

June 24, 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 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, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

That Redevelopment Agency convened at 5:31 p.m. Agenda Item 17 was considered out of order at this time.

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 17a) Conference with Labor Negotiator; and 17b) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator; 17c) Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager; and Redevelopment Agency Item 10a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.8, 54956.7 and 54946.9(c).

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Walker announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the City Attorney became aware of existing facts and circumstances creating a significant exposure to litigation. He stated that the City Attorney's office asked that the City Council consider discussing this matter in closed session this evening to provide advice to the City Manager and the City Attorney on how to proceed. He noted that in order to take action on a matter that is not 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 moved to add the item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Walker stated that the City Council would consider this item as part of the closed session agenda, pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.94.2(b)(2), 54956.9(b)(1) and 54956.9(b)(3).

At 6:57 p.m. City Council recessed to closed session to continue deliberation of matters listed under Executive Session. The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:27 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 Councilmember Mauno.

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

3. **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno 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 Mauno 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**

Mayor Walker announced that the 23rd Annual 4th of July Celebration would be held at Wilson Park from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a fireworks show at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Walker stated that the City was pleased to welcome government and business officials from Chongqing, China, participating in a UCLA extension program to learn firsthand about globalization trends, world trade expectations and the American way of doing business.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of James (Jim) Edward Starkey, retired Planning Technician, who passed away on Monday, June 16, 2003 at the age of 75.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2003-59 RE RICHARD W. IVEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING RICHARD W. IVEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-59. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6b. **RESOLUTION NO. 2003-60 RE JEROME SAY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING JEROME SAY FOR HIS SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-60. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6c. **PROCLAMATION RE “PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH”**

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation to Parks and Recreation Chair Judy Gibson declaring the month of July 2003 as **Parks and Recreation Month** in the City of Torrance and urging all residents to enjoy, recognize and help promote the benefits derived from participation in programs offered by the Torrance Parks and Recreation Department.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2003**

7b. **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize the sale of one (1) surplus/obsolete vehicle to Torrance Unified School District.

7c. **EXTENSION OF FUEL CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN COUNTIES OIL COMPANY**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve an extension of the City's existing vendor contract with Southern Counties Oil Company for a period of ninety (90) days. The City's current contract expires June 30, 2003. The extension will allow sufficient time for the City to obtain bids for ethanol-blended gasoline now required by the State of California Air Resources Board (CARB).

7d. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR MAY 2003**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Treasurer** that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of May 2003.

7e. **TRAINING AGREEMENT WITH LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HEALTH SERVICES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve an agreement with Little Company of Mary Health Services. This agreement will provide specialized skills training to newly graduated Registered Nurses. The agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

7f. **LIBRARY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS TO THE METROPOLITAN COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM (MCLS) ADVISORY BOARD**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Librarian** that City Council approve the appointment of Library Commissioners Kathryn Roberts and Tara Unverzagt as the Torrance delegate and alternate respectively to the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System Advisory Board.

7g. **CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND MATERIALS TESTING RE
234TH STREET CHANNEL REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PHASE 2**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council authorize funding to retain the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works for inspection and materials testing services for the 234th Street Channel Replacement Project, Phase 2 (I-63) pursuant to the provisions of the General Services Agreement with Los Angeles County.

7h. **COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2003**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council consider the following Tuesdays as City Council Dark Nights for the second half of 2003: July 8, September 2, December 9, and December 23.

7i. **EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR TEMPORARY BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Building and Safety Director** that City Council execute an amendment to consulting services agreement (C2002-283) with JAS Pacific, Inc. extending the agreement to December 31, 2003 providing temporary field inspection services.

7j. **APPROVAL OF WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RECYCLED
WATER MAIN ALIGNMENT THROUGH THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve the West Basin Municipal Water District (WBMWD) Recycled Water Main Alignment through the City of Torrance from 190th Street to Madrona Avenue to Arlington Avenue; and
- 2) Transfer \$174,000 from CIP No. I-26 to CIP NO. I-77 to fund the on-site retrofits of the City Yard, Civic Center, City Parks and City Schools to use recycled water once the recycled water mains are constructed.

