

**MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
WITH THE TORRANCE LIBRARY COMMISSION**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a joint session with the Torrance Library Commission at 5:38 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library by Mayor Pro Tem Mauno.

II. ROLL CALL

Library Commission

Present: Commissioners Chappell,* Haig, Roberts, Thue, Unverzagt, and Chairperson Botello.

Absent: Commissioner Watson.

City Council

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

Absent: None.

Also present: City Clerk Herbers, City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Manager Giordano, City Librarian Buckley, Library Services Manager Reeder, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett and Assistant to the City Manager Wren.

* Commissioner Chappell arrived at 5:56 p.m.

** Mayor Walker arrived at 5:39 p.m.

Mayor Walker apologized for his tardiness relating that he had been giving an interview to channel 9.

III. FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember McIntyre led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

The affidavit of agenda posting by the City Clerk was accepted and will be filed.

V. UPDATE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES CONSOLIDATION

Assistant to the City Manager Wren reported on the Community Services Consolidation noting that they had been meeting with the Library Department and Parks and Recreation Department since March to work towards the common goal of consolidating both departments into Community Services with implementation planned for December. She reported that a timeline for consolidation had been submitted to the City Council during the budget process, it was approved and it is now moving forward with a timeline beginning in August through the end of the year.

Some areas they are looking at are broken down into book selection, administrative functions, facilities aspects and personnel matters. Representatives from the two Library Divisions, Cultural Services and Parks and Recreation will break into work groups to consider ways to consolidate overlapping functions. Working groups have not been identified yet but they will start with division heads to identify those members who should participate and will then move forward with meetings.

In the past staff has met with work groups, heard concerns and issues of those employees and they have worked with management to resolve those issues. Beginning in September staff will work with administrative functions, in October programming functions will be examined and in November other areas of information technology and cross training of personnel at the lower levels will be analyzed to identify overlapping duties where cross training is an option. Publicity and marketing of programs for the Library and Parks and Recreation will be examined with control sheets disseminated to ensure a smooth transition for implementation with the final deadline in December.

Responding to an inquiry from Councilmember Witkowsky, Assistant to the City Manager Wren explained that they had the direction of the Council to move forward and as a result a survey of other Library Systems requested by the Library Commission which identified four other cities that have consolidated into a Community Services department she will be going to Anaheim to learn from them.

Councilmember Witkowsky rephrased her question and Assistant to the City Manager Wren indicated that the Director would continue to report to the City Manager.

Assistant City Manager Giordano explained that Parks and Recreation Director Barnett would be the Director of Community Services but there will be a reexamination of the duties to see if the structure holds.

In response to an inquiry from Chairperson Botello, Assistant to the City Manager Wren indicated that Cultural Services and Library staff had met together and identified areas where there could be overlap or collaboration on displays, speaker series, etc.

Assistant City Manager Giordano responded to an inquiry from Chairperson Botello noting that the Library and Parks and Recreation both serviced children after school and they will be looking at how to enhance that for the children, but not looking to increase revenue. She pointed out that Parks and Recreation has increased services to the community free of charge with many drop in services at the parks after school requiring no fee.

Commissioner Roberts clarified that all library programming was free of charge.

VI. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OF FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY

Library Services Manager Reeder reported on recent activities and displays in the library and he expressed hope that there would be some money left over from this phase of the Katy Geissert remodeling project to use for a remodel of the first floor to bring it up to date. He related that they had not heard anything about the North Torrance grant and did not expect to hear about it until the fall and although they did a good job of putting the application together, the odds for receiving the grant are not high.

Library Services Manager Reeder indicated that he had been working on the library webpage to get all the fall programs up and he noted that the library had a long term working relationship with the Joslyn Gallery with many events tied together. He stated that the book discussion groups have been very popular with participants choosing the books.

Commissioner Chapell arrived at 5:56 p.m.

Library Services Manager Reeder reported on the successful summer reading programming noting that the western theme had gone over well. He added that there were 50 people for the "Brown Bag Lunch" last Friday and asserted that reading is still out there and their programs have been very successful.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Walker as to the future of the library, Library Services Manager Reeder indicated that he had not yet seen a device that could replace the book, though electronic medium is replacing the old microfilm for magazines, and encyclopedias have been wiped out. He pointed out that books were much more durable than computers and he felt books would still be relied upon in our lifetime.

