

**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 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Brewer, Nowatka, Sutherland, Witkowsky, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: Councilmembers Barnett and Drevno.

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 Councilmember Brewer.

Councilmember Witkowsky 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, January 24, 2008.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer 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 Councilmembers Barnett and Drevno).

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Herbers asked for City Council concurrence to bring an information item to the City Council on February 26 regarding the possible placement of a Charter Amendment for Section 603 regarding vacancies on the June 3, 2008 ballot. Hearing no objection, Mayor Scotto so ordered.

City Clerk Herbers announced that vote by mail ballots must be received by the close of polls on Tuesday, February 5, and that the ballots may be dropped off at any precinct in Los Angeles County. She noted that polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and that results will be available at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) and on Citicable.

City Clerk Herbers announced that nominations for four City Council positions open on February 11 and close in March. She directed those interested to contact the City Clerk at 310.168.2870 to discuss the processes necessary to file for office.

Councilmember Sutherland announced the birth of his seventh grandchild Brandon Thompson.

Councilmember Witkowsky asked that the City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of HAM radio volunteer Calvin Hashi, who was involved in the City's disaster preparedness and disaster medical assistance programs.

Mayor Scotto asked that excused absences be granted for Councilmembers Drevno and Barnett, and hearing no objection, so ordered.

7. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**  
None.

12. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

12A. **AD HOC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT MEASURES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Ad Hoc Legislative Committee** that City Council concur with the February 5, 2008 ballot measure positions recommended by the Committee.

Councilmember Witkowsky, chair of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, reported that the Committee met on January 23, 2008 to review State measures on the February 5, 2008 ballot.

Management Associate Jones provided a brief overview of the information covered at the January 23 Committee meeting, and discussed the rationale for the Committee's recommendations. She noted that the decision was made to oppose Proposition 92 because it could potentially result in a reduction in State funding for the City.

<b>Proposition</b>	<b>Committee's Recommendations</b>
<b>91</b> – Transportation Funds	Neutral
<b>92</b> – Community Colleges. Funding. Governance. Fees	Oppose
<b>93</b> – Limits on Legislators terms in office	No position
<b>94</b> – Referendum on Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact	No position
<b>95</b> – Referendum on Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact	No position
<b>96</b> – Referendum on Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact	No position
<b>97</b> – Referendum on Amendment to Indian Gaming Compact	No position

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Drevno).

17. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

None.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

***Adjourned in Memory of  
Calvin Hashi***

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on March 25, 2008