

August 22, 2006

**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, August 22, 2006 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember McIntyre.

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

Mayor Scotto announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the City Attorney's office received a copy of a letter sent by an attorney for AFSCME Local 1117 alleging retaliation by the City concerning release time for the union president. Due to the time frames involved, the City Attorney believes immediate action is necessary and has therefore requested that the City Council add this item to tonight's agenda so instruction can be provided during closed session on how to proceed. 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 that immediate is required and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to add the above-mentioned item to the agenda to be considered under Executive Session pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.9(b)(1) and 54954.2(b)(2). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

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 the above-mentioned item and agenda matters listed under 17A) Conference with Labor Negotiator; and 17B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government § 54957.6 and 54956.8.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:00 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 Community Development Director Gibson.

Reverend Daniel Keeton, Torrance Church of Nazarene, gave the non-sectarian invocation.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA / MOTION TO
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

City Clerk Herbers reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 33031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, August 17, 2006.

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 Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brewer announced that the re-dedication of Lago Seco Park would be held on August 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly siren testing on Wednesday, September 6, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications for appointment to the Planning Commission will be solicited, with appointment to be made by the City Council on November 7, 2006. She noted that Commissioner Certification Training classes are scheduled for September 27 and October 25 and that revised commission application forms will be posted on the City Clerk website within the next two weeks.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2006-64 RE ROBERT HAROLD BREWER

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
HONORING ROBERT HAROLD BREWER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-64. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

To be presented at a later date.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE 21ST ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation to Alpine Village owner Teri Rotter commending those organizations supporting the **21st annual Oktoberfest Fundraiser** at Alpine Village on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at 5:30 p.m., and commending Teri and Hans Rotter for their dedication to charities serving the Torrance and South Bay community.

Ms. Rotter acknowledged sponsors and charities involved in the fundraiser.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Howard Higginbotham, Torrance, expressed concerns regarding a sober living home near his residence.

7B. Nancy Clinton, Torrance Airport Association introduced Chuck Lobb, author of *Aviation Images, Torrance*.

7C. Chuck Lobb, Torrance, presented Mayor Scotto with the first copy of the book, noting that it covers the history of Torrance Airport from World War II through present day, including chapters on Robinson Helicopter and Louis Zamperini. He invited people to a book signing at the General Aviation Center at Zamperini Field on September 10 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and at the Torrance Historical Society Museum on September 24.

7D. Debbie Hays, President of Torrance Historical Society, commented on the recent Rock Around the Block event at the Torrance Historical Society Museum and expressed appreciation to City staff for their assistance.

7E. Janet Payne invited the public to attend the Torrance Historical Society's biannual home tour on October 14 and 15. She noted that limited tickets were available for a separate evening "Sunnyvale" tour of the home used for the taping of Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Information is available at 310.328.5392 or at www.torrancehistoricalsociety.org.

7F. Linda England, Torrance, reported on a senior citizen artist colony in Burbank and presented material to the City Council and Community Development Department.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 11, JULY 18, AND JULY 25, 2006

8B. PURCHASE ORDER WITH DELL INC. RE COMPUTER LOAN BENEFIT PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council appropriate \$30,000 from the Computer Loan Fund and approve a purchase order for the term August 23, 2006 through February 29, 2008 to Dell Inc. of Round Rock, TX, the approved vendor for the City of Torrance Computer Loan Benefit Program.

8C. RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director and Fire Chief that City Council authorize the support services renewal agreement with TriTech Software Systems in the amount of \$36,643.

8D. PURCHASE ORDER RE UTILITY TRACTOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Public Works Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to John Deere Company of Cary, NC, in the amount of \$35,434.33 including sales tax, to furnish one (1) John Deere Model 5525 Utility Tractor.

8E. UPDATE TO AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN FOR ZAMPERINI FIELD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a standard consulting services agreement with the firm of DMJM Aviation in the amount of \$29,000 for updating the Airport Layout Plan for Zamperini Field.

