

August 6, 2002

**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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2002, 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.

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Agenda Item 12a was considered out of order at this time.

12a. APPEAL OF TRANSFER OF DENNIS BRADY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Civil Service Administrator** and the **Civil Service Commission** that City Council conduct a hearing on the appeal of transfer of Dennis Brady.

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to conduct a hearing on the appeal of transfer of Dennis Brady. (Consideration of Public Employee discipline may be conducted in closed session per California Government Code Section 54957 – Minutes of the closed session are sealed and filed under separate cover in the Office of the City Clerk.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 6:59 p.m.

In the matter of the appeal of Dennis Brady, the City Council voted unanimously in closed session to deny the appeal and to approve the findings of fact and conclusions of law and uphold the decision of the Civil Service Commission.

The Council briefly recessed from 7:00 p.m. to 7:06 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lieu.

Pastor Evan Chase, Torrance Christian Fellowship, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka 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 Witkowsky, and hearing no objections, Mayor Walker so ordered.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka 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 Witkowsky, and hearing no objections, Mayor Walker so ordered.

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications would be accepted in the City Clerk's office until August 7 at 5:30 p.m. for appointment to the Airport Commission, Community Services Commission and the Environmental and Energy Conservation Commission, with appointments to be made by the City Council at its meeting of August 13 at 7:00 p.m. Applications are available on the Website at www.tornet.com or by calling the City Clerk's office at 618-2870.

Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone that ExxonMobil would be testing the Early Warning System on Wednesday, August 7, at 11:30 a.m.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 18, AND JUNE 25, 2002**

7b. **ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANT**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Accept a U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Grant of \$115,000 for Water System Vulnerability Assessment and related security improvements; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to all necessary documents for this grant.

7c. **COOPERATIVE PURCHASE RE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize a purchasing agreement to Workrite, Oxnard, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$41,293.35 for the purchase of Nomex uniform shirts and pants as a cooperative purchase with the County of San Bernardino.

7d. **CONTRACT RE BODYWORKS EQUIPMENT, INCORPORATED**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve a contract with Bodyworks Equipment, Incorporated of Monrovia, CA, in an amount of \$30,000 for the service and repair of Heil refuse truck bodies for period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

7e. **ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council:

- 1) Appoint individuals to the BJA Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Local Advisory Board;
- 2) Identify Board duties; and
- 3) Establish a sunset for the Board's authority to meet.

7f. **CONTRACT RE PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND SIGNAL HARDWARE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Street Services Director** that City Council authorize a vendor contract to be issued to Econolite Control Products of Anaheim, CA, in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$89,000, for the sole source purchase of traffic control equipment and signal hardware on an as needed basis.

7g. **PURCHASE ORDER RE EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS FOR FY 2002-2003**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve a purchase order with O.C. Tanner for an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000 for the purchase of employee service awards for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

7h. **CONTRACT FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR RENOVATION OF CIT AREAS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council award a contract to Montross and Associates, Inc. of Irvine, CA for amount not-to-exceed \$31,395 for design services for the renovation of Computer Information Technology areas within City Hall (FEAP 303).

7i. **CONTRACTS RE ATTIC TEEN CENTER RENOVATIONS**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Award a contract to Abeam Construction for \$115,220 plus 5% contingency for the renovation of the ATTIC Teen Center Kitchen (FEAP 334);
- 2) Authorize a contract to U.S. FoodService, Inc. for \$33,745.84 to furnish and install kitchen equipment; and
- 3) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$11,522.

7j. **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MWH AMERICAS, INC.**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve a second amendment to an existing professional services agreement with MWH Americas, Inc., for additional technical support and

construction observation services during the design and installation of the City's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System, a computer and telemetry system that will monitor and control the water, storm drain, and sewer facilities;

- 2) Appropriate \$27,760 from the Water Enterprise Fund; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said amendment.

