

October 19, 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 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 1999, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

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 Eileen Hausmann, Chair, Cable Television Advisory Board.

Pastor Dean Nelson, First Lutheran Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired Torrance Police Sergeant Bob Adams and retired Torrance bus operator, Clifford Curtis.

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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.

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.

4. WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS

Mayor Hardison announced that Item 7c had been withdrawn and noted supplemental material available on Items 7d and 7e.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comprehensive Planning Division – Public Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 1999, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Garden Room A

Subject: Proposed revisions for development standards of multi-family & detached condominium residences

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 1999 – 5:30 p.m.

West Annex Commission Meeting Room

Subject: First Quarter Budget Review

Fire Chief Bongard noted that Mobil Oil will be testing three sirens on Wednesday, October 20, 1999.

City Clerk Herbers announced that there will be a League of Women Voters TUSD candidate forum and panel discussion of the pros and cons on the City of Torrance Charter Measure on October 21, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Library. She also reminded everyone that under the Political Reform Act, candidates for public office are required to file a Notice of Intention. For full information, call the City Clerk at (310) 618-2870.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to the Clerk's office to see the display of acrylic, oil, watercolors and photography based on this month's Art on View theme of "Fall" by Torrance Artist Guild members Carol Lindgren, Marlene Delugish, Georgette Buckley and Rose Balloy.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. PROCLAMATION RE "GREAT CITY HALL TUNE IN WEEK"

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 17 through October 23, 1999, as "Great City Hall Tune In Week" in the City of Torrance to Michael Smith, Cable TV Administrator.

Mayor Hardison announced that at next week's City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 1999, Torrance citizens will be able to call in between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to make comments and/or ask questions on any matter that is not on the meeting's agenda at (310) 618-2455 or via e-mail at councillive@Tor.net.

6b. PROCLAMATION RE "RED RIBBON WEEK"

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 23 through October 31, 1999, as "Red Ribbon Week" in the City of Torrance to Andrea Perez, 3rd Vice President-Health, Torrance Council of PTAs.

Torrance Police Sergeant Kevin Kreager invited the public to participate by wearing red ribbons signifying a unified commitment against illegal drugs.

6c. APPOINTMENT OF 1999-2000 TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL

Mayor Hardison introduced the members of the 1999-2000 Torrance Youth Council and commended the Youth Council for the many things they do for the community throughout the year.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to confirm the appointments of the members of the 1999-2000 Torrance Youth Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

City Clerk Herbers swore in Jennifer Ahn and Charles Leone, Torrance High; William Brett and Erika Perez, North High; Jennifer Burns, South High; Nick Chatman and Julia Harris, Bishop Montgomery; Tiffany Dohzen, Justin Han, Eunice Kang and Mariko Tran, CAMS; Daniel Ruiz and Terry Yen, West High; and Rosi Haq, El Camino College. Paul Seo, South High, was not present and Sara Orneles, El Camino College, withdrew.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

7b. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION DONATION

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that City Council accept a donation of \$30,000 from the Torrance Rose Float Association and appropriate this amount to Account #620062.

7c. AUDIO/VISUAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council approve additional funding in the amount of \$77,000 to fund the audio/visual capital improvements in the Council Chambers, for a total expenditure of \$142,000. (Facilities, equipment, automation projects, FEAP 104 and 105.)

Withdrawn, see page 1.

7d. INSTALLATION OF RIGHT TURN LANE AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD

Recommendation

The Planning Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve the expenditure of \$101,000 from a previously appropriated fund in the Capital Improvement Program T-14, Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvements-Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard; and
- 2) Approve a transfer of \$10,000 from T-8 to cover the rewiring of this intersection, and the contingency, and appropriate this amount to project T-14.

7e. PURCHASE ORDERS RE ALTERNATIVE FUELING OF CITY VEHICLES

Recommendation

[ADDENDUM ITEM] The General Services Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve a change order to Purchase Order #2756 to Charles E. Thomas Company in the amount of \$20,000 for the repair, replacement and containment of underground fuel lines at the City Services Facility fuel island; and
- 2) Authorize a purchase order for off-site fueling of gasoline vehicles and on-site mobile fueling of diesel vehicles for a 30-day period at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 7a, 7b, 7d and 7e. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. CALLING REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR MARCH 7, 2000

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends that the City Council, pending the outcome of the November 2, 1999 election:

- 1) Adopt Resolution 99-114 calling a Regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 for the purpose of electing three councilmembers;
- 2) Adopt Resolution 99-115 requesting Los Angeles County Registrar to consolidate the election; and
- 3) Adopt Resolution 99-116 stating policy for candidate statements.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry, City Clerk Herbers explained that if, at the November 2 election, voters approve changing the Regular Municipal Election from March to May, these resolutions will be repealed and new resolutions will be submitted.