8F. CONTRACTS RE INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND LIGHTING CONDUIT AT ZAMPERINI FIELD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council

- 1) Waive minor irregularities and an immaterial variation and accept the bid and award a public works agreement to Kingsboro Construction in an amount not to exceed \$86,027.15 and authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$8,602.72 for installation of underground lighting conduit at Zamperini Field, Phase 1; (B2006-30) and
- 2) Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a consulting services agreement with HB-HYCOM, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$18,480 for construction observation.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. CHANGE ORDER TO PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH SC FUELS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Transit Director that City Council authorize a change order to the City's existing purchasing agreement with SC Fuels of Orange, CA, to increase the original contract by \$535,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,740,000, for purchases of CARB approved Ethanol-blended (no MTBE) 87-Octane unleaded gasoline, diesel fuel, and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel.

Fleet Services Manager Winnett advised that rising fuel costs have necessitated the additional funding for the current purchasing agreement with SC Fuels which expires on September 30, 2006.

Councilmember Witkowsky reiterated her earlier request that staff look into the possibility of the City's using more hybrid vehicles.

Assistant City Manager Giordano reported that staff has had discussions with auto manufacturers located in Torrance regarding the possible donation of hybrid vehicles.

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

12B. RENEWAL OF PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH SC FUELS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Transit Director that City Council authorize the renewal of a purchasing agreement with SC Fuels of Orange, CA in an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000, to provide California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved Ethanol-blended (no MTBE) 87-Octane unleaded gasoline, diesel fuel #2 and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. This agreement will cover a period of one (1) year, beginning October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

Fleet Services Manager Winnett reported that the agreement encompasses all the City's fuel purchases, including ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel designed to reduce particulate emissions from diesel-powered vehicles. He noted that staff is looking into the purchase of hybrid buses as well as hybrid sedans.

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

13. HEARINGS

13A. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing as required by the Congestion Management Program of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution to self-certify that the City of Torrance is in conformance with local Congestion Management Program (CMP) requirements; and,
- 3) Direct staff to submit the CMP Local Development Report (LDR) as required by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on the matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

As no one came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-68. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

13B. CONSIDERATION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON RECREATION VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND OVERSIZED VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council:

- 1) Review the staff report and compiled suggestions from the March 28, 2006 City Council Meeting;
- 2) Adopt an Ordinance adding a new Article 12 of Chapter 1 of Division 6 relating to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers; and
- 3) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Mayor Scotto stated that he chose not to participate in previous hearings on this matter on February 28, and March 28, 2006 due to concerns about the potential public perception of bias even though he did not have a financial conflict of interest as defined under the Political Reform Act, however, he has decided to participate in this hearing because he believes it's important to have as many councilmembers as possible involved in the discussion. He explained that his towing business occasionally tows recreational vehicles, but not police instigated tows and no vehicles are stored at his tow yard as a result of calls from the Torrance Police Department regarding city or state code violations. He reported that while his business does park tow trucks on adjacent streets, he does have the ability to park them in his tow yard and would do so if the need arises.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan provided background information regarding previous hearings held on the proposed ordinance restricting the parking of recreation vehicles, trailers and oversized vehicles on public streets. He advised that as directed by the Council, the "grandfather" clause, which would have exempted vehicles purchased before December 31, 2006, has been eliminated from the ordinance.

Police Lieutenant Matsuda reviewed TMC Section 61.6.4, the 72-hour parking restriction, which is the existing mechanism for dealing with the parking of oversized vehicles on public streets. He noted that once marked, a vehicle only has to be moved a few feet in order to comply with the 72-hour parking rule and estimated that parking enforcement officers spend approximately 50% of their time following up on 72-hour complaints. He advised that staff anticipates that the proposed ordinance would cause an initial increase in workload for parking enforcement officers, which would taper off as residents become familiar with the new ordinance.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, which would institute a permit system for the parking of oversized vehicles on City streets, with a maximum of 3 consecutive days for residents and 14 days for visitors.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan reviewed the timeline for the implementation of the proposed ordinance.