Library Services Manager Reeder stated that although the library also provides DVDs, CDs, magazines, newspapers and business databases, it is hard to see them going out of the book business.

City Librarian Buckley asserted that books would be around for recreation purposes because people enjoy the texture of the paper and turning the pages.

Commissioner Unverzagt indicated that the library could provide electronic books if that is the way things changed noting that the library currently pays for and provides data to the public. She reported reading that people who read books are more engaged in the community whereas electronic books isolate people.

City Librarian Buckley pointed out that the role of the library has always been a social center and he added that book discussions connect people.

VII. DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY OPERATIONS

City Librarian Buckley initiated the discussion of library operations expressing appreciation for staff and their flexibility especially during the remodeling. He reported an increase in summer reading program participation at all the branches with close to 3,000 people participating and 18,000 books read which is a tribute in particular to the Children's Services staff at the Katy Geissert Library who ran the program during the remodeling and though they directed people to the local branches, many people stayed and participated through the remodeling.

Commissioner Roberts added that she was impressed with attendance and had visited North Torrance and complimented staff on their displays.

Library Services Manager Reeder indicated that the community had been very supportive and when a branch closure is proposed, the neighborhood is very vocal because they see the library as a community center. Different services are provided at the branches and the central library but the community seems to want both.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Witkowsky regarding the ASSIST Program, Library Services Manager Reeder explained that they had received a state

grant for two personal computers targeted to senior citizens which have larger print, track balls and different keyboards for people with different types of handicaps. He reported that seniors use the computers to email grandchildren and often need a little more help than a normal PC user. There is no charge for Internet use and a volunteer provides training that is customized for each person to suit different needs for the sight impaired, hearing impaired or those with motor difficulties. Goodwill provided staff with special training to enhance appreciation for what it is like to be hearing and sight impaired and how to best approach instruction for that.

Library Services Manager Reeder reported that they would like to raise money to put a homework center with PCs and educational software at the Southeast branch and indicated that the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library is now a wireless hotspot with many people taking advantage of that on their laptops.

Responding to an inquiry from Councilmember Lieu, Library Services Manager Reeder explained that it was relatively inexpensive to put in the wireless capability and the Friends of the Torrance Library had committed to paying the monthly charges for the first few years. He explained that the users were not able to print as they are not tied in to the public network for security reasons and he added that all the other libraries in Southern California that are providing wireless capabilities are configuring the same way. After school starts, the service will be evaluated and possibly implemented at the branches, but preliminary response has been overwhelmingly positive with people thanking staff for providing the service.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Witkowsky, Library Services Manager Reeder explained that people still have to wait in line to use the PCs and they would like to buy software to time out those people who do not adhere to time limits. Another reason for installing wireless is to take the demand off the PCs as lots of business people, college and high school students have laptops and can access all the library information and more. He added that it was not extremely expensive but would add up for all the facilities and he noted it was nice not to have to deal with all the wiring.

Chairperson Botello asserted that the future would be more electronic and digital based and perhaps the library would house artifacts as a service to the community.

Chairperson Botello introduced Commissioner Jerome Haig and returning Commissioner Julie Thue who served previously in 1995, and she thanked the Councilmembers for meeting with the Commission pointing out that they are the only Commission that gets to meet with the Council.

Mayor Walker indicated that they look forward to meeting each year and he commended the job done over the years by the department in maintaining an outstanding system in the community, expressing the desire to provide financial support to help the library achieve their goals. He related that Russ West was an activist for the library a long time ago and they have seen the fruition of his ideas here.

VIII. ORALS

Councilmember McIntyre explained her interrelations with the reference desk which she uses a lot noting that not only do reference librarians search titles, they actually bring the books to the check out desk which is a great time saver. She asserted that they provided a great service, are always very pleasant, knowledgeable and friendly

and she related that today she tried to get a copy of a popular book and the reference librarian searched all over the library system for her.

Commissioner Unverzagt and Library Services Manager Reeder related stories of helpful reference librarians and efficient searching systems.

