoring a Clean Energy Expo hosted by Congresswoman Harman. He noted that the event will be held at the Toyota South Campus at 19801 South Western Avenue and will include tips on how to conserve energy in the home.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

***Adjourned in Memory of  
Pauline Greer***

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on May 1, 2007

Sue Sweet  
Recording Secretary