In response to Councilmember Witkowsky's inquiry, Deputy City Attorney Sullivan explained that Torrance residents who register their oversized vehicles with the City would have a one-year grace period to comply with the ordinance.

Councilmember Witkowsky asked about the possibility of prohibiting the parking of oversized vehicles on street sweeping days.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan advised that such a provision could be added to the ordinance, but signs would have to be posted on every street stating that the parking of oversized vehicles is prohibited on street sweeping day and specifying the day of the week it occurs.

Councilmember Brewer questioned whether the 30 parking permits per year limit for visitors means that a specific visitor is limited to 30 permits per year or a specific residence is limited to a total of 30 visitor permits per year.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan reported that the ordinance states that a visitor may not be issued more than 30 parking permits per year but it could be modified so that the limit would apply per residence.

Mayor Scotto invited comments from the audience, noting the three-minute time limit for speakers.

Karen Fitch, 236th Street, contended that the proposed ordinance was contrary to Jared Sidney Torrance's vision for Torrance as a "workingman's" community. She requested that the Council consider exempting low-income seniors who currently own RVs from the ordinance.

Rod Freeman, Via Pasqual, voiced support for the proposed ordinance and urged the City to consider converting land near Torrance Airport for RV storage.

Peter Dabbieri, Via El Chico, reported that his company owns an RV and allows employees to use it and questioned whether residents who rent or borrow RVs would be allowed the same number of permits as residents who own them. He also questioned whether there would be grace period for residents returning from a trip late at night so they wouldn't have to go to City Hall early the next morning to obtain a permit.

Mayor Scotto noted that that the City hopes to make permits available by phone and through the City's website.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan advised that residents who rent or borrow RVs would have to obtain visitor permits and would be subject to the annual 30-permit limit.

Arthur Evans, Arvada Street, reported on vacant land that could potentially be used for RV storage. He suggested that people could use their backyards for RV storage if the City would allow them to build driveways accessing this area but a neighbor's request to do so was denied.

Mayor Scotto doubted that it would be financially feasible to build RV storage facilities in Torrance due to the high cost of land.

Community Development Director Gibson advised that permits for driveways from rear yards onto adjacent streets are considered on an individual basis and safety is a key factor.

Marvin Ryker, Firmona Avenue, reported that people are illegally parking their RVs in the Edison right-of-way next to him, which blocks the views of residents exiting their driveways and interferes with street sweeping.

Donald Borne, 165th Street, expressed concerns that the ordinance includes no restrictions on the parking of RVs near major intersections where they can block the view of oncoming traffic.

Newton Young, Hickory Avenue, stated that he believed the proposed ordinance was a step in the right direction, but favored reducing the annual allotment of permits for residents and requiring the permit system to be entirely self-funded. He indicated that he was opposed to allowing the parking of RVs at Torrance Airport due to safety and security issues.

Harvey Hetrick, Cranbrook Avenue, contended that the proposed ordinance was completely unnecessary, noting that he requested documentation in support of the findings in Section 1 several months ago but has yet to receive it.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan explained that there has been much anecdotal evidence presented regarding safety concerns associated with the parking of oversized vehicles on City streets and that the findings reference these concerns.

David Henseler, Singingwood Drive, noted that his neighborhood has CC&Rs that prohibit the parking of RVs and expressed concerns that residents may seek to avoid this prohibition citing the City's ordinance.

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The Council recessed from 8:35 p.m. to 8:55 p.m., after which public hearing resumed.

Robert Tyrrell, Lillian Street, stressed the importance of providing funding for adequate staffing to enforce the ordinance so that enforcement does not become a complaint-driven process pitting neighbor against neighbor. He contended that the ordinance was overly generous in allowing 72 hours for the preparation/cleaning of RVs, relating his belief that this could be accomplished in no more than 48 hours. He expressed concerns that people may falsely claim their RV has broken down to circumvent the ordinance.

