

June 12, 2001

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2001, in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Messerlian, Nowatka, Scotto, Witkowsky and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: Councilmember Walker.

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

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Fellows announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on June 7, 2001 his office became aware of existing facts and circumstances that created significant exposure to litigation and requested City Council consideration in closed session.

In order to take action on a matter that is not on the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Council that immediate action is necessary and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to add the item to the agenda. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

The Council reconvened at 7:03 p.m. in Council Chambers, absent Councilmember Walker.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #310, Bruce Maass, Scoutmaster.

The invocation was given by Pastor Gary Leary, Branch of Life Foursquare Church.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs 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 hearing no objection Mayor Hardison so ordered, absent Councilmember Walker.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs 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 hearing no objection, Mayor Hardison so ordered, absent Councilmember Walker.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Witkowsky announced that the Public Safety Committee previewed the Torrance police recruitment video earlier in the afternoon.

Councilmember Scotto announced a meeting of the Ad Hoc Veterans Memorial Committee on Wednesday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Assembly Room.

City Clerk Herbers invited the City Council and the public to attend a free public forum sponsored by the Torrance League of Women Voters on Creating a Livable Community (in association with the Kettering Foundation) using the topic of A Nice Place to Live: Choices for a Vital Community on Monday, June 18 in the meeting room at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. PROCLAMATION RE PAT WRIGHT

Proclamation commending Pat Wright for her years of service and extending best wishes upon her retirement from the Torrance Unified School District.

City Clerk Herbers read the proclamation information for the record and Mayor Hardison indicated that Mrs. Wright was unable to attend the meeting and the proclamation would be presented at a later date.

6b. INTRODUCTION OF SISTER CITY EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Mayor Hardison introduced Torrance Sister City Association President Ray Roulette who introduced Natalie Chen, Gina Landon, Rachel Maroney, Joshua Ozima, Jonathan Patton, and Carissa Woo, West High School; Daniel Mullowney, California Math and Science; Jordan Thompson, South High School and Adult Leader Lori Martel.

6c. RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS

Mayor Hardison recognized Torrance high school valedictorians.

Bishop Montgomery High School Director of Guidance Mollie Zick introduced Tyrone Tallie, Jr.

North High School Principal Timothy Scully introduced Melissa Ernst, Lori Fujikawa, Melinda Menjou, David Phung, Kevin Terao, Cam An Vo, and Melisa Wong.

South High Principal John O'Brien introduced those valedictorians who were present: Stephen Hsiao, Arun Murti, Nedeem Nasser, Michael Peterson, Rebecca Repking, Alan Sheinberg, Yuka Sudo, Amy Wu, Jonathan Wu and Abraham Yang.

Torrance High School Principal George Cannady introduced Kenneth Chaiprasert, Se Kim and Jessica Higashiyama.

West High School Principal Sidney Morrison introduced valedictorians Chun Whan Han, Sylvia E. Kim, Anabella N. Passucci, Terry A. Yen and Counselor Anna Kasparian.

6d. PROCLAMATION RE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WEEK

Mayor Hardison issued a proclamation declaring the week of June 10-16, 2001 as Special Olympics week to Special Olympics Coach Ed Hurst.

Mayor Hardison introduced Recreation Specialist Phil Duthie who introduced Mark Bialick, Jennifer Bleidistel, Alvin Brown, Melody Davis, Bob Fick, Angie Garcia, Jim Geddes, Marlene Geddes, Fred Guibor, Michael Guibor, Jim Hansen, James Hurst, Chris Hawks, Philippe Hyder, John Kalinski, Janeece Jursich, Rod Mamiya, Adam Meny, Dalte Mooney, Jr., Stephanie Mooney, Betty Reynart, Tom Schlemer, Sylvia Scrivens, Mark Sizemore, Jenny Stone, Debbie Sylvia, Krystal Sylvia, Robert Waters and Steven Wolfram.

Recreation Specialist Duthie recognized Special Olympic Coaches Jack Beaudelaire, Margaret Garcia, Janet Guibor, Ed Hurst, Carolyn Mooney, Arnold Sylvia and Jan Sylvia.

Mayor Hardison issued certificates of appreciation to the Torrance Police Department in recognition of the efforts of those officers who participated in the Olympic Torch Run to Captain Steve Ross who accepted them on behalf of the 19 officers.

