

**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, April 25, 2006 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

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 Councilmember Guyton.

Councilmember Mauno gave the non-sectarian invocation.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto 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 Scotto 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that Consent Calendar Item 7E, Extension/Execution of Harbor WorkSource Center Subleases, would be considered separately and that Section 2 of the item would be brought back at a later date.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Mauno announced that the 47th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Observance would be held May 19 through May 21 with displays set up at Del Amo Mall #11 on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parade will be held Saturday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Peggy Basile, Environmental Quality Commissioner, who passed away on April 17.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2006-31 RE FIRE DIVISION CHIEF DONALD THOMPSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING FIRE DIVISION CHIEF DONALD THOMPSON AS THE RECIPIENT OF A SUSTAINED SUPERIORITY AWARD

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-31. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Walker presented the resolution to Donald Thompson, who accepted with appreciation. Fire Chief Bongard congratulated Division Chief Thompson on receiving this well-deserved award.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK”

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 23 through April 29, 2006 as ***National Volunteer Week*** in the City of Torrance to Stacey Lewis, Citywide Volunteer Coordinator; Anita Moisen, Cultural Arts Volunteer Coordinator; and Mary Lou Weiss, Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator. Ms. Lewis expressed appreciation to the 1,200 volunteers who donated over 60,000 hours to the City of Torrance in 2005.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following volunteers: Jean Lawrence, Donald Thome, Ellen Peterson, Jane Nishimura, Neil Teague, Hai Yan Li, Lizette Valenzuela, Malaki "Coach Mac" Tauiiili, and Stefanie Atkisson.

6C. APPROVAL OF 2007 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT DESIGN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Council Ad Hoc Rose Float Committee** that City Council:

- 1) Approve the design entitled “NATURE’S WONDERS” for the City’s float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2007;
- 2) Approve an agreement between the City of Torrance and Fiesta Parade Floats for the design, construction, entry, display and operation of the Torrance Float in the 2007 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade; and
- 3) Approve the expenditure of \$125,000 for related costs.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved to concur with the Committee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mauno and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Tim Estes, president of Fiesta Parade Floats, and Raul Rodriguez, of Raul Rodriguez Designs Company, unveiled the design of the City of Torrance’s 2007 Rose Parade float entitled “Nature’s Wonders.”

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT 2005-109 TO MAYER HOFFMAN McCANN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council consent to an assignment of contract (C2005-109) for audit services from Conrad and Associates L.L.P. to Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

7B. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005-06

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** that City Council accept and file the Torrance Rose Float Association's Annual Report for 2005-2006 (2006 Float).

7C. PURCHASE/ INSTALLATION OF WORK STATIONS FOR LIBRARY DIVISION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to Interservice in the amount of \$27,163.70 and a purchase order to Allsteel, c/o Interservice, in the amount of \$4,190.91 for the installation of workstations in the Library Administration offices at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library. Offices to receive the workstations include that of the City Librarian, Library Services Manager, Principal Librarian, and the outer reception area.

7D. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH A-1 ALL AMERICAN ROOFING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve a contract amendment with A-1 All American Roofing (C2005-233) to extend the contract term from April 30, 2006 to August 31, 2006.

7E. EXECUTION/ EXTENSION OF HARBOR WORKSOURCE CENTER SUBLEASES

Considered separately, see page 4.

7F. PURCHASE ORDER RE FIRE HOSE COUPLINGS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to Allstar Fire Equipment, Inc. of Arcadia, California in the amount of \$31,642 for the purchase of Angus Premier and North American fire hoses with couplings to be used by the Fire Department in routine structural and brush firefighting.

7G. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PLAN NET CONSULTING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** that City Council approve the extension of the contract term with PlanNet Consulting LLC, of Brea, CA (C2005-055), for one year due to unanticipated delays in designing, bidding, and implementing the telephone system replacement.

7H. SECOND AMENDMENT TO FEE AGREEMENT WITH RUTAN & TUCKER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Attorney** that City Council approve the Second Amendment to the fee agreement with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker to provide legal services with regard to the CEQA action against Cal Trans in the amount of \$50,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$134,000 and to appropriate \$50,000 from the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A through 7H, with the exception of 7E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Consent Calendar Item 7E was considered separately at this time.

7E. EXECUTION/ EXTENSION OF HARBOR WORKSOURCE CENTER SUBLEASES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to

- 1) A sublease by and between the City of Torrance and Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. (Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services) from ~~May~~ January-1, 2006 to December 31, 2007;
- 2) A sublease between the City of Torrance and the State of California Employment Development Department from ~~January~~ May 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007; and
- 3) Approve the extension of an existing sublease between the City of Torrance and the County of Los Angeles (C2004-060).

The three agreements represent revenue of \$138,551 to operate the Harbor WorkSource Center.

James Lee, Human Resources, noted that the sublease between the City of Torrance and the State of California Employment Development Department (Item 2) had been deferred to the May 9 meeting because the State of California failed to provide the necessary exhibits in a timely manner.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize a sublease by and between the City of Torrance and Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., and to approve the extension of an existing sublease between the City of Torrance and the County of Los Angeles. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

8A. RESOLUTION ENDORSING PROPOSITION 81 ON JUNE 2006 BALLOT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Services** Director that City Council adopt a Resolution endorsing Proposition 81 on the June 2006 ballot.