City Clerk Herbers noted that Council had the option of increasing the amount a candidate is charged for including a printed statement in the sample ballot pamphlet, which is currently limited to not more than \$300, and advised that election consultants estimate that the cost to the City would range from \$600 to \$800 per statement, depending on the number of candidates.

Mayor Hardison stated that she preferred to retain the \$300 limit in order to keep the cost of running for public office as affordable as possible.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000 FOR ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-114. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 7, 2000

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-115. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-116. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:36 p.m. to 7:37 p.m.

The Council met as the Cable Television Public Access Foundation from 7:37 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

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15. ORAL COMMUNICATION

15a. Councilman Horwich wished his grandchildren, Carolyn Horwich and Josh Roossin, "Happy Birthday."

15b. In response to Councilman Lee's inquiry, Engineering Director Burtt stated that the county had patched Anza and Van Ness Avenues and that slurry sealing would begin shortly.

15c. Responding to Councilman Messerlian's comments regarding on-site curbs and other work performed at U-Haul, Building and Safety Director Isomoto stated that they were ordered to stop the work as they had no permits. Mayor Hardison indicated that she would call the individual.

15d. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that the Police & Fire Memorial Association will be holding a charity event in El Segundo on Wednesday, October 20, 1999.

Councilwoman O'Donnell announced a Torrance Rose Float Association orientation meeting for volunteers on October 21, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., and a fundraiser selling See's candy bars at the Parks and Recreation Department counter.

Councilwoman O'Donnell further announced an opportunity for citizens to recycle their old tires on Saturday, November 13, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Sears Auto Center at Sepulveda Boulevard and Del Amo Circle, noting that proceeds from the recycling will benefit Arnold Elementary School.

15e. Mayor Hardison requested that staff provide clarification regarding vacant land and certain projects within the city.

15f. Ralph Ulibarri, Being Alive South Bay, submitted a letter for the record requesting funding for his organization.

Michael Gray requested assistance from the City for residents suffering from AIDS/HIV.

Michael White Bear Claws stated that he was a client and board member of Being Alive South Bay and requested that some way be found to keep the doors open

Brenda Carr, RN at UCLA Medical Center, requested assistance for Being Alive South Bay.

Gary Vrooman, President, Being Alive South Bay, presented Council with pins for World AIDS Day on December 1, 1999. He noted past denial of City funding and recited statistics related to AIDS/HIV cases in the South Bay and Torrance.

Mayor Hardison responded that South Bay funding is provided from the South Bay Health District, and cited possible solutions available to the group which she had provided to the group in an earlier phone conversation.

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Mayor Hardison announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Thursday, October 14, 1999, City Staff received information about facts and circumstances of two cases that staff believes present significant exposure to litigation against the City. As it was necessary for Council to take immediate action in order to provide instructions to the City Attorney, a motion was made by Councilman Horwich, seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to add the item to the executive session per GC Sections 54954.2(b)(2) and 54956.9(b)(1) and to consider the matter in Executive Session.

Mayor Hardison announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Thursday, October 14, 1999, a fax was received from the defendants in the lawsuit entitled City of Torrance v. Tomaryn and O'Reilly, South Bay Municipal Court Case No. SB99C02290, proposing a settlement. As it was necessary for Council to take immediate action in order to provide instructions to the City Attorney, a motion was made by Councilman Horwich, seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to add the item to the executive session per GC Sections 54954.2(b)(2) and 54956.9(a) and to consider the matter in Executive Session.

Mayor Hardison announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Thursday, October 14, 1999, City Staff received information that suggests the City may wish to intervene in a pending administrative proceeding or to initiate litigation. As it was necessary for Council to take immediate action in order to provide advice to the City Manager and the City Attorney on how to proceed, a motion was made by Councilman Horwich, seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to add the item to the executive session per GC Sections 54954.2(b)(2) and 54956.9(c) and to consider the matter in Executive Session.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:21 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(c), 54957 and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss the above-mentioned urgency items and matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 10:18 p.m., the Council returned to open session in Council Chambers. No formal action was taken on any matter heard during closed session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:18 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 26, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

***** Adjourned in Memory of **
Bob Adams and Clifford Curtis***

Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Torrance