

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a joint meeting with the Library Commission on Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at 5:43 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Lieu, McIntyre, Mauno, Nowatka, Scotto, Witkowsky, and Mayor Walker*.
*absent from joint meeting

Absent: None.

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

At 6:52 p.m., the City Council recessed to return to City Hall, and reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scotto.

Councilmember Nowatka 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

Agenda Items 7b and 7i were withdrawn.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Witkowsky announced that the 5th Annual Employee Variety Show would be held on Friday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the James Armstrong Theatre, with proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Mayor Walker announced that the Jared Sidney Torrance Award would be presented to George W. Post, noting his long history of community involvement.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jon Mc Clannahan, retired City employee, who passed away on Monday, September 8, 2003 and Sean Kimerling, former City employee, who passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at age 37 after a short battle with cancer.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION NO. 2003-122 RE WILLIAM L. GHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING WILLIAM L. GHIO UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-122. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Walker presented the Resolution to Mr. Ghio, who accepted with appreciation.

6b. PROCLAMATION RE COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation to Stephanie Baker and Wendell Johnson declaring Saturday, September 20, 2003 as ***Coastal Clean Up Day*** in the City of Torrance and urging all residents to participate in maintaining Torrance Beach and all other beaches to demonstrate our commitment to environmental awareness and ecological improvement. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Baker encouraged everyone to join in the effort to clean up Torrance Beach from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on September 20.

Engineering Director Burt commended Mr. Johnson for organizing this event for the past six years, noting that he was recognized with an award from Heal the Bay, and also thanked Ms. Baker for her participation.

6c. PROCLAMATION RE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE OF SOUTH BAY

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation commending the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of South Bay for their outstanding service to Torrance and the Greater South Bay communities and congratulating them on their 30th Anniversary to NCADD Chief Executive Officer Betty Battenburg.

6d. PRESENTATION ON THE WESTERN REGION ELECTRICAL GRID

Scott Gobble, Southern California Edison, provided an update on the status of the Western Region electrical grid, noting that \$300 million has been appropriated to repair and improve the main transmission lines between Southern California and the Pacific Northwest. He announced a new program, which will allow apartment dwellers to exchange torch lamps for new energy efficient ones at Osh Hardware on Pacific Coast Highway beginning October 11.

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Councilmember Scotto noted the City Council Ad Hoc Legislative Committee had met at 4:30 p.m. and discussed the propositions on the Statewide Special Election ballot October 7, 2003 and that an item would be brought forward at the next meeting.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. CONTRACT RE BOILER REPLACEMENT AT BENSTEAD PLUNGE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to HVAC Mechanical for the Benstead Plunge boiler replacement (FEAP #384) for \$17,949;
- 2) Authorize a 5% contingency of \$898; and
- 3) Appropriate \$17,831 from the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund.

7b. CONTRACT RE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to South Bay Heating and Air Conditioning for the Cultural Arts Center Cooling Tower Replacement (FEAP #68) and Air Conditioning Drain Pans (FEAP #67) for \$62,090;
- 2) Authorize a contingency of \$3,105; and
- 3) Appropriate \$17,195 from the Building Maintenance Capital Project Fund.

Item was withdrawn.

7c. CONTRACT RE PURCHASE OF LAWNMOWER REPLACEMENT PARTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize a vendor contract with Turf Star Inc. of Brea, CA in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the sole-source purchase of Toro brand lawnmower replacement parts. The term of the contract will be one (1) year, beginning on September 3, 2003, and ending on September 2, 2004.

7d. AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize Ken Porter Auction to facilitate the sale of twenty (20) surplus/obsolete vehicles.

7e. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR CORRUGATED METAL PIPE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM I-10

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council reject all bids received on July 1, 2003, for the Corrugated Metal Pipe Replacement Program, I-10 (B2003-18).

7f. **REJECTION OF BIDS FOR WATER METER AND VAULT REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE 2 (I-15)**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council reject all bids received on August 28, 2003, for the Water Meter and Vault Replacement, Phase 2 I-15 (B2003-25).

7g. **PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT RE WESTERN AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for Western Avenue Improvements, (182nd Street to Artesia Boulevard), I-7 (B2003-29);
- 2) Award a public works agreement to Sully-Miller Contracting Company in the amount of \$1,108,427.50 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$55,421.37 for the construction of this project;
- 3) Authorize staff to prepare a standard public works agreement between the City and Sully-Miller Contracting Company;
- 4) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement; and
- 5) Appropriate Water Enterprise Funds in the amount of \$102,512.55 for the construction of water improvements in conjunction with the Western Avenue Improvements.