7k. FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council approve a multi-year (Fiscal Years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004) agreement with the City of Palos Verdes Estates for an exchange for \$65,000 and \$130,000 in City of Torrance General Funds for \$100,000 and \$200,000 respectively of Proposition A Local Return Funds from the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

7l. PURCHASE OF USED CISCO COMPONENTS FOR CATALYST 6509 SWITCH

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Communications and Information Technology Director** that City Council authorize purchase orders to Security Computers of White Bear Lake, MN, in the amount of \$28,836.25, and to Core Technologies of Norcross, Georgia, in the amount of \$4,859.56 for a combined total of \$33,695.81 to purchase the various components that make up the Catalyst 6509 Switch.

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

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. CONTINUATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

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 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. HEARINGS

12a. APPEAL OF TRANSFER OF DENNIS BRADY

Recommendation of the **Civil Service Administrator** and the **Civil Service Commission** that City Council conduct a hearing on the appeal of transfer of Dennis Brady.

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. Councilmember Lieu congratulated the recent graduates of the Leadership 2000 Program, noting that it is a challenging and rewarding program, and suggested anyone interested in signing up contact the Chamber of Commerce.

16b. Councilmember Mauno mentioned that he had the privilege of participating in the Transit Bus Rodeo, which was a very worthwhile and enlightening experience.

16c. Police Chief Herren announced that tonight was National Night Out, which celebrates the Neighborhood Watch Program, and that Torrance would have 22 neighborhoods participating in National Night Out activities as a way of emphasizing that people do have the power to control what goes on in their neighborhoods.

16d. Councilmember McIntyre noted that she and Councilman Scotto, along with members of the Water Commission and the Engineering Department, had visited the Water Replenishment District's Goldsworthy Desalter plant, which supplies 12% of Torrance's water.

16e. Councilmember McIntyre commented on her experience riding along in buses driven by Mayor Walker and Councilmember Mauno in the Transit Rodeo.

16f. Noting that he participated in the Leadership 2000 Program by hosting an all-day session, Councilmember Nowatka also congratulated the graduates.

16g. Councilmember Nowatka reported that he enjoyed attending the welcoming reception for the Kashiwa exchange students along with Mayor Pro Tem Scotto and Councilmember Witkowsky.

16h. Councilmember Nowatka announced the Torrance Symphony's *Symphony Americana* concert honoring police and firefighters to be held at Wilson Park on Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m.

16i. Councilmember Scotto noted that he had welcomed the visiting Kashiwa students on behalf of Mayor Walker.

16j. Councilmember Witkowsky congratulated the Police Department on the Neighborhood Watch program and encouraged people to join in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

16k. Councilmember Witkowsky expressed concern about discarded items, such as mattresses and chairs, being left in alleys and recommended that residents in single-family homes call (310) 781-6900 for a free once-a-year large-item trash pick up. She also mentioned that they could drop off items at a rate of \$27.80 per ton at the Waste Management Receptacle, located in Carson at 321 West Francisco Street, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

16l. Councilmember Witkowsky reported that she participated in the Transit Rodeo, winning 2nd place, and noted this was her third year participating. She thanked Tom Whittle and the Transit department for putting together the wonderful event.

16m. Mayor Walker apologized for his use of the word “nonsense” as quoted in a recent newspaper article about a series of rapes that occurred in Torrance, stating that it was wrong and insensitive and did not reflect the seriousness of the crime or his true feelings.

16n. Mayor Walker reported that he has been meeting with Torrance Unified School District President Kuwahara on funding for projects for both the school district and the City of Torrance. He asked staff to look into the feasibility of an exclusive contract with a soft drink company to provide soft drinks for the City and the school district, noting that such contracts have proven to be very lucrative.

16o. Noting that the City Hall site is land locked and the Epson site is available for purchase, Mayor Walker asked staff to look into the possible purchase of the land perhaps with the County of Los Angeles.

16p. Mayor Walker noted that 10 to 15 years ago, he brought forward the idea of annexing El Camino College, Alondra Golf Course, and Alondra Park and asked staff to investigate the possibility of annexing the unincorporated area.

16q. Mr. Alan Lee, representing AFSCME, Local 1117, invited Council and staff to attend the AFSCME Annual Family Picnic on Saturday, August 10, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Torrance Park.

16r. Transit Director Tom Whittle thanked those who participated in the Transit Rodeo and introduced Jim Williams, the supervisor who ran the event and who will also accompany winner Himanshu Patel to the national event.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:34 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 13, 2002, 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/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on September 10, 2002