

August 19, 1997

**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 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 1997, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council members Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian, Nakano, O'Donnell, Walker, and Mayor Hardison.

*Councilman Messerlian left City Hall at 6:40 p.m.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, Deputy City Attorney Pohl, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

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At this time Agenda Item No. 20 was considered out of order.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:34 p.m., pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.9(c), the Council recessed into a closed session to confer on matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 7:00 p.m. the Council returned to the Council Chambers. The Council took no formal action on any matter heard in closed session, and the regular meeting reconvened in regular agenda order.

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2. **FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dan Ainsworth, Moog Industries.

Father Michael Courey, St. Katherine's Eastern Greek Orthodox Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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

MOTION: Councilman Lee 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 Councilwoman Cribbs, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison. (Absent Councilman Messerlian)

MOTION: Councilman Lee 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 Council member the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison. (Absent Councilman Messerlian)

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson announced that the following items were withdrawn from the meeting agenda and continued for the Council's consideration on Tuesday, August 26, 1997: Agenda Item No. 7c (Proposition A Fund Exchange Agreement with the City of La Puente) and Agenda Item No. 7h (Authorization of Purchase Order Re Ready-Mix Concrete).

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

None.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 15, JULY 22 AND JULY 29, 1997**

7b. **PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH DIAMOND BAR**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Finance Director and the Fleet Services Director to approve an agreement with the City of Diamond Bar for an exchange of \$250,250 in the City of Torrance General Funds for \$385,000 in Proposition A Local Return Funds from the City of Diamond Bar.

7c. **PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH LA PUENTE**

Withdrawn (see above).

7d. **CITY TOW CONTRACT**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Acting Chief of Police that the City Council extend the current contract with Van Lingen Body Shop, Inc., dba Van Lingen Towing, to furnish vehicle towing and storage services for the City of Torrance Police Department on an "as needed" basis for a period of thirty (30) days.

7e. **FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 24166 - EXTENSION OF 237TH STREET WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council approve Final Map 24166, for the extension of 237th Street west of Crenshaw Boulevard, with the following provisions:

(1) that bonds be provided for the construction of all required public improvements, including purchase acquisition and legal fees for the off-site easements necessary to comply with conditions of the map; and

(2) the City accept the easements and fee title as granted on said map.
Subdivider: Don Wilson Builders.

7f. **CONTRACT FOR RESURFACING OF MAPLE SOUTH OF SEPULVEDA**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council:
(1) accept the bid and award a contract to PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company (Excel) in the amount of \$439,440.60;
(2) reject all other bids;
(3) authorize staff to prepare a standard contract; and
(4) authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the contract on behalf of the City for the construction of the Residential Street Resurfacing Program, 1996-97. (Maple Avenue/235th Street: Sepulveda Boulevard to Crenshaw Boulevard). Ref: Bid B97-32.

7g. **CONTRACT FOR MODIFICATION OF THE BORDER AVENUE WELL NO. 7**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council:
(1) award a contract to RC Foster Corporation in the amount of \$258,258;
(2) reject all other bids; and
(3) authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the contract on behalf of the City for the Modification to the Border Avenue Well No. 7 On-Site Disinfection System Project. Ref: Bid B97-29.

7h. **AUTHORIZATION OF PURCHASE ORDER RE READY-MIX CONCRETE**

Withdrawn (see page 2).

7i. **LIBRARY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the City Librarian that the City Council accept and file the Library Commission Annual Report.

7j. **AGREEMENT AND RELEASE RE 2134 DEL AMO BOULEVARD**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the City Attorney that the City Council approve an Agreement and Release between the City and the Gassets whereby the City has agreed to pay the Gassets \$7,500 and the Gassets have agreed to quitclaim any right to the alley to the rear of their property.

7k. **CONTRACT RE ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS CONSULTANT**

Considered separately (see page below).

7l. **CHANGE ORDER RE TOUCHMEDIA AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Human Resources Director that the City Council authorize the execution of a change order adding \$22,000 to the TouchMedia Agreement.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a, 7b, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7i, 7j, and 7l. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

Councilman Nakano, referring to Item No. 7b, commended City staff for the excellent return received on the exchange of City of Torrance General Funds for Proposition A Local Return Funds from other cities.

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

7k. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT RE ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENT CONSULTANT**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the General Services Director that the City Council approve contractual services with John Powers for various multi-disciplinary events, publicity and graphics, and special projects, not-to-exceed \$40,000.

Councilwoman Cribbs requested clarification of contract's Scope of Services (Exhibit A) Item No. 6 (per written material of record), noting that the Cultural Arts Foundation already solicits funds for performing arts as well as other events, and questioned whether the consultant would be interacting with the Foundation.