7h. **EXTENSION OF CONTRACT RE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR UPDATING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve an amendment to the existing professional consulting services agreement with DCSE, Inc. (C2002-224) for professional consulting services for updating the Geographic Information System (GIS) Sanitary Sewer System Layer, to extend the contract term through March 24, 2004; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

7i. **PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT RE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECTS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that Council

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the Water Main Replacement Project (I-20, I-23 and I-26) (B2003-26) on file in the City Clerk's Office;
- 2) Award a public works agreement to Engineered Plumbing, Inc., in the amount of \$2,124,929 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$106,246.45 for this project;
- 3) Transfer \$40,000 from CIP No. I-23 to CIP No. I-26 to cover costs on Yukon Avenue Water Main Replacement; and
- 4) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

Item was withdrawn.

7j. CONTRACTS FOR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN SEWER LINES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a contract service agreement with Doty Bros. Equipment Company in the amount of \$40,000 on a time and materials basis for emergency wastewater system repairs within the City of Torrance;
- 2) Approve a contract service agreement with Clarke Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$40,000 on a time and materials basis for emergency wastewater system repairs within the City of Torrance; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreements.

7k. PURCHASE ORDER RE PARTICULATE FILTERS ON TRANSIT BUSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Transit Director** that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order in the amount of \$366,186.28 to Cummins Cal Pacific, LLC of Montebello, CA to furnish and install diesel engine particulate filters on thirty (30) Transit buses and to provide a particulate filter cleaning machine (with related accessories and spare filters) for installation in the Transit Service Facility.

7l. 2003 BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

Recommendation

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

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the 2003 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$71,048; and
- 2) Authorize the appropriation and allocation of \$7,894 of Asset Forfeiture funds for the cash match, for a total grant award of \$78,942.

7m. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF CALWORKS YOUTH FUNDING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Workforce Investment Network (WiN) Board** and the **Human Resources Director** that City Council

- 1) Accept and appropriate \$75,867 in CalWORKs youth funds to the Workforce Development Division budget;
- 2) Authorize the execution of CalWORKs service agreements with Southern California Regional Occupational Center (\$27,312) and Los Angeles Unified School District (\$40,968) to run a Summer Work Experience Component; and
- 3) Authorize the additional allowance of \$7,587 to fund City administration of these two program contracts.

Funding for the Workforce Development Division budget comes from County of Los Angeles Department of Community and Senior Services.

7n. APPROPRIATION OF UNALLOCATED AB2928 FUNDS TO ARTESIA BOULEVARD STREET IMPROVEMENT T-26

Recommendation

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

- 1) Appropriate \$113,106.33 of unallocated AB2928 funds to the Artesia Boulevard Street Improvement, T-26;
- 2) Authorize a change order in the amount of \$52,000 to contract C2003-101 with Sully-Miller Contracting Co. ("Sully-Miller") for the installation of additional safety lighting in conjunction with the Artesia Boulevard Street Improvement, T-26; and
- 3) Authorize the Engineering Director and staff to approve said change order.

7o. REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH REGINA KLENJOSKI DANCE COMPANY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council approve a two-year agreement with the Regina Klenjoski Dance Company to provide dance classes and programs at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, for an amount not to exceed \$134,510. The expenditure will be fully reimbursed by class fees.

7p. CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT WITH CUSA, LLC

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Transit Director** that City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a Consent to Assignment with CUSA, LLC, a Delaware Limited Corporation to operate Municipal Area Express.

7q. VENDOR CONTRACT WITH PEERLESS AUTO PARTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize a vendor contract with Peerless Auto Parts of Torrance, CA. The vendor will provide the City with automotive parts and supplies on an as-needed basis for a term of one year, beginning September 17, 2003 and ending September 16, 2004.

7r. CONTRACT RE STREET SERVICES TRAINING ROOM AND FILE ROOM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Action Contractors for renovation of the Street Services Training Room (FEAP #346) and File Room (FEAP #398) for \$96,600 with a 5% contingency of \$4,830; and
- 2) Authorize a 10% project management fee of \$9,660.

7s. AMENDMENT TO CONTRCT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WEST COAST ARBORISTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council approve an amendment to contract services agreement (C2000-195) with West Coast Arborists, Inc., of Anaheim, CA for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 in the amount of \$17,500, for a total not to exceed sum of \$541,500, to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment required for tree and/or stump removal, tree planting and tree trimming on an as needed basis at various locations throughout the City of Torrance.

7t. HANGAR REPAIRS AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and the **Airport Commission** that City Council approve an appropriation of \$710,000 for the repair of 239 aircraft hangars located at Torrance Municipal Airport - Zamperini Field (FEAP #395).