On behalf of the Commission, Chairperson Botello thanked Library staff for being willing to work closely with them and provide outstanding service to the members of the community. She indicated that she frequents El Retiro and Walteria and has never seen Walteria as crowded as it was for the reading program this summer.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 6:23 p.m. Mayor Walker recessed to the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

The City Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lieu.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Witkowsky.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto 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.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto 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.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to reconsider the building moratorium, Item 12a originally considered on the August 10 City Council agenda at the August 24, 2004 Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Councilmember Nowatka announced that the next Ad Hoc Legislative Committee meeting would be Tuesday, August 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly room to consider ballot measures on the November ballot. He noted there would be a second meeting before the election and this meeting is an informational meeting.

Councilmember Witkowsky announced that the Community Planning and Design Committee would be meeting on Monday, August 23 at 4:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly room to discuss the Mills Act – Overlay District.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-102 RE JACK HORNER

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING JACK HORNER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-102. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

To be presented at a later date.

6b. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-103 RE ERIC LARSEN

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING ERIC LARSEN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-103. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Mr. Larsen noted it was an honor to serve the City. Fire Chief Bongard indicated that Mr. Larsen had always gone above and beyond, his woodworking was invaluable to the department and that he was an excellent cook. Mayor Walker reminded everyone that he had saved countless lives.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Jackson reported that there was a supplemental modifying item 7e rather substantially and Councilmember McIntyre asked that item 7e be removed for separate consideration. Councilmember Witkowsky asked that item 7a be pulled for separate consideration.

7a. PURCHASE ORDER RE FIRE DEPARTMENT MOBILE COMPUTERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** and the **Fire Chief** that City Council award a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$107,000 to GTSI Corporation for the purchase of seventeen (17) mobile computers and accessories to be installed on the Fire Department's front-line vehicles. Considered separately. See Page 7.

7b. SUPPORT SERVICES RENEWAL AGREEMENT RE COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SOFTWARE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** and the **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize the Support Services Renewal Agreement with TriTech Software Systems in the amount of \$36,495.

7c. PURCHASE ORDER RE ARTICULATING AERIAL TRUCKS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and the **Acting Public Works Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to Terex Utilities West of Ontario, CA., in the amount of \$162,372.84 for two (2) Articulating Aerial Trucks as a cooperative purchase with the City and County of San Francisco.

7d. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Acting Building & Safety Director** that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with California Code Check for plan review services, on an "as-needed" basis, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

7e. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council approve an amendment to the contract with American States Water Company (C99-173) (dba Southern California Water Company), extending the expiration date by one year from September 7, 2004 through September 6, 2005. Considered separately. See below and Page 8.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to approve items 7b through 7d as written. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Councilmember Witkowsky felt that item 7a provided an important tool for fire trucks and she was very impressed by the technology that would give them a site preplan on board. Fire Chief Bongard reported they had been beta testing the item over the past 6-8 months and although they have had computers on the fire trucks before, this will enable them to pull up preplans, build databases and serve the public much better.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve item 7a of the consent calendar as written. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

7e. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council approve an amendment to the contract with American States Water Company (C99-173) (dba Southern California Water Company), extending the expiration date by one year from September 7, 2004 through September 6, 2005.

Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn reported that the supplemental information for item 7e amends the utility billing contact from one year to six months and amends the cost of the contract for 6 months while they negotiate a contract with the existing contractor and look at other alternatives.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember McIntyre, Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn reported they had entered into a contract with Southern California Water Company in 1999 and have saved over \$460,000 per year for 5 years.

Responding to an inquiry from Councilmember Witkowsky as to why they were extending for six months rather than one year, Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn explained that they had sent out requests for proposals (RFPs) in June to companies that had bid in the past and they only received one response from the current company which they want to analyze more thoroughly. Councilmember Witkowsky asked if they would reopen the process for more bids and Assistant Finance Director Flewellyn indicated that they might do that but after they look at the proposal again they may decide to renew the contract with the existing company.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to approve item 7e as amended. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

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 Lane and Singingwood Drive.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to continue the state of local emergency for Carolwood Lane and Singingwood Drive. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11b. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-105 RE SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt the supplemental Memorandum of Understanding for Torrance Police Officers' Association (TPOA) adding Retirement Health Savings Plan language and making a minor modification to overtime language.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO 2003-170 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-105. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 7:17 p.m. to 7:19 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. Councilmember Lieu was pleased that Councilmember McIntyre moved to revisit the moratorium since it was clear it was the will of the residents and the Council to have a moratorium.

