

April 1, 2003

**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, April 1, 2003, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Mauno.

Deputy City Clerk Susan Robinson gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

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.

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.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Witkowsky announced that the Ad Hoc Rose Float Committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Assembly Room of City Hall.

Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone that the monthly test of the ExxonMobil siren and the Community Alert system would be Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Bernard "Dutch" Wendt, retired city employee who passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2003.

Deputy City Clerk Robinson announced that a Community Budget Meeting conducted by City staff would be held on Thursday, April 10, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the Toyota Meeting Hall located at 3330 Civic Center Drive.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION NO. 2003-24 IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS SERVING
BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-24. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Walker presented Resolution No. 2003-24 to Colonel John Wagner and Sergeant Michael Casados, from the Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo, and to Craig Hernandez, accepting for Sergeant Varela of the Torrance National Guard Armory, who arrived late for the presentation. Mayor Walker noted that each branch of the service would receive a signed copy of the resolution.

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Mayor Walker introduced Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe who presented the City with a check for \$1 million for the Artesia Boulevard project.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. AMENDMENT TO CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE ARTESIA BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** and **Engineering Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve an amendment to consulting services agreement C2000-209 with RBF Consulting, Inc. to include additional design and construction support services, increase the amount by \$17,100 and extend the term until August 31, 2004 in conjunction with the Artesia Boulevard Improvement Project (CIP Projects A-15/T-26); and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the amendment.

7b. HIRING OF CONSULTANT RE ESTIMATE OF OPERATING EXPENSES/ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR BUILDING AT 20770 MADRONA AVENUE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council appropriate \$15,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Program Contingencies for the hiring of a consultant to determine estimated operating expenses and capital improvements reserve funding based on building design and amenities specific to the Epson building located at 20770 Madrona Avenue.

7c. CONTRACT RE RENOVATION OF CULTURAL ARTS MUSIC ROOM

Recommendation

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

- 1) Award a contract to Koam Construction, Inc. of Los Angeles for \$526,000 with a 5% contingency of \$26,300 for the renovation of the Cultural Arts Music Room to a Black Box Theatre FEAP #338 (B2003-04);
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$52,600;
- 3) Appropriate \$52,500 from Fiscal Year 2003-2004 previously approved funds into Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Parks and Recreation Facility Fund; and
- 4) Appropriate additional \$387,000 from the Parks and Recreation Facility Fund to the Black Box Theatre. FEAP #338

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7c. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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 Witkowsky and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Redevelopment Agency met from 6:08 p.m. to 6:13 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. Councilmember Lieu stated that his heart and prayers went out to those who lost their lives in Iraq and that he was pleased that the Council passed the resolution supporting the troops.

16b. Councilmember Lieu announced the Switzer Center's Fifth Annual South Bay Women of the Year Luncheon to be held on April 4.

16c. Councilmember Mauno congratulated his colleagues on adopting the resolution honoring our troops. He reported that he had observed yellow ribbons being tied to trees in his neighborhood as a show of support for Henry Pagkalinawan, III, a reservist who was called up and is now serving in Iraq, and assured his children that the community and the Council support their father.

16d. Councilmember McIntyre commended Nature Project Manager Tracy Drake on the sunset tour she gave at Madrona Marsh. She suggested that others visit the Marsh at sunset and bring their binoculars to see the migrating birds.

16e. Councilmember Nowatka thanked his colleagues for adopting the resolution supporting our service people.