Charles L. Deemer, Talisman Street, expressed concerns that the proposed ordinance could lead to overregulation. With regard to safety concerns, he maintained that it is everyone's duty to be careful when driving.

Gene Littman, Cabrillo Avenue, stated that the rising cost of RV storage has caused a hardship for him because he is on a fixed income. He noted that there is no room to park his 35-foot motor home in front of his residence as required by the proposed ordinance.

Diana Lighter, Via Los Altos, reported on traffic hazards created by RVs parked on narrow streets in the Hollywood Riviera area and indicated that she strongly supports the proposed ordinance.

Floyd Heideman, Teri Avenue, contended that RV parking problems affect only a small segment of the community and should not be addressed by enacting an ordinance affecting the whole city. He noted that he submitted two alternative proposals (supplemental material pages 59-60) that would allow residents to park directly in front of their own home without penalty. He suggested that a provision be included to allow 2-4 hours of parking without a permit should the ordinance be adopted to accommodate those who must park on City streets for a short time while running errands or doing business. Referring to Section 1 of the proposed ordinance, he disputed claims that RVs are a highly volatile fire hazard and that they emit annoying odors.

Norman Bauer, McAfee Road, stated that he strongly supports the proposed ordinance, but believes the one-year grace period is too generous. He urged diligent enforcement of the ordinance and indicated that he was opposed to the City's operating RV parking facilities due to potential liability issues.

Pamela Maran, President of the Riviera Homeowners Association, reported that the association supports the proposed ordinance for aesthetic and safety reasons. She noted that streets in the Riviera area are quite narrow and motorists must drive in the opposing lane of traffic to get around recreation vehicles, which creates a safety hazard. She recommended reducing the number of permits allowed per year; prohibiting parking on street sweeping days; and limiting parking to a maximum of 48 hours. She also thought the one-year grace period was overly generous and encouraged the police department to actively enforce the ordinance so that neighbors do not have to become involved.

Al Stahl, 183rd Street, voiced opposition to the proposed ordinance and suggested that the 72-hour parking restriction should be vigorously enforced instead. He commented on the lack of storage space available for RVs.

Janet Payne, Engracia Avenue, expressed support for the ordinance and commended staff for their efforts. She recommended an annual registration fee that would cover the cost of 24-hour parking permits for the entire year, rather than paying for them individually, in order to simplify bookkeeping. She also recommended that provisions be made for low-income RV owners who cannot afford the new fees.

Mike McGinnis, Post Avenue, stated that he was opposed to the ordinance, citing concerns about the impact on commercial vehicles, such as moving trucks and construction vehicles that must park on the street in the course of business. He recommended that every street in Torrance be posted with signs making it illegal to park on street sweeping day.

Deputy City Attorney Sullivan advised that commercial vehicles making pickups or deliveries or providing services to a residence are exempted under Section 61.12.030.

Bob Hoffman, Via Sevilla, stated that he supports the ordinance, but believes 72 hours is too long to allow for the loading and unloading of RVs and 14 days is too long for a visitor to park on City streets.

Robert Thompson, President of Madrona Homeowners Association, reported that the association supports the proposed ordinance. Speaking on his own behalf as an RV owner, he urged that the permit process be as convenient and reasonable as possible.

Sam Hoffman, Via Sevilla, reported that RVs create problems on narrow streets in the Riviera area and proposed limiting the time for loading and unloading to 48 hours.

Joe Pagano, 177th Street, questioned the validity of the findings in Section 1 of the proposed ordinance, maintaining that there was no evidence to support the claim that parked oversized vehicles pose a safety hazard for bicyclists. He suggested that all residents should share in the cost of the new program, rather than placing the burden entirely on RV and oversized vehicle owners, because everyone in Torrance will benefit.

Randy Langsdale, Gramercy Avenue, stated that he supports the ordinance and likes the idea of an annual registration fee covering the cost of all permits. He related his experience that 72 hours is necessary for the loading/unloading of an RV.

Fred Saunders, Fonthill Avenue, reported that he is disabled and uses a recreation vehicle as his primary vehicle but agrees that something needs to be done about this issue.