16b. Councilmember Lieu reported a productive meeting with the Library Commission and he invited residents to use the wireless capabilities of the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, commending the Friends of Torrance Library for their sponsorship of that program.

16c. Councilmember Lieu congratulated Torrance Commissioner Kim Wang for her appointment by President Bush to the National Library and Museum Sciences Board.

16d. Councilmember Lieu noted his attendance at the Leadership Torrance class graduation noting that it is a program run by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce where 20-30 people are introduced to different sectors of the South Bay including economic, political, and public safety. He asserted that it was a good program that he went through in 1999 and directed in 2000 and he encouraged any interested parties to contact the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

16e. Councilmember Mauno enjoyed the joint meeting with the Library Commission noting that library usage had increased with the Internet and that libraries have adapted their technology.

16f. Councilmember McIntyre indicated there was a hard working group of Internet volunteers who have flooded Sacramento opposing, as the City did, SB 2702 which would have allowed the building of granny flats as an attempt at affordable housing. State Senator Deborah Bowen voted against the bill and there has been a resurgence of interest in it and the California Real Estate Association was working hard to see that the bill comes up again. She encouraged those who were interested to monitor the situation.

16g. Councilmember McIntyre announced the Torrance Symphony concert in the park on Sunday, August 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

16h. Councilmember Nowatka pointed out that the concert in the park would be free.

16i. Councilmember Nowatka encouraged people to attend the final performances of *Sound of Music* from August 19-22.

16j. Councilmember Scotto also encouraged everyone to attend the concert in the park on Sunday, August 22.

16k. Councilmember Scotto read a statement: "For the past four years I have been honored to sit on the City Council and represent the citizens of Torrance. The citizens

have been very vocal about their concerns regarding the direction the City Council has taken our City. I am concerned too. It's not just development but there is a blatant disregard for the will of the people. The citizens have elected us to represent them and not the special interest groups. The Daily Breeze alluded to the fact that I will be a candidate for Mayor for the March 2006 election. Many of the residents have called me and offered their support. Therefore I am announcing I will be a candidate for Mayor for the City of Torrance for the next election."

16l. Councilmember Witkowsky stated that she had been looking over a list of Council orals that had not been completed and asked City Manager Jackson about looking into notification and utilization of volunteers along with everything else in place with regard to water safety and a recent incident that occurred in the West Torrance area. City Manager Jackson indicated that an analysis would be coming before the Council in the near future.

16m. Councilmember Witkowsky congratulated volunteers who participated in the first annual Disaster Volunteer Picnic at Wilson Park for Torrance residents that are CERT graduates trained by the Fire Department. She noted that the Torrance Amateur Radio Association has been volunteering at the Police Department in one of the offices in the emergency operations center and HAM radio operators have been supporting police needs. She added that Neighborhood Watch has been in place in Torrance for decades and the Community Volunteer Alert Network also attended the picnic. She estimated that there were about 500 volunteers and their goal was to have every block covered, adding that more information was available by calling (310) 320-3322.

16n. Mayor Walker welcomed Councilmember Scotto to the deep end of the pool

16o. Mayor Walker indicated that he had attended the Airport and Land Use meeting in the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Chambers for five hours in order to give a three minute position of the City on the expansion of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and voice concerns with regard to the Dagget Loop which is the loop the airlines take when they exit the airport. He noted that when the planes come out of the airport fast they do the loop a little too short and they go over Torrance and North Torrance at 5,000 feet. The City is concerned that there will be a repeat of pre-9/11 traffic at low altitudes and he indicated that he had opposed the expansion along with 20 other Mayors and City Councilmembers from Los Angeles and the surrounding areas.

16p. Linda Gottshall-Sayed, President, West Torrance Homeowners Association, thanked the Council for communicating with her regarding the moratorium and she expressed gratitude to Councilmember McIntyre for her motion to reconsider the moratorium. She questioned whether notice would be provided to all homeowners, associations and developers.