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7t, with the exception of 7b and 7i. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

8a. APPROVAL OF RELOCATION AND PARTIAL RESTORATION OF PACIFIC ELECTRIC CAR

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve the relocation and partial restoration of Pacific Electric car 4601 (the Red Car located at Wilson Park);
- 2) Authorize the contract service agreements that correspond to the recommended option (Option 3); and
- 3) Appropriate \$46,245 needed to complete the work (FEAP #407).

Administrative Analyst Witzansky reported that the Red Car must be relocated from its current site at Wilson Park to make room for the City's new animal control facility and outlined the options considered: Option 1 – Remove the Red Car and dispose of it (cost \$4,000); Option 2 – Move the Red Car to the southeast end of the park and enclose it with a 12-foot fence (cost \$4,700); Option 3 – Stabilize lead paint and repaint car, repair structural integrity of the car body and install used wheel/truck assemblies, install 76 feet of linear track and relocate car to southeast corner of park (\$46,245); Option 4 – Same as Option 3 except a more comprehensive lead and rust abatement and the application of an epoxy primer for which there is a warranty, in lieu of lead stabilization and repainting (cost \$77,000). He stated that both Option 3 and Option 4 would create a safe and secure static display, significantly improving the car's appearance while retaining its historical value; that Option 4 would provide a pristine foundation for future restoration; and that staff was recommending Option 3 as a more cost-effective alternative.

Councilmember Witkowsky noted that she had suggested earlier that the Red Car be relocated to the small island in the middle of Torrance Boulevard, which is an entry point into the City, where it could be used to welcome people to Torrance and draw attention to the downtown area.

Mr. Witzansky indicated that this location was considered, but rejected due to safety issues.

City Manager Jackson explained that staff was concerned about creating an attractive nuisance, as well as security issues and the potential for vandalism. He suggested that it would be better to wait until the Red Car has been fully refurbished before considering a downtown location, noting that there are no plans to replace glass elements at this time and windows and doors will be boarded up.

At Councilmember Nowatka's request, Mr. Witzansky provided a brief history of the Red Car and its importance to Torrance.

Richard Meyer, 635 S. Cleveland, Oceanside, reported that he brought the Red Car to the Torrance Historical Society's attention just before it was scheduled to be demolished in 1987 and voiced support for its restoration.

Janet Payne, 1318 Engracia Avenue, stated that the Historical Society was very excited when the Red Car was discovered; noted that it has been their longtime goal to make the Red Car available to the public along with information chronicling its history; and urged that the Council, at the very least, approve Option 3. She expressed the hope that it will be further restored and relocated in the downtown area at some point in the future.

Councilmember Scotto suggested the possibility of moving the Red Car to a temporary location until the City can afford to do Option 4.

Councilmember Nowatka stated that while he would like to be able to wait until the City could afford Option 4, he was concerned that the Red Car would continue to deteriorate unless something is done to preserve it and indicated that he favored moving forward with Option 3.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved to concur with the staff recommendation to approve Option 3, relocation and partial restoration; to authorize corresponding contract service agreements; and to appropriate \$46,245 for FEAP #407. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. CONTINUATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOODLANE 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 Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11b. JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RE INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Acting Information Technology Director** that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to establish the permanent Joint Powers Agency (JPA) to create the Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS).

Communications Technician Gallo reported that the proposed agreement would make permanent an interim agreement approved in August 2002 with eight surrounding cities.

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

11c. PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve the purchase of health insurance and administrative services under the "Multiple Choice" program for the period January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 through ABD Insurance & Financial Services to cover certain employees and retirees electing to cease participation in the PERS Medical and Hospital Care Program.

Human Resources Manager Fuentes reported that the Multiple Choice program would provide coverage for employees and retirees who elected to cease participation in the PERS program and offers comparable options at significantly lower rates.

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

12. HEARINGS

12a. MOD03-00003 (PRE97-00004): MARK AND KRISTY WAKEFIELD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Planning Commission** and **Community Development Director** that City Council deny the appeal and approve as conditioned a Modification (MOD03-00003) of a previously approved Precise Plan of Development (PRE97-00004) to allow a second-story addition to an existing two-story single-family residence on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 337 Via Pasqual.

Mayor Walker 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.

Planning Manager Isomoto briefly described the project; noted that the appeal was filed by a property owner who lives within the notification area but outside the Hillside Overlay Zone; and reported that the Planning Commission voted to approve the project by a 4-0 vote.

Councilmember Witkowsky asked about the possibility of including a disclaimer in the notification mailed to residents warning them that they might not be located within the Hillside Overlay Zone and, therefore, not subject to the protections associated with the Hillside Ordinance.

Deputy City Attorney Whitham and Planning Manager Isomoto offered to look into the matter.

Mayor Walker noted that there have been only a couple of instances where this has been an issue since the Hillside Ordinance was adopted in 1977.