General Services Director Tilden stated that events of special interest to certain segments of the community provide an opportunity to solicit donations from associated businesses to cover event-specific expenses (i.e. airfare for an out-of-town artist), and noted that Mr. Powers had been very successful in securing donations of this type in the past. He advised that Mr. Powers would be attending Foundation meetings to outline financial needs for future events and determine what level of funding the Foundation can provide and then, if necessary, seek other sources to complete the funding.

Mr. Tilden agreed to prepare, per Mayor Hardison's request, a list detailing grants and specialized funding that Mr. Powers has obtained for Cultural Center events.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and passed by unanimous voice vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **LEASE OF LAND RE ROLLING HILLS SHOPPING CENTER**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council approve a new lease of the former 5H lease parcel along Crenshaw Boulevard, approximately 1500 ft. north of Pacific Coast Highway adjacent to the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center.

Land Management Team Chairperson Ng outlined the new lease (per written material of record) and introduced the lessee, Mr. Daniel Selleck, and his legal counsel, Mr. Bill Finer, who thanked City staff for their efforts in drafting this agreement.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

13b. **RESOLUTION RE VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE CEILING**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council adopt a resolution establishing the number of residents of the City for the purpose of determining the voluntary expenditure ceiling for the March 1998 election.

Deputy City Attorney Whitham explained that the number of residents was arrived at using data provided by the California Department of Finance and would be used to establish voluntary expenditure ceilings for City elections.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-113

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS
OF THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE
VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE CEILING FOR THE MARCH 1998
ELECTION**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-113. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

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Agenda Item No. 16a was considered out of order.

16a. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3437**

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 7 OF DIVISION 1 OF
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 7**

**OF DIVISION 1 RELATING TO VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE
CEILINGS**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3437. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

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13c. **SALE OF SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY - 235TH ST. AND MAPLE AVENUE**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the City Manager and the Land Management Team that City Council approve the sale of surplus City property located at the juncture of 235th Street and Maple Avenue to Anastasi Development Corporation; and authorize the execution of the sale and purchase contract and the opening of escrow.

Assistant City Manager and Land Management Chairperson Ng briefed the Council on the proposed sale and purchase contract (per written material of record); noted that Anastasi Development Corporation's proposal was the highest of the three submitted; and confirmed for Mayor Hardison that the current alley will be vacated and another one constructed at the developer's cost. City Manager Jackson indicated that the property's egress and ingress will be taken into account when determining the restriping strategy for 235th Street.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

13d. **REFURBISHMENT OF THE THIRD FLOOR OF CITY HALL**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council concur with the reallocation of space and renovation of the third floor of City Hall in an amount not-to-exceed \$105,000.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine stated that an aggressive work schedule (afternoon-evening shifts on weekdays, double shifts on weekends) has been set in order to lessen the inconvenience to people working at City Hall, and confirmed that rest room facilities would remain unchanged.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

13e. **NIKE SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Airport Manager that City Council appropriate \$32,315 from the Airport Fund for the following:
(1) contract to remove asbestos from Nike site buildings in the amount of \$17,815; and

(2) contract to demolish Nike site buildings in the amount of \$14,500.

Mayor Hardison reminded Airport Manager Hriz to take pictures of the buildings for historical purposes before demolition.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

16. **2ND READING ORDINANCES**

16a. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3437**

Considered out of order (see page 6).

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

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At 7:25 p.m. the City Council met as the Torrance Redevelopment Agency. The Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. and the regular Council agenda was resumed.

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

19a. City Manager Jackson announced the appointment of Jim Herren as Police Chief.

19b. All members of the Council offered congratulations to Chief Herren.

19c. Councilwoman Cribbs requested information regarding street work being done on Van Ness and suggested signs be posted informing residents of the duration of the project. City Engineer Burt stated that it was a 2nd phase of a Los Angeles County

Sanitation trunk sewer line and that he would forward information to Council on the schedule.

19d. Councilwoman Cribbs voiced concerns related to the recently changed and potentially dangerous street crossing at Madrona Marsh. Parks & Recreation Director Barnett stated that this had been brought to his attention by the Police Department and that staff would look at the timing for the already approved installation of a traffic light at the location.

19e. Councilwoman O'Donnell echoed her concerns about the Madrona Marsh crossing.

19f. Councilman Lee announced a Finance Committee meeting for September 9 regarding the Financial Systems Project.

19g. Councilman Nakano questioned the timing for the installation of a signal at Crenshaw and Jefferson.

19h. City Engineer Burtt, responding to Mayor Hardison's questions about the Caltrans work being done on Hawthorne Boulevard, stated that spot work was being done currently with the major work scheduled for October 1, and noted that the City will be seeking State assistance by way of provision of changing flashing notices informing motorists of traffic disruptions.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered out of order (see page 1).

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:41 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 26, 1997, 5:30 p.m. to conduct an Executive Session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.