7k. **RENEWAL OF POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Street Services Director** and **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve the renewal purchase of Non-Owned Disposal Site Pollution Liability Insurance from Gulf Insurance, through Driver-Alliant Insurance Services, the City's insurance broker, at a premium of \$53,486.81. The policy period will be from July 1, 2003 to July 1, 2004.

7l. **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH GERBER AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council approve an amendment to agreement for ambulance services (C2001-132) with Gerber Ambulance Service, Inc. to modify some of the fees contained in the agreement, add an additional compliance requirement, and extend the term of the agreement through July 15, 2006, with an option for the City for one additional three-year extension.

7m. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE TRANSIT SYSTEM REVENUE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Transit Director** and the **City Treasurer** that City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a two-year agreement with AT Systems Incorporated for the following services:

- Processing and bank deposit of Transit System revenue for a cost not to exceed \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2003-2004 and \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2004-2005; and
- Daily deposit pickup at the City Treasurer's Office and scheduled pickup at the Transit Department for a cost not to exceed \$4,000 in Fiscal Year 2003-2004 and \$4,000 in Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

7n. TERMINATION OF 1971 COVENANT AND AGREEMENT RE DEL AMO FASHION CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Planning Director** and the **City Attorney** that City Council consent to the termination of the 1971 Covenant and Agreement between the City and the Carson-Madrona Company.

7o. APPROPRIATION OF PC REPLACEMENT FUNDS FOR ANNUAL PAYMENT ON MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Acting Information Technology Director** that City Council appropriate funds from the PC replacement fund in the amount of \$138,278 and the Police computer replacement fund in the amount of \$72,211 for the second annual payment in the amount of \$252,966 on the Microsoft Enterprise Software Agreement. The payment is to cover included Microsoft licensing for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

7p. PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT WIRELESS WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN) CONNECTIONS TO FIRE SUBSTATIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Acting Information Technology Director** and **Fire Chief** that City Council approve and execute a purchase agreement with SunWireless not to exceed \$120,121 for the purchase of equipment, installation, and the training necessary to implement a wireless WAN to the Fire Department substations.

7q. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF INGLEWOOD RE DATA PROCESSING SERVICES FOR PARKING CITATION SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Treasurer** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a two-year agreement between City of Torrance and City of Inglewood to provide data processing services regarding parking citations for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 and Fiscal Year 2004-2005;
- 2) Appropriate \$19,720 from the general fund in order to cover the estimated total cost of data processing services for Fiscal Years 2003-2005; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7q. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. ESTABLISHMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FY2003-04

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Treasurer** that City Council adopt a Resolution to establish the Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

City Treasurer Barnett advised that a Resolution must be adopted each year establishing the City's Investment Policy and that this year's policy was the same as the previous year's as no changes were being recommended.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ESTABLISHING THE STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN GUIDELINES

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-73. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**11b. RESOLUTION NO. 2003-74 REAFFIRMING TORRANCE PUBLIC PARKING
STRUCTURE FINANCING/ MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council:

- 1) Reaffirm their approval for the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the following documents:
 - Torrance Public Parking Structures Financing Agreement (Financing Agreement);
 - Public Parking Structure Maintenance Agreement(s) (Maintenance Agreement) for structures (a) and (b);
 - Phase 1 and Phase 2 Air Rights Parcel Lease(s) (Parcel Lease) by and between the Carson Madrona Company, LLC as landlord and Torrance Public Financing Authority as tenant; and
 - Air Rights Parcels Sublease(s) and Lease of Public Parking Structure(s) A and B an Agreement by and between the Torrance Public Financing Authority as lessor and the City of Torrance as lessee.
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to sign for the City and the Chair of the Financing Authority to sign for the Authority and for the City Clerk to attest to the agreement(s); and
- 3) Adopt a Resolution evidencing the City Council's approvals of the foregoing recommendations.

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. 2003-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REAFFIRMING THE COUNCIL'S PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE TORRANCE PUBLIC PARKING STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT(S), PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 AIR RIGHTS PARCEL LEASE(S) AND AIR RIGHTS PARCELS SUBLEASE(S) AND LEASE OF PUBLIC PARKING STRUCTURE(S) A AND B, ALL WITH RESPECT TO DEL AMO FASHION CENTER

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-74. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11c. CONTINUATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOOD LANE AND 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 Lane and Singingwood Drive.