6e. RESOLUTION NO. 2001-61 RE MARY HOFFMAN

Resolution 2001-61 of the Torrance City Council honoring Mary Hoffman as the year 2001 recipient of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING MARY HOFFMAN AS THE YEAR 2001 RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-61. Councilmember Messerlian seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

To be presented at a later date.

6f. RESOLUTION NO. 2001-62 RE CLIFTON L. JOHNSON

Resolution 2001-62 of the Torrance City Council honoring Clifton L. Johnson for his service as Chairman of the Board of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING CLIFTON L. JOHNSON FOR HIS SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-62. Councilmember Messerlian seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

To be presented at a later date.

6g. RESOLUTION NO. 2001-63 RE WILLIE TOKISHI

Resolution 2001-63 of the Torrance City Council honoring Willie Tokishi as the year 2001 recipient of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce George M. Whittlesey Memorial Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING WILLIE TOKISHI AS THE YEAR 2001 RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GEORGE M. WHITTLESEY MEMORIAL AWARD.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-63. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

To be presented at a later date.

6h. RESOLUTION NO. 2001-64 RE STEFAN WOLOWCIZ

Resolution 2001-64 of the Torrance City Council honoring Stefan Wolowciz as the year 2001 recipient of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce J. Walker Owens Outstanding Volunteer Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING STEFAN WOLOWCIZ AS THE YEAR 2001 RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE J. WALKER OWENS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-64. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

To be presented at a later date.

6i. RESOLUTION NO. 2001-65 RE JUAN MAURICO AGUIRRE

Resolution 2001-65 of the Torrance City Council honoring Juan Mauricio Aguirre as the year 2001 recipient of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce J. Walker Owens Outstanding Volunteer Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING HONORING AND COMMENDING JUAN MAURICIO AGUIRRE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-65. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

To be presented at a later date.

6j. RESOLUTION NO. 2001-66 RE JACK PIKE

Resolution 2001-66 of the Torrance City Council honoring and commending Jack Pike upon his retirement from the City after thirty-four years of service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING JACK PIKE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-66. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

To be presented at a later date.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROPRIATION RE WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY CLAIMS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director and Human Resources Director that City Council approve the appropriation of \$475,000 to pay Workers' Compensation and Liability claims over \$50,000.

7b. SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE COMPONENT RE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Workforce Investment Network (WiN) Board Executive Committee that City Council:

- 1) Accept and appropriate \$551,527 in Workforce Investment Act youth funds to the Workforce Development Division budget; and
- 2) Authorize the execution of service agreements with Southern California Regional Occupational Center (\$105,893) and Los Angeles Unified School District (\$158,840) to run a year-round program for youth which includes the Summer Work Experience Component under the Workforce Investment Act.

7c. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION BUDGET – PROGRAM YEAR 2000/2001

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Workforce Investment Network (WiN) Board and the Human Resources Director that City Council accept and appropriate \$42,614 in additional funding from the County of Los Angeles Department of Community and Senior Services to serve youth to the Workforce Development Division Budget for Program Year 2000/2001

7d. CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT RE KEA ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a request for Consent to Assignment by KEA Environmental, Inc. to EDAW, Inc. in conjunction with Consulting Services Agreement C2000-246 for the Del Amo Boulevard Extension (T-30); and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to said Agreement.

7e. CHANGE ORDER RE PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT C2001-022 – RANCO CORPORATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve a change order in the amount of \$25,000 to Public Works Agreement C2001-022 with Ranco Corporation to provide additional replacement of sidewalk, curb and gutter, cross gutters, pavement and trees under the Residential Curb, Guter and Sidewalk Replacement Program, I-1 (Northeast Torrance).

7f. TORRANCE HANGAR DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council consent to a change in percentage ownership for Torrance Hangar Development Company

7g. TORRANCE INTERNATIONAL TRADE & VISITORS CENTER 2001-2002

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a one-year agreement with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$85,507 for management of the Torrance International Trade & Visitors Center for 2001-2002.

7h. TORRANCE HISTORICAL MUSEUM CARPETING TRANSFER TO RECARPET POLICE DEPARTMENT SECOND FLOOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve the transfer of \$16,075 from the Torrance Historical Museum Carpeting capital project (FEAP 58) to the Recarpet Police Department Second Floor capital project (FEAP 137) which was previously scheduled for funding in 2003-04.

7i. SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM EXCURSIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Director that City Council approve expenditures in a not to exceed amount of \$53,940 for senior citizens program excursions planned for the months of July through December 2001.