City Librarian Weiner reported that Proposition 81 would provide \$600 million in bond grants for public library construction/renovation, of which \$300 million will be earmarked for projects that were eligible for Proposition 14 grants but left unfunded, such as the new North Torrance Library and Community Services Center, and it is hoped that this project will be funded if Proposition 81 is approved by voters.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENDORSING PROPOSITION 81 ON THE JUNE 2006 BALLOT (CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 2006)

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-34. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. COVENANT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTION ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 2700 SKYPARK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that the City Council authorize the Mayor to Execute and the City Clerk to attest to a Covenant and Environmental Restriction for the benefit of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for City-owned property located at 2700 Skypark currently leased to LDC Skypark LLC, and subleased to Lowes HIW, Inc.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine advised that this action was necessary in order for the California Regional Water Quality Control Board to issue a closure letter affirming that remediation of the site has been completed and to allow construction of the Lowe's Home Improvement store to go forward. He briefly outlined the restrictions contained in the Covenant and Environmental Restriction, noting that the site is limited to industrial, commercial or office use due to prior contamination.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11B. APPLICATION/ APPROPRIATION OF 2005/2006 USED OIL RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council

- 1) Adopt a Resolution and approve a submittal for the 2005/2006 Used Oil Recycling Opportunity Grant available through the California Integrated Waste Management Board in the amount of \$67,900 and
- 2) Approve the appropriation of \$67,900 upon grant approval.

Public Works Director Beste reported that the grant would be used to help fund the interactive environmental education display approved at the April 11 Council meeting.

Councilmember Witkowsky asked that staff explore the possibility of having a drop off site for used oil in Torrance in order to make recycling more convenient.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING A USED OIL RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY GRANT
APPLICATION

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-35. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:35 p.m. to 7:37 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine announced that the 2006 Relay for Life, benefiting the American Cancer Society, would be held on April 29-30 at South High and invited public participation beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29.

16B. Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly test of the siren and community alert system on Wednesday, May 3, at 11:30 a.m.

16C. Fire Chief Bongard announced that Fire Services Day would be held Saturday, May 13, with an Open House at all Fire Stations from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and demonstrations at S.C.R.O.C. at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

16D. Councilmember Guyton reported that he attended the Switzer Center Woman of the Year event and commended the honorees and the Switzer Center for the work they do in the community.

16E. Councilmember Guyton commented on his attendance at the North High School all-class reunion on Saturday.

16F. Councilmember Guyton asked, with the concurrence of the City Council, to have staff investigate and/or study the feasibility of having the City provide recycling for multi-family buildings to help comply with AB939.

16G. Councilmember Mauno congratulated Councilmember Witkowsky for receiving a Switzer Center Woman of the Year award.

16H. Councilmember Mauno reiterated a previous statement that his name and signature were being improperly used in mailers distributed in Torrance. He noted that the signature in question was not a forgery, however, he had not been asked if it could be used.

16I. Councilmember Scotto congratulated Planning Commissioner Gene Drevno on receipt of a Woman of the Year award.

16J. Councilmember Scotto noted the passing of Melanie Van Lingen and offered condolences.

16K. Councilmember Scotto commented on the fundraiser held on April 22 by the Torrance Library Foundation to benefit an after school homework center at the Southeast Torrance Library.

16L. Councilmember Witkowsky noted her attendance at the Youth Council's Youth Forum and commended the students and Debbie Reed and Community Services staff for the excellent program.

16M. Councilmember Witkowsky also commended members of the South Bay Board of Realtors who built a home for a family in Harbor City for Make a Difference Day.

16N. Councilmember Witkowsky expressed condolences to Planning Commissioner Steve Busch on the passing of his mother.

16O. Mayor Walker noted the passing of Melanie Van Lingen, Mary Busch and the sudden passing of the father of Allan Lee and offered prayers to all.

16P. Linda Gottshall-Sayed, Donora Street, asked that Councilmember Mauno publicly respond to questions concerning the political mailer as he had not responded to her emails.

Mayor Walker cautioned Ms. Gottshall-Sayed that speakers are allowed five minutes to speak on the topic of their choice during Orals, but it is not a forum for back and forth dialogue. He explained that while this practice started a few years ago, it was not allowed in the past.

Ms. Gottshall-Sayed noted that the mailers contain allegations about another councilmember, which have serious legal implications, and asked if the misconduct was reported two years ago at the time it allegedly occurred. She expressed concerns that the release of information at this time was an attempt to smear a candidate running for office.

Mayor Walker stated that he knew of no prior investigation, however, he was aware that the district attorney's office was investigating the incident at the present time.

Ms. Gottshall-Sayed asked that she be supplied with information about the proper procedure for reporting the misconduct of councilmembers.

Councilmember Nowatka indicated that he was not aware of the incident in question until it was brought up under Orals after the campaign had already begun.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:58 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, May 2, 2006 will be a Council dark night.**

***Adjourned in Memory of
Peggy Basile***

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 June 20, 2006