

**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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Lieu, McIntyre, Mauno, Nowatka, Scotto, and Mayor Pro Tem Witkowsky.

Absent: Mayor Walker.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Witkowsky announced that the City Manager and the Chief of Police determined that potential security issues exist regarding the rental of city facilities by an organization. Since the event is to occur this week, it was necessary for the Council to take immediate action. 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 necessary and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto, seconded by Councilmember Nowatka, moved to add the item to the agenda under the Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously (absent Mayor Walker).

The matter was added and considered under GC Section 54957(a).

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 17 Executive Session.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:07 p.m.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Witkowsky.

City Clerk Herbers gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Witkowsky asked the meeting be adjourned in memory of Eileen Hornbeck, City of Torrance Finance Department retiree, Henry Fernandez, Street Services Department retiree, and Pam Parkin Tate, City of Torrance Planning Manager, Comprehensive Planning.

**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 (absent Mayor Walker).

**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 (absent Mayor Walker).

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson announced that the public hearing on Item 12a would be opened and continued.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Scotto announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committees would meet on February 18, 2003 in the City Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m. to consider the Mid-year Budget Review.

City Clerk Herbers announced a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission, noting that applications would be accepted until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, with appointment to be made at the February 25, 2003 City Council meeting.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6a. PROCLAMATION RE "TORRANCE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK"**

Mayor Pro Tem Witkowsky presented a proclamation declaring the week of January 19 through January 25, 2003 as "Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce Week," in the City of Torrance to Chris d' Autremont, President; Rhett Bise, I.D.V.P.; Stacie Webster, Board Chairperson; Katie Lillo, State Director; and Mary Ortiz, Membership V.P.

**6b. PRESENTATION OF VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARDS ON BEHALF OF LOMITA/TORRANCE ROTARY CLUB**

Vocational Service Awards were presented on behalf of the Lomita/Torrance Rotary Club naming Rick Fick, "Torrance Firefighter of the Year" and Detective Jim Lynch, "Torrance Police Office of the Year."

Councilmember Scotto introduced Fire Chief Bongard, who presented the award to Firefighter Fick, and Police Chief Herren, who presented the award to Detective Lynch.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2002**

**7b. CONTRACT RE ATTIC TEEN CENTER KITCHEN RENOVATION**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Approve an amendment to Abeam Construction C2002-181 for \$9,254 for additional costs incurred during the renovation of the ATTIC Teen Center kitchen FEAP #334 for a total contract price of \$124,474; and
- 2) Appropriate \$6,193 from the Parks and Recreation Open Space Fund.

**7c. CONTRACT RE HISTORICAL MUSEUM ROOF REPAIR**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Award a contract to Best Roofing and Waterproofing Inc. for \$21,550 plus a 5% contingency of \$1,078;
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$2,155; and
- 3) Appropriate \$9,783 from the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund to the Historical Museum Roof Repair, FEAP #64.

**7d. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Planning Director** that City Council approve the expenditure of not-to-exceed \$55,000 and execute a consulting services agreement with David Taussig & Associates, Inc. to prepare and administer the "Street Lighting Assessment District" (LD 2003-04).

**7e. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT RE BENSTEAD PLUNGE REPAIRS**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Approve an amendment to California Commercial Pools C2002-243 for \$53,776 for recommended changes for repairs to the Benstead Plunge FEAP #255; and
- 2) Appropriate \$13,475.77 from Wilson Park Master Plan Project and \$28,480.23 from the Parks and Recreation Facilities Fund for the additional Benstead Plunge repairs.

**7f. CONTRACT RE CONCRETE DECK REPAIRS AT BENSTEAD PLUNGE**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Waive any irregularities in the bid process;
- 2) Award a contract to Parr Contracting Company of Hawthorne, CA for \$122,500 with a 5% contingency amount of \$6,125; and
- 3) Appropriate \$128,625 from the Parks and Recreation Facility Fund for the repairs to the concrete deck at the Benstead Plunge FEAP #255.

**7g. PURCHASE OF STUMP GRINDER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Street Services Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued to Vermeer-California Inc. of Fontana, CA in the amount of \$35,150.94 for the purchase of one new SC752 stump grinder (B2002-47).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nowatka moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7g. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and was approved by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

**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 Nowatka and was approved by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

**11b. RESOLUTION RE VEHICLE LICENSE FEES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution urging the California Legislature to reject the Governor's proposed shift of local Vehicle License Fee (VLF) revenues and to honor the 1998 commitment to restore the VLF.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane reported that the proposed Resolution would be sent to leaders of the State legislature encouraging them to reject the Governor's proposal to shift Vehicle License Fee revenues away from local governments. She noted that Speaker Herb Wesson introduced legislation earlier in the day to restore these funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-14**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TO REJECT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED SHIFT OF LOCAL VEHICLE LICENSE FEE (VLF) REVENUES AND TO HONOR THE 1998 COMMITMENT TO RESTORE THE VLF

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-14. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and was approved by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

**12. HEARINGS**

**12a. CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FUNDING**

**Recommendation**

The recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council convene an advertised public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding has been **withdrawn**. This matter will be re-advertised for a later date.

Mayor Pro Tem Witkowsky reported that staff was recommending that the public hearing on this matter be continued indefinitely and noted that it will be re-advertised.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved to continue to the public hearing on Assembly Bill 3229, Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and was approved by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

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The Redevelopment Agency met from 7:34 p.m. to 7:39 p.m.

**16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**16a.** Councilmember Lieu expressed condolences to the families of Eileen Hornbeck, Henry Fernandez and Pam Parkin Tate.

**16b.** Councilmember Mauno commented that the Torrance Symphony performance on Saturday evening was first rate.

**16c.** Councilmember Mauno stated that he had known Pam Tate while serving on the Planning Commission; that she was an excellent employee who welcomed the tough assignments; and that her words will remain in the Torrance Municipal Code for many years to come. He commented on her feisty disposition and noted that she will be greatly missed.

**16d.** Councilmember McIntyre expressed condolences to the three grieving families, noting that she had known Pam Tate for many years.

**16e.** Councilmember McIntyre echoed Councilmember Mauno's comment on the Torrance Symphony performance, noting that and Maestro Frank Fetta had done an excellent job.

**16f.** Councilmember Nowatka stated that Pam Tate was a dear friend and neighbor and expressed condolences to her family.

**16g.** Councilmember Nowatka also commented on the Torrance Symphony performance and congratulated Assemblyman Nakano on receiving an award from the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium.

**16h.** Councilmember Scotto expressed condolences to the three grieving families and stated that Pam Tate will be sorely missed.

**16i.** Mayor Pro Tem Witkowsky echoed comments on the Torrance Symphony performance adding that the West High School Aristocracy performance was outstanding and noting the choir will be going to New York's Carnegie Hall to perform.

**16j.** City Manager Jackson commented on the different approaches of the three individuals who passed away and their committed service to the City.

**16k.** Planning Director Gibson commented that feisty best described Pam Tate, who was very dedicated and talented, and noted that she will be missed in the Planning Department.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(California Government Code § 54956.9(a):

1. Souza v. City of Torrance  
LASC Case No. YC043058

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

1. Property: City owned radio tower on property located at  
3031 Torrance Boulevard  
Negotiating Parties: LeRoy J. Jackson and Jerry Lindquist, Mountain  
Union Telecom  
Under Negotiation: Lease Negotiations

c. (California Government Code § 54957 a):  
Potential security issues regarding the rental of city facilities.  
**[Added to the agenda, see page 1]**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 28, 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 March 18, 2003

Sue Sweet  
Recording Secretary