Dave Graham voiced his opinion that too much time and money has been spent on this issue, which affects relatively few people, and maintained that the City would be better off focusing on developing under-utilized land for RV storage, thereby providing convenient storage for residents and enriching City coffers.

Linda England, 227th Street, reported on problems she has had with a next-door neighbor who parks two RVs on concrete pads immediately adjacent to her property, submitting photographs to illustrate. She noted that she cannot extend the height of her block wall to hide the unsightly RVs and protect her privacy without costly inspections and permits, however, there is nothing in the Torrance Municipal Code to prevent her neighbor from parking an RV right outside her kitchen window. She expressed concerns that this will become a growing problem should the proposed ordinance be adopted as more residents will pave areas in their front yards to store their RVs.

Thomas Carston, 226th Street, stated that 72 hours is not enough time for him to prepare his motor home for a trip and questioned why RVs should be treated any differently than any other vehicle.

Robert Shellabauger, Sepulveda Boulevard, asked that provisions be made for residents like him who own recreation vehicles but cannot park it on the street in front of their homes due to traffic issues.

Charles M. Deemer, Talisman Street, expressed concerns about inconsistencies in the ordinance concerning the length of vehicles, i.e. oversized vehicles are defined as any vehicle over 20 feet in length, however, pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles up to 25 feet in length are exempted. He noted that the ordinance requires that the resident be the registered owner of the oversized vehicle in order to obtain a permit, however, some RV owners place their vehicles in a living trust to avoid probate. He questioned how permits would be obtained on alternate Fridays when City Hall is closed.

Roy Smolinski, Evalyn Avenue, voiced support for the ordinance, reporting that an RV parked on his street blocks the view of residents exiting their driveways creating a safety hazard.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmember Witkowsky indicated that she favored changing the one-year grace period to six months; establishing an annual registration fee, with the amount to be determined after staff has conducted a fee study; and adding provisions clarifying that the ordinance does not supersede more restrictive CC&Rs and that RVs may be registered to a resident's living trust.

Responding to questions from the Council, Deputy City Attorney Sullivan reported that there has been discussion of having the Police Department issue parking permits when City Hall is closed or it could be done via a phone-in system or the internet. He confirmed that RV parking could be prohibited on narrow streets for safety reasons, but a determination would have to be made regarding what width is considered too narrow and streets would have to be posted with signs warning of the prohibition. He clarified that the City does not enforce CC&Rs as that is the responsibility of the governing homeowners association.

Councilmember Brewer proposed that residents be required to register their oversized vehicles by January 1, 2007, with the issuance of parking permits to begin on January 1, 2008, which would allow staff the necessary time to conduct a fee study and implement the permit system. He also proposed that parking be restricted to directly in front of the vehicle owner's property; reducing the maximum number of consecutive permits for visitors from 14 to 7; tying visitor permits to the host's residence; instituting an annual registration fee; and including provisions for reduced fees for low-income and senior residents. He indicated that he supported the Traffic Commission's recommendation of 96 permits per year for residents.

Councilmember Sutherland voiced support for the ordinance as proposed, stating that he thought 14 days was a reasonable length of time to allow for visitors given the many attractions in the Southern California area. He suggested the possibility of requiring RVs parked in driveways to maintain a certain distance from the driveway apron to avoid interfering with the line-of-site of neighbors exiting their driveways.

Councilmember Nowatka commended Mayor Scotto for asking that this matter be returned to the Council for action rather than allowing it to get buried in committee. He indicated that he favored reducing the grace period from 1 year to 6 months and thought 96 permits per year for residents was a little excessive. He stressed the importance of educating the public about the requirement that visitors obtain a permit.

Mayor Scotto stated that while he favors as little government intrusion as possible, he believes the proposed ordinance is necessary so that City streets don't become a dumping ground for RVs from surrounding cities that have enacted RV parking restrictions. He related his observation that a small minority of RV owners have caused a lot of problems for their neighbors and the 72-hour parking rule has proven to be impossible to enforce.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the issues under contention, including the date of implementation, maximum number of permits, and the fee structure, and a straw vote was taken in order to reach a consensus.