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

13. APPEALS

13a. APPEAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION DECISION RE COSTAS DOUKAS' DOG "GUNNY"

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Building and Safety Department** and the **Environmental Quality Commission** that City Council deny the appeal and that the finding that "Gunny" the dog meets the definition of a dangerous animal be upheld; that the dog either be humanely destroyed or not be allowed to return to live in the City; and the further recommendation of the Environmental Quality Commission that the dog be placed with a rescue group if one can be found to accept him.

City Attorney Fellows outlined the procedure for the appeal, explaining that, as the appellant was not represented by legal counsel, City staff would make the initial presentation after which the appellant would be given an opportunity to respond.

Environmental Services Administrator Cessna reviewed the circumstances that led to the determination that Costas Doukas' dog "Gunny" met the definition of a dangerous dog. With the aid of slides, she detailed the conditions at the auto repair/smog shop where the dog was housed at the time he bit a City Water Department employee in November of 2003. She reported that Mr. Doukas was contacted regarding the dog bite shortly after the incident occurred; that it was not until January of 2003 that Animal Control was able to apprehend the dog; and that, at the time, the dog was not licensed and had no medical records.

Ms. Cessna stated that an administrative hearing was held in February of 2003; that Gunny was determined to be a dangerous animal and ordered to be euthanized or permanently removed from the City; that Mr. Doukas was allowed to place the dog at a

home in Wilmington pending an appeal of the decision; that prior to the Environmental Quality Commission's hearing of the appeal, Gunny was again found living at the smog shop; and that the dog was subsequently impounded at the Los Angeles County animal shelter in Carson where he remains at this time.

Ms. Cessna reported that the Environmental Quality Commission heard the appeal in May of 2003 and upheld the decision of the hearing officer, adding a condition that the dog be placed with a reputable rescue group to prevent Mr. Doukas from returning the dog to the smog shop. She stated that since that time, staff has identified two rescue organizations willing to take the dog: 1) Villa Lobos, who will charge \$10 per day for the life of the dog; and 2) Turn Around Training, who will not charge, but will take the dog reluctantly only if there are no other options. In addition, Mr. Doukas' attorney identified someone in Long Beach, who is willing to take the dog, however, the City of Long Beach has indicated that they will require a new hearing in their jurisdiction before deciding whether to accept Gunny as well as a complete change of ownership.

In response to Councilmember Mauno, City Attorney Fellows provided clarification regarding Torrance Municipal Code Section 41.9.9, which lists mitigating factors to be considered in determining whether a dog is dangerous.

Costas Doukas, 2216 W. 232nd Street, appellant, stated that he was willing to relinquish ownership of Gunny to Fred Boxley of Long Beach and offered his assurance that the dog would never be returned to Torrance.

In response to Councilmember McIntyre's inquiry, Mr. Doukas indicated that he had no intention of getting another dog as he did not want to go through this again.

Councilmember Scotto asked about the penalty should the dog be found in Torrance.

City Attorney Fellows stated that, should Gunny be placed in Long Beach, the dog's new owner would be criminally liable if he permits a dangerous dog to come into the City of Torrance; that he suspected that Mr. Doukas would be prosecuted as well; and that it was likely that the dog would be humanely destroyed at that point.

City Attorney Fellows recommended that the Council approve placement with one of the rescue organizations as an alternate plan in the event the City of Long Beach does not allow the dog to be relocated there.

Responding to Councilmember Mauno's inquiry, Ms. Cessna advised that the dog's owner would be responsible for paying the daily fee to be charged by Villa Lobos if the dog is placed there.

Councilmember Mauno reported that he visited the Carson shelter where Gunny is currently housed and employees indicated that the dog was one of the most vicious they have seen. He commented on the importance of protecting the public from dangerous animals.

Councilmember McIntyre stated that she visited the home in Long Beach where the dog would be relocated and that she had concerns about placing the dog in that environment. Conceding that her opinion was subjective, she noted that she did not have an opportunity to meet Mr. Boxley and a small puppy at the location appeared to be healthy and happy despite conditions, which in her view were less than satisfactory.