Mayor Walker indicated that the *Daily Breeze* would announce that the moratorium was to be reconsidered and the City would communicate with homeowner associations and all those who spoke at the meeting last week.

Ms. Gottshall-Sayed asked whether the Council would have the minutes available for last week or if they would need to repeat their concerns and Mayor Walker indicated that everyone would be allowed to speak and Councilmember McIntyre has reviewed

tapes of the meeting and is up to speed.

16q. Owen Griffith, West 229th Street, congratulated the Council and the City for support of a very strong music and arts program in Torrance. He reported attending the *Sound of Music* and encouraged everyone to attend the Torrance Symphony Concert in Wilson Park on Sunday, August 22.

16r. David Henseler, Singingwood Drive, pointed out that developers and union representatives did not have to provide their residence address when they come up to speak and he asked that everyone appearing before the Council be held to the same rules and provide their residence address. Mayor Walker countered that there were lots of reasons why their business address was acceptable and City Attorney Fellows stated that there is no legal requirement that anyone provide either their name or address, but the City asks for it so they can respond to remarks because the Council wants staff to follow up on items.

16s. Sarah Guyan, Gramercy Avenue, expressed concerns about receiving numerous phone calls about the recall, noting that she pays extra to be unlisted and is also on the national Do Not Call List. Mayor Walker indicated that the numbers were available through a public process but he did not know who was calling or how the numbers were obtained.

16t. Raimie McCoy, West 220th Street, thanked Councilmember McIntyre for bringing the moratorium back and the Councilmembers who supported it noting that he lives in Old Torrance and they cherish it. He thanked Councilmember Lieu for his support as he is due to report for active duty in Iraq on August 19.

16u. Diana Sutherland, El Prado Avenue, echoed Councilmember Lieu's sentiments addressing the moratorium, thanked Councilmember McIntyre for bringing the issue back for consideration, thanked Councilmember Scotto for recognizing the dissatisfaction of the citizens and for being brave enough to propose the moratorium, thanked Councilmember Lieu for his support and also thanked Councilmember Nowatka for his astute observation that trust has been lost. She commented that Councilmember Witkowsky had taken offense and scolded the audience, reprimanding them for not having attended previous Council meetings. She stated that the citizens that elected the council believed the campaign promises and should not have to attend every meeting to tell the council what to do. She indicated that residents started noticing developments and television allows them to watch City Council meetings from home and they saw the council overriding Planning Commission decisions so they did the first thing they could do which was to attend Council meetings to voice concerns but they went home angry and disappointed. The second thing Torrance voters can do is to vote councilmembers out of office.

Ms. Sutherland noted that the Council had been asked to vote for the moratorium to provide an opportunity to step back and take a look at what they want Torrance to be and Councilmember Mauno said "What can we reasonably accomplish in 45 days? It doesn't do much." She responded that that was like saying that stopping and taking a breath doesn't do much or looking both ways before you cross the street doesn't do much. She quoted Councilmember Mauno again: "It will be utilizing resources in a tremendous way from legal and staff." Ms. Sutherland pointed out that is their job.

Residents of Torrance wanted the moratorium but Councilmember Mauno said no. She questioned whether the passion that they expressed to get elected was so they could do what was best for Torrance or whether it was simply for the power of a Council seat.

16v. Kevin Riley, Lofty View Drive, asserted that what has happened now is probably good for the City as people were sleeping and now have woken up. He noted that everyone he has talked to in his neighborhood and homeowners association does not trust the Council and is wondering what has happened to the City. He thought the Council existed to serve the people and he questioned who they were serving. He commented on statements indicating the Council was doing what was best for the City which he found to be condescending and expressed concern about the 400 units proposed over by Lomita and questioned why there was no open space involved in the plan.

16w. Ron Harris, Global Branding Group, reported that they are the contractors for the County of Los Angeles in charge of the Hollywood Bowl Sphere Art Project and he invited everyone to attend the opening of the Cause and Effect Art Gallery at 1765 Oak Street in Torrance on Saturday, August 28.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 5:30 p.m., for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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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 November 9, 2004