Planning Manager Semaan noted that fees would be addressed separately after a fee study has been conducted.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation to place parking restrictions on recreation vehicles (RVs), trailers and oversized vehicles (OVs) on public streets, with the following amendments:

- That new subsections (f) and (g) to Section 61.12.140 shall be added:
 - f. Every person who parks or leaves standing an oversized vehicle or trailer on a public street or highway without a valid Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit or valid Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking permit is guilty of an infraction and will be subject to citation or towing or both.*
 - g. Every person who parks or leaves standing an oversized vehicle or trailer on a public street or highway without a valid City of Torrance Resident Registration Sticker except for visitors with an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit is guilty of an infraction and is subject to citation or towing or both.*
- That the one-year grace period shall be eliminated.
- That effective January 1, 2007, only oversized vehicles and trailers with a City of Torrance Resident Registration Sticker will be allowed to park on any public street or highway in the City.
- That effective July 1, 2007, no oversized vehicle or trailer will be allowed to park on any public street or highway in the City without displaying a valid Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit or Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit.
- That oversized vehicle and trailer parking shall be restricted to directly in front of the registered vehicle owner's property (or the side of the property if applicable) or the host's residence of an out-of-town visitor.
- That oversized vehicle and trailer parking will be required to meet all California Vehicle Code and Torrance Municipal Code restrictions.
- That the 24-hour period for permits will run from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- That visitor permits will be tied to the host's residence.
- That the fee study will explore charging an annual registration fee with a separate fee for daily permits, as well as an annual registration fee that covers 96 daily permits or a set number of permits, after which a fee will be charged for each additional permit.
- That discounts for seniors and low-income residents will be explored.
- Concurred with publication of Ordinance Summary.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

ORDINANCE NO. 3686

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 12 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 6 RELATING TO OVERSIZED VEHICLES AND TRAILERS

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3686 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3685

ORDINANCE NO. 3685

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 2, ARTICLE 3 OF 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 (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 10:52 p.m. to 10:53 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Drevno stated that she thought the RV item went well and was pleased that the Council was able to reach a decision on this issue.

17B. Councilmember Nowatka announced that the Torrance Symphony in the Park concert would be held on Sunday, August 27, at Wilson Park.

17C. Councilmember Witkowsky commented on the time and effort that went into the drafting of the oversized vehicle ordinance and thanked everyone involved.

17D. Councilmember Witkowsky announced that the 8th Annual Employee Variety Show would be held on Saturday, September 15, at 8:00 p.m., with proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society and the Wellness Center.

17E. Noting that the RV parking issue had generated hundreds of letters and e-mails, Mayor Scotto stated that he believed the ordinance, while not a perfect solution, was something that needed to be done.

17F. Mayor Scotto noted that the City Council plans to address other issues that are of concern to residents but has had to prioritize.

17G. Raymie McCoy, resident, stated that he was pleased with the outcome of the RV issue and voiced concerns regarding out-of-state registrations by some RV owners.

17H. Charles Leone, resident, thanked the Mayor and Council for their work and expressed confidence that the City was in good hands.

17I. Mary Modglin, resident, noted an incident at a recent Planning Commission meeting, in which she felt a speaker was not treated with respect.

17J. Charles M. Deemer, resident, expressed concerns regarding commissioners who do not complete their full term before applying to another commission and suggested adopting a policy requiring a person to complete two years of service before applying to a new commission.

17K. Don Barnard, resident, thanked Deputy City Attorney Heather Whitham and Planning Associate Kevin Joe for attending a recent meeting on CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) and how it applies to historic preservation.

17L. Councilmember Sutherland clarified that when Ms. Modglin referred to a woman seated at the end of the dais, she was referring to a Planning Commissioner, not Councilmember Drevno.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. **Tuesday, August 29, and Tuesday, September 5, will be Council dark nights.**

Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on October 10, 2006