Mark Wakefield, 337 Via Pasqual, applicant, stated that his family has outgrown the existing home and would like to expand; reported that he discussed the project with his immediate neighbors and heard no objections until James Quinn, 263 Calle de Andalucia, came forward at the July 2, 2003 Commission meeting; voiced his opinion that the proposed project would not significantly impact Mr. Quinn's view; and noted that Mr. Quinn does not live within the Hillside Overlay Zone.

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

Mayor Walker stated that he visited Mr. Quinn's home and did not observe a significant view impact, noting that Mr. Quinn's view is an acquired view, which he gained when he built a second story.

Councilmember Scotto reported that he also visited the site and observed that the project would not have a significant impact on neighboring properties.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation to deny the appeal and approve the project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A MODIFICATION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT (PRE97-00004) AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 41 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND-STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING TWO-STORY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE, ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 337 VIA PASQUAL.

MOD03-00003: MARK AND KRISTIE WAKEFIED(GREG SCHNEIDER)

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2003-124. 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 8:15 p.m. to 8:17 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. City Manager Jackson commented on Bill Ghio's career, noting his impact on the City's Civil Service system, and wished him well in retirement.

16b. City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the oils of Torrance Artist Guild member Jane Graef on display in the City Clerk's office through October 16, 2003.

16c. Councilmember Lieu commended Bill Ghio for his service.

16d. Councilmember Lieu encouraged everyone to attend the City of Torrance variety show to benefit the American Cancer Society.

- 16e.** Councilmember Mauno congratulated Councilmember Nowatka on his comments at the 9-11 memorial.
- 16f.** Councilmember Mauno, as a member of the West Vector Control District, shared information about the West Nile virus and suggested that the City's website include a link to the Vector Control website.
- 16g.** Councilmember Mauno commented positively on the recently completed facilities at Torrance Beach, noting that the new ramp is much safer.
- 16h.** Councilmember McIntyre commended Bill Ghio for his many years of service to the City.
- 16i.** Councilmember McIntyre announced that the Torrance League of Women Voters would hold a meeting on the pros and cons of Propositions 53 and 54 on the October 7 ballot at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library on October 1 at 7:00 p.m.
- 16j.** Councilmember McIntyre commented on recent news reports regarding overcharging by Albertson's due to scanner errors, noting that the manager of the local Albertson's informed her that his store was not involved.
- 16k.** Councilmember Mauno, as an employee of Albertson's, noted that any item that scans incorrectly will be provided to the customer free of charge.
- 16l.** Councilmember McIntyre announced that Torrance Library would be holding a *Lord of the Rings* masquerade/book discussion event on Thursday, October 30.
- 16m.** Councilmember Nowatka stated that the joint meeting with the Library Commission held earlier in the evening was very informative and productive.
- 16n.** Councilmember Nowatka suggested that those who cannot participate in the Coastal Clean Up Day at Torrance Beach consider spending some time cleaning up around their own neighborhood.
- 16o.** Councilmember Scotto stated that it was a pleasure to serve on the Civil Service Commission during Mr. Ghio's tenure and that he will be greatly missed.
- 16p.** Councilmember Witkowsky reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities convention in Sacramento the previous week, commenting on plans to put an initiative on the November ballot requiring a super majority vote on any legislation that would take money away from local cities.
- 16q.** Councilmember Witkowsky congratulated Councilmember Mauno on being installed as a member of the Independent Cities Association Board of Directors.
- 16r.** Councilmember Witkowsky called attention to upcoming programs on the *Senior Scene*, hosted by Art Callen, featuring stories about four prisoners of war and Purple Heart recipients. She noted that Friday, September 19, is National Recognition Day for POWs and MIAs and requested, with the Council's concurrence, that the POW flag in the Veteran's Memorial be flown on that day.

16r. Mayor Walker commended Bill Ghio for a job well done.

16s. Addressing high school students in the audience, Mayor Walker stated that he was pleased that they had an opportunity to observe how the Council is able to do a good job of addressing serious issues while at the same time enjoying the process.

16t. Janet Payne, 1318 Engracia Avenue, thanked the Council/Redevelopment Agency for deferring action on Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item 4a (Downtown Torrance Mural). She invited everyone to attend a meeting of the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association at the Bartlett Center on September 17, at which the Historic Preservation Officer from the City of Long Beach will speak on the subject on historic preservation overlay zones.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:35 p.m., the Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 17a) Conference with Labor Negotiator (Employee Organizations/Associations), and 17b) Conference with Labor Negotiator (Unrepresented Employees), pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 9:32 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:32 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 23, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

***Adjourned in Memory of
Jon Mc Clannahan and Sean Kimerling***

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 November 18, 2003