7j. URS CORPORATION RE CAROLWOOD LANE AND SINGINGWOOD ROAD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve additional appropriation of funds in the amount of \$43,000 from the FY1999-2000 Unallocated Carryover. This funding will augment the existing contract (C2001-053) with URS Corporation for geotechnical services for properties located at Carolwood Lane and Singingwood Road.

7k. AGREEMENT RE GRACE BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMPANY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk attest to a one year agreement with Grace Building Maintenance Company, Incorporated to clean transit buses at a cost not to exceed \$62,088 [RFP B2001-07].

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the approval of Consent Calendar items 7a through 7k as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. RESOLUTION NO. 2001-67 RE OPERATING BUDGET AND RESOLUTION NO. 2001-68 RE CAPITAL BUDGET

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution appropriating funding for the 2001-02 fiscal year of the 2001-03 Operating Budget and adopt a Resolution appropriating funding for the 2001-02 fiscal year of the 1999-2005 Capital Budget.

Mayor Hardison noted that supplemental information was available at the back of the auditorium.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE CITY MANAGER'S 2001-02 CITY BUDGET AND ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET BALANCES.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-67. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE CITY MANAGER'S 2001-02 CAPITAL BUDGET.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-68. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

11b. RESOLUTION NO. 2001-69 RE 2001-02 CITY APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Recommendation of the Finance Director to adopt a Resolution approving the City's appropriations limit for fiscal year 2001-02 in the amount of \$514,913,604; and selection of the California per capita personal income as the cost-of-living factor together with the increase in the City's population as the annual adjustment factors for same fiscal year.

Finance Director Tsao noted that they were required each fiscal year to approve the appropriations limit.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 2001-2002 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND SELECTION OF THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2001-69. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

11c. CONTINUED STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR CAROLWOOD DRIVE AND SINGINGWOOD ROAD

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

Building and Safety Manager Isomoto reported that the homeowners' geologists had commenced studies and the dry weather had been helpful.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the staff recommendation. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and hearing no opposition, Mayor Hardison so ordered, absent Councilmember Walker.

City Attorney Fellows reported that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on June 7, the City Manager's office received a proposal from Robinson Helicopter to lease City property and due to time frames, staff believed that it was necessary to take immediate action to instruct the City Manager's staff. California Government Code

requires a determination by a two-thirds vote that immediate action is required and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved that the item regarding Robinson Helicopter be added to the City Council agenda of June 12, 2001. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

Item 11 d added to the Agenda.

11d. ROBINSON HELICOPTER LEASE

A recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a month-to-month lease by and between the City of Torrance (City) and Barbara K. Robinson (Lessee) for City-owned property located at Zamperini Field/Torrance Municipal Airport more specifically described as Parcel 22 of Official Map No. 2 as per map filed in book 5, pages 44 through 51, inclusive, records of said county. Said property includes 14,168 square feet.

City Attorney Fellows reported that item 11d was a request from Robinson Helicopter to lease a property for storage of helicopter wreckage on a month-to-month lease.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the staff recommendation. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

14. 2ND READING ORDINANCES

14a. URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 3500

Second and Final Reading of Urgency Ordinance 3500 authorizing all seven City Council Members to sign an argument and any authorized rebuttal argument against the initiative measure to repeal the city's assessments on real property for municipal streetlighting that will be submitted to the voters at the November 6, 2001 Election.

ORDINANCE NO. 3500

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING ALL SEVEN CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SIGN AN ARGUMENT AND ANY AUTHORIZED REBUTTAL ARGUMENT AGAINST THE INITIATIVE MEASURE TO REPEAL THE CITY'S ASSESSMENTS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL STREETLIGHTING THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2001 ELECTION.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3500. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to approve the publication of the summary ordinance. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Walker.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 8:06 p.m. to 8:09 p.m.

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15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. Councilmember Cribbs requested information from staff on Sunday hours at the library.

15b. Alan Lee, President, TME, AFSCME Local 1117, both commended and questioned the City Council on the budget and extended invitations to the City Council members.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 p.m. the City Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under items 16.a) Conference with Labor Negotiator; and 16.b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.9(a).

The Council reconvened at 9:55 p.m. and Mayor Hardison asked City Clerk Herbers to place the election resolutions on the June 26, 2001 City Council agenda.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at 5:30 p.m., for an executive session in the Council Chamber, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Tuesday June 19, 2001 will be a Council dark night.

Attest:

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on July 10, 2001

Kristi Callen
Recording Secretary

City Council
June 12, 2001