

**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 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Giordano, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Spencer Nakamoto, Boy Scout Troop 140.

Councilmember Nowatka gave the non-sectarian invocation.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland 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 Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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 Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN AND DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Nowatka requested that a meeting of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee be scheduled in September to discuss topics of mutual interest between the City and the Torrance Unified School District.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the watercolors of Torrance Artist Guild member Elaine Baldwin on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of August.

City Clerk Herbers reported on the availability of the agenda for the August 22, 2006 City Council meeting, which will include a public hearing on the proposed recreation vehicle parking ordinance, noting that it will be posted at City Hall as well as online, and that copies can be viewed in the City Clerk's office and at libraries.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RECOGNITION OF TERI MORALES AND SIMMIE MCDANIEL FOR SERVICE ON WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK BOARD

Mayor Scotto presented plaques to Teri Morales of MK Diamond and to Simmie McDaniel of the State of California Employment Development Department in recognition of their service on the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network Board for the past six years.

Kurt Weideman, Chairman of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network Board, expressed appreciation to Ms. Morales and Mr. McDaniel for their volunteer service on the W/N Board.

6B. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council review applications and make an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. The City Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to the commissioner if present.

City Clerk Herbers introduced the applicants who were present and they were invited to make a brief statement.

Councilmember Witkowsky nominated Patrick Furey, and there were no further nominations.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to appoint Patrick Furey to the Civil Service Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

City Clerk Herbers administered the oath of office to Patrick Furey.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Debbie Hays, President of the Torrance Historical Society, announced that the society's biannual Home Tour was scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15, 2006. She noted that a bonus "Sunnydale – Buffy the Vampire Tour" at the home featured in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" would be available by special ticket only and that tickets would be available for sale beginning Thursday, August 17.

7B. Ms Hays also invited the public to attend the Rock Around the Block event in downtown Torrance on August 17.

7C. Ms. Hays invited everyone to visit the new Torrance Historical Society website www.torrancehistoricalsociety.org .

7D. Ms. Hays announced that the monthly walking tour of downtown Torrance would be held on Sunday, August 20, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. starting from the museum. She noted that the date was changed to avoid a conflict with the Torrance Symphony's free concert at Wilson Park on Sunday August 27, 2006.

7E. Robert Feldman, resident, expressed appreciation to the Council and staff for fulfilling promises and trying out new ideas.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION 2005-06 ANNUAL REPORT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** and the **Community Services Commission** that City Council accept and file the Community Services Commission 2005-2006 Annual Report.

8B. **ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY AND DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF TORRANC LIBRARY**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** that City Council accept and appropriate a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in the amount of \$19,548 and a donation of \$5,000 from the Friends of the Library to fund an on-line Live Homework Help program.

8C. **TRAINING AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF CARSON**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize the execution of an employment and training agreement between the City of Carson and the City of Torrance (\$20,000).

8D. **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize the execution of a County of Los Angeles, Department of Community and Senior Services agreement (\$94,000) to operate a summer youth program.

8E. **AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize the execution of a summer youth contract with Los Angeles Unified School District (\$37,800).

Considered separately, see below.

MOTION: Councilmember Drevno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

8E. **AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize the execution of a summer youth contract with Los Angeles Unified School District (\$37,800).

In response to Councilmember Drevno's inquiry, Workforce Development Manager Unangst provided background information about the summer youth program to be funded by Los Angeles County and operated in collaboration with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She reported that to date, nine Torrance residents have been enrolled in the program, seven of whom were previously on the "Green Team."

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

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Referring to Consent Calendar Item 7B, City Librarian Weiner thanked the Friends of Torrance Library for their generous donation and briefly described the new online Live Homework Help Program, which will make it possible for students to access tutors online for homework assistance in core academic subjects.

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. VACATION OF A PORTION OF MORETON STREET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council approve and adopt a Resolution declaring the intention to vacate a portion of Moreton Street west of Dormont Avenue and setting September 19, 2006, as the date for the hearing.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan advised that the proposed Resolution sets a date for the public hearing on the vacation of a portion of Moreton Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF MORETON STREET WEST OF DORMONT AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE RESOLUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-66. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION RESTATING SECTION 2.12 OF CITY COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** and the **City Clerk** that City Council adopt a Resolution repealing Resolution 2006-61 by restating Section 2.12 of the City Council Rules of Order (Oral Communications #1).

Assistant City Manager Giordano advised that staff was recommending that Section 2.12 of the City Council Rules of Order be restated to clarify that the Mayor may choose to allow members of the audience who have not pre-registered to speak during Oral Communications #1 if all pre-registered speakers have spoken and there is time remaining in the 30-minute period allocated.