Mayor Walker commented on the subjective nature of many of the issues involved in this case, noting that a friend had a ferocious looking pit bull that was really very docile. He voiced support for allowing the dog to be relocated to the home in Long Beach and designating Turn Around Training as an alternative should the Long Beach placement not work out. He stated that he did not think it was reasonable to expect that someone would pay \$10 a day to board a dog he no longer owns.

Councilmember Scotto expressed his preference that the dog receive training at Turn Around Training before being placed in Long Beach because of concerns about his temperament.

Mayor Walker noted that if the dog was as vicious as some have suggested, the injuries from the dog bite would have been far more severe.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to deny appeal, finding that “Gunny” the dog meets the definition of a dangerous dog and imposing the following conditions:

- 1) That the dog shall not be allowed to return to the City of Torrance;
- 2) That the City of Torrance shall attempt to process a private placement in the City of Long Beach;
- 3) That Gunny shall be placed with “Turn Around Training” if the placement is unsuccessful; and
- 4) That if the dog reappears in Torrance, the dog shall be humanely destroyed.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

15a. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3537

ORDINANCE NO. 3537

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3604 REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-3 (LIMITED MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3537. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

15b. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3538

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23701, 23717, 23725, 23739 AND 23747 ARLINGTON AVENUE FROM C-5 (CONDITIONAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-P (RESIDENTIAL PROFESSIONAL DISTRICT)

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3538. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The Redevelopment Agency reconvened from 8:10 p.m. to 8:12 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone to have a safe and sane 4th of July, noting that fireworks are illegal in Torrance and offenders can be charged with a misdemeanor.

16b. Councilmember Lieu welcomed the visitors from Chongqing China.

16c. Referring to Agenda Item 11b, Councilmember Lieu noted that the Council's action was a necessary step in plans to revitalize Del Amo Fashion Center.

16d. Councilmember Lieu congratulated Fire Marshal Ken Hall on his retirement.

16e. Councilmember Lieu commended the police and fire departments for doing an excellent job of containing the damage when a gasoline tanker overturned the previous Sunday.

16f. Councilmember Lieu commented on the Supreme Court's decision upholding the constitutionality of the Children's Internet Protection Act allowing the installation of anti-pornography filters in public libraries. He asked for City Council concurrence with his request that staff look into this issue and bring back a recommendation on whether or not to install filters in the Torrance libraries.

16g. Responding to Councilmember Witkowsky's concerns about the possibility that the filters could restrict the first amendment rights of adults, City Manager Jackson stated that staff would return with a report including suggestions and alternatives.

16h. Councilmember Mauno congratulated the police department for making an arrest in a cold case dating back to 1989.

16i. Councilmember Mauno stated that he was impressed with the execution of all involved in handling the overturned gasoline tanker.

16j. Councilmember McIntyre also thanked the police and fire departments.

16k. Councilmember McIntyre welcomed the Chongqing delegates.

16l. Councilmember McIntyre noted that the Torrance Symphony fund-raiser held the previous Saturday was extremely successful and publicly thanked Theater Technical Director Tanza for his assistance.

16m. Councilmember Nowatka welcomed the delegates from China.

16n. Councilmember Nowatka commended the police and fire departments for their excellent response to the tanker incident.

16o. Councilmember Nowatka also commented on the Torrance Symphony fund-raiser, noting that enough funds were raised for three events next year.

16p. Councilmember Scotto commented on the performance of the three divas on Saturday night and announced that the next symphony event would be a free concert at Wilson Park in August.

- 16r.** Councilmember Scotto welcomed the delegates from China.
- 16s.** Councilmember Witkowsky echoed the welcome to the delegates.
- 16t.** Councilmember Witkowsky also offered congratulations to Ken Hall on his retirement.
- 16u.** Councilmember Witkowsky stated that the overturning of the tanker was an accident waiting to happen due to the excessive speed at which vehicles, especially trucks, make the left turn onto Crenshaw after exiting the freeway. She asked that staff look into possibility of mitigating speeds at the intersection, and City Manager Jackson indicated that staff would look into the matter and report back to the City Council.
- 16v.** Councilmember Witkowsky noted that she had received several complaints regarding the number of handbills and flyers left at homes and the impact on the safety of homes while owners were away. City Manager Jackson offered to refer this issue to the Smart Team.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see pages 1-2.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:26 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. for the regular meeting.

***Adjourned in Memory of
James Edward Starkey***

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 August 26, 2003