

March 27, 2007

**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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Drevno, McIntyre, Nowatka, Sutherland, Witkowsky, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: Councilmember Brewer.

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

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation, pursuant to California Government §54956.9(a) and 54956.9 (b)(3)(B).

The City Council reconvened at 7:01 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Treasurer Linda Barnett.

Councilmember Sutherland 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, March 22, 2007.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland 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 Councilmember Brewer).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Drevno announced that the City Council meeting of April 17 would be held at the South High School Gym at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Nowatka announced that due to a conflict of interest, he recused himself from Item 18A, Willett v. City of Torrance, in closed executive session.

Councilmember Nowatka announced that the Community Development and Enrichment Committee would meet on Tuesday, April 10, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Manager Assembly Room to discuss the 2008 Rose Float fundraising and design.

Councilmember Witkowsky announced that the Public Safety Committee would meet on Thursday, April 26, at 4:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission room.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION HONORING CHARLES ROGER KEENEY

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation to Charles Kenney honoring him for his significant achievements in the field of aviation, which include the founding of Acme Aircraft Company, the longest continuously running aviation business at Torrance Municipal Airport Zamperini Field and being awarded the Wright Brothers "Master Pilot Award" signifying more than 50 consecutive years of civil aviation experience.

6B. PROCLAMATION HONORING CHARLES W. LOBB

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation to Charles Lobb honoring him for his continued efforts to improve the quality of life for the community, which include the founding of the Torrance Amateur Radio Association (TARA) to assist the city with emergency communications in the event of a disaster and the documenting of the history of Torrance Municipal Airport Zamperini Field.

6C. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK BOARD APPOINTMENT

Recommendation

The **Carson/ Lomita/ Torrance Workforce Investment Network Policy Board** recommends that City Council appoint and officially swear in Davi Danci as an alternate member.

Councilmember Nowatka, chair of the Workforce Investment Network Policy Board, introduced Davi Danci.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved to concur with the recommendation to appoint Davi Danci. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

City Clerk Herbers administered the oath of office.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Titus Henry, Los Angeles resident, reported on confrontations he has had with the Torrance Police Department, contended that the police had engaged in racial profiling and unlawfully confiscated his medical marijuana, and stated that he would be scheduling a protest.

7B. Nancy Clinton, Torrance Air Fair Association, announced that a B-17 bomber would be on display at Torrance Airport Zamperini Field on Friday, April 13 through Sunday, April 15 from 10:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with rides and tours available. For more information visit www.b17.org.

7C. Newt Young, resident, read an article from the newspaper on action taken by the Mission Viejo City Council regarding the legal status of sub-contracted workers. He asked that Torrance follow their example by utilizing the Basic Pilot Program to screen workers verifying their legal right to work in the country.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CORPINFO SERVICES**

Recommendation

The **Information Technology Director** and the **Police Chief** recommend that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with CorpInfo Services, of Los Angeles, CA, to assist in upgrading the City and Police Department's electronic email systems for an amount not-to-exceed \$37,680.

8B. **RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS FOR TRACT MAP NO. 54027**

Recommendation

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council approve the release of three subdivision bonds for Tract Map No. 54027, which was subdivided by Park Villas at Yukon, LLC, and located at 3604 Redondo Beach Boulevard.

8C. **CONTRACT FOR FUMIGATION OF PARK BUILDINGS AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

Recommendation

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Dewey Services, Inc. for \$13,500 with a contingency of \$2,000 for termite fumigation of 15 park buildings in conjunction with roof replacement; and
- 2) Appropriate an additional \$15,500 from the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund to the Sea Aire Recreation Center and Maintenance Building roof replacement (FEAP #178).

8D. **CONTRACT FOR FIRE STATION #4 AIR CONDITIONING**

Recommendation

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to South Bay Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. for \$14,400 with a contingency of \$2,500; and
- 2) Appropriate \$6,900 from the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund to Fire Station #4 Air Conditioning (FEAP #79).

8E. **CONTRACT FOR FIRE STATION #1 MAIN ELECTRICAL SWITCHBOARD**

Recommendation

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council award a contract to Westside Electric, Inc. (B2007-06) for \$135,000 with a 5% contingency of \$6,750 and approve a 10% project management fee of \$13,500 for the replacement of the main electrical switchboard and distribution panels at Fire Station #1 (FEAP #443).

8F. CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR ONE STOP PERMIT CENTER

Recommendation

The **General Services Director** and the **Community Development Director** recommend that City Council award a contract to GA Design Architecture and Planning for \$91,000 with a 5% contingency of \$4,550 for the design of the One Stop Permit Center (FEAP #295).

MOTION: Councilmember Drevno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

11. PUBLIC SAFETY

11A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendation

The **Public Safety Committee** recommends that City Council accept and file the report of the committee meeting on December 14, 2006.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine provided a summary of the Public Safety Committee's report on the December 14, 2006 meeting, noting that the Committee will be focusing on the Disaster Preparedness Expo, revitalizing the Neighborhood Watch Program, and offering disaster preparedness training for residents through the *Seasons* quarterly newsletter.

Councilmember Witkowsky, chair of the Public Safety Committee, reported that the Torrance Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has expressed an interest in working with the Committee on disaster preparedness issues and this will be a topic of discussion at the Committee meeting on April 26, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room. She encouraged the public to mark their calendars for the Disaster Preparedness Expo, to be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Cultural Arts complex.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESCHEDULING OF EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY APPEAL HEARING

Recommendation

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council reschedule the hearing to Tuesday, April 24, 2007 to conduct the hearing on the appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision sustaining the suspension of Laura Patti.

Civil Service Manager Lewis reported that the appellant has requested that the hearing be rescheduled to Tuesday, April 24, 2007.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

12B. RELINQUISHMENT OF HAWTHORNE BLVD AND PACIFIC COAST HWY

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council approve sending a letter of interest to Caltrans to initiate the relinquishment process for Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway within the City of Torrance.

Public Works Director Beste advised that the City would like to gain control over Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway as this would allow the City to regulate the rights-of-way without Caltrans approval, better control signal timing, and improve the condition of the roadways.

Mayor Scotto stressed the importance of the City's gaining control over these roadways for better traffic control.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Brewer).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:43 p.m. to 7:44 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Witkowsky congratulated the Torrance Police Department on the recent drug bust.

17B. Councilmember Witkowsky commended the Torrance Fire Department for preventing the Oak Street fire from spreading.

17C. Councilmember Drevno announced the pancake breakfast at the ATTIC teen center on Saturday, April 7, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

17D. Councilmember Drevno encouraged attendance at the Torrance Education Foundation dinner on Saturday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the Torrance Marriott.

17E. Councilmember Nowatka reported on the opening of the Western Museum of Flight the past weekend and thanked everyone involved.

17F. Mayor Scotto announced the Energy Expo to be held on Tuesday, April 3, at 9:00 a.m. at the Toyota headquarters building.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:49 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 3, 2007 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/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on May 15, 2007

Sue Sweet
Recording Secretary