City Clerk Herbers reviewed changes made to the agenda to incorporate the revisions to the City Council Rules of Order and make it more user-friendly.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-61 AND RESTATING RULES OF ORDER FOR THE MEETINGS, GOVERNMENT AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-65. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12B. PROGRAM STRUCTURE FOR COMMISSIONER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council approve the program structure for a newly created Commissioner Certification Training and direct staff to proceed with two training sessions, the first on September 27, 2006 and the second on October 25, 2006.

Sr. Management Associate Lopez briefly reviewed the structure and the topics to be covered in the new Commission Certification Training program, which residents must complete to be eligible for appointment to a commission. She noted that the training will be valid for two years.

In response to Councilmember Witkowsky's inquiry, Ms. Lopez advised that those who are currently serving as commissioners will not be required to complete the training program, however, they will be invited to attend and share their perspective.

Mayor Scotto asked that a discussion of ethics be incorporated into the training program.

Robert Feldman, resident, suggested that training program attendees be provided with a copy of both the City's General Plan and Strategic Plan.

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

12C. AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL CODE RE SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council adopt an Ordinance amending Section 79.3.2 of the Torrance Municipal Code, relating to the areas of special flood hazards. The Community Development Director further recommends that City Council approve a summary of the ordinance for publication.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan reported that the proposed amendment must be adopted prior to September 20, 2006 in order to meet current minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

In response to Mayor Scotto's inquiry, Mr. Semaan advised that residents can find out whether their home is located in a flood hazard area by visiting the Engineering or Planning counters in the Community Development Department.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation and approve an ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3685

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 2, ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 9 OF DIVISION 7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD AN AUTOMATIC ADOPTION CLAUSE FOR FUTURE MAP CHANGES

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3685. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:51 p.m. to 7:52 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Councilmember Witkowsky shared a recap of the August 10, 2006 meeting of the L.A. County West Vector Control District, submitted by former Councilmember Mauno, who is the current representative. She reported that there was no detection of the West Nile virus in the district in the month of July and urged residents to eliminate standing water where mosquitoes breed as they can harbor the virus. She also reported that the Arbovirus Surveillance Program's sentinel chickens at Madrona Marsh tested negative for West Nile, St. Louis encephalitis, Western Equine Encephalomyelitis and Dengue fever.

17B. Councilmember Witkowsky, noting the very limited amount of Section 8 housing available, asked for City Council concurrence to have staff look into possible ways of addressing the lack of affordable rental housing for seniors in Torrance, including the feasibility of building senior apartments. There was no objection, and staff indicated that information would be returned to the Council.

17C. Councilmember Witkowsky, with the concurrence of the Council, requested that staff research the feasibility of extending out-of zone use of taxi vouchers for seniors to specific satellite areas such as Kaiser Permanente and Harbor UCLA.

17D. Councilmember Brewer invited the public to attend the Lago Seco Park re-dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 26.

17E. Councilmember Drevno commented positively on the newly planted parkway on Hawthorne Boulevard.

17F. Councilmember Nowatka announced the Torrance Symphony's free concert at Wilson Park on Sunday, August 27, at 1:30 p.m.

17G. Councilmember Sutherland requested that citizens contacting the Council by letter include their phone number and email address to allow for a faster response.

17H. Mayor Scotto reported on a tour of Del Amo Mall renovations and commented on the progress made with only 30 days to go before the opening. He noted that the Council also attended the groundbreaking of the Crate and Barrel store and that Torrance was fortunate to have them among the new stores.

17I. Noting that a question in the *Daily Breeze* had sparked many phone calls, Mayor Scotto invited staff to speak to the issue of the quick appearance of the nameplate for Councilmember Drevno following her appointment last week.

Assistant to the City Manager Scharfman explained that he had prepared transparencies with the same format as the regular nameplates for all 18 candidates and taped the transparency for Mrs. Drevno to a blank background during the break after she was appointed.

17J. Mayor Scotto announced that the Western Museum of Flight, formerly at Hawthorne Airport, would be relocating its library and indoor displays to two hangars at Zamperini Field. He noted that the museum endeavors to preserve the history of the aviation industry in Southern California and the City was pleased to have this valuable resource in Torrance.

17K. Jackie Decker, resident, asked to have the paramedic response fee increase examined for its effect upon seniors.

17L. Don Barnard, President of Save Historic Old Torrance (SHOT), announced that meetings will now be held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church at 1880 220th Street.

17M. Don Barnard reminded the City Council about a meeting on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and how it affects historic preservation to be held at Occidental College on August 18.

17N. Don Barnard noted a SHOT luncheon at the new Chinese restaurant on Torrance Boulevard on Saturday, August 26.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:13 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 22, 2006 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 November 14, 2006