

October 7, 2008

**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 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Brewer, Furey, Rhilinger, Sutherland, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: Councilmembers Barnett and Numark.

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

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Mayor Scotto announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the City Manager's office received a counter proposal from Richard Marks, negotiator for PPG Industries concerning property located at 465 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, California 90503, APN 325-002-008. Immediate action is necessary due to the timeframes involved, therefore, the City Manager has requested that the City Council add this item to the agenda and provide instruction 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 of the Council that immediate action is necessary and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to add item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Numark).

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:33 p.m., City Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and City Attorney on the above mentioned item and agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, and 18C) Real Property - Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(a), 54956.9 and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:06 p.m. For formal action taken in closed session see Item 4, page 2.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Torrance Unified School District board member Terry Ragins.

Councilmember Rhilinger 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 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Friday, October 3, 2008.

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 Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Numark).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.

Deputy City Attorney Caceres reported that the City Council heard the matter of Dennis La Charite v. the City of Torrance, a Los Angeles County Superior Court Civil Case, which alleges a dangerous condition of public property, in closed session and the City Council voted unanimously to accept the Plaintiff's offer to settle this case for a total of \$82,500.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, to review of the First Quarter Budget has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for late November or early December.

Councilmember Brewer announced a Citizens Development and Enrichment Committee meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Assembly Room. He noted that the public is invited, with topics to include the design of the newly acquired corner of the Madrona Marsh (Madrona and Sepulveda) and a possible message board at this location.

Councilmember Furey requested an excused absence for the October 14, 2008 Council Meeting.

City Clerk Herbers announced that Torrance Artist Guild member Marylse Linder was exhibiting her watercolors in the City Clerk's office for the month of October.

City Clerk Herbers reminded the public that the deadline to register to vote in the November 4, 2008 election is October 20 and noted that poll workers are needed, for information contact the L.A. County Registrar Recorder's office.

City Clerk Herbers announced that Commissioner Certification Training was scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2008 and reservations are required, with applications available at www.torrcnet.com or in the City Clerk's office. She noted that residents must be certified before they can apply for a position on any City commission.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Commission on Aging Commissioner Charles Breaker.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring October 5-11, 2008 as **Fire Prevention Week** in the City of Torrance to Paul Vuoso, Torrance Fire Department Public Education Officer.

6B. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring October 2008 as **National Arts and Humanities Month** in the City of Torrance to Marianne Strehler, Chair of Cultural Arts Commission, along with Commissioners Ann Smisek, Katherine Endo Roberts, Gerry Rische and Ed Candioly.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE "PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT MONTH"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring October 2008 as **PTA Membership Enrollment Month** in the City of Torrance to Karen Cristy, Membership Chair of Torrance Council of PTAs, and Martha Deutsch, President of South High School PTSA, who presented the elected officials with honorary memberships in South High PTSA. Ms. Cristy encouraged everyone to join the PTA, with enrollment forms available at www.torrancecouncilofptas.org.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced the Torrance Historical Home Tour on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and acknowledged sponsors including the Del Amo Rotary Club.

7B. Grant and Jett Hays, Torrance students, spoke in favor of the Torrance Unified School District Bond Measures Y and Z.

7C. Bryan Johnson, Torrance, expressed concerns about Carmax on Hawthorne Boulevard, reporting that large trucks and tankers servicing this business are using residential streets, which poses a safety hazard to residents and their children.

7D. Raffy Mardirossian, Torrance, also raised issues regarding Carmax, maintaining that the business has not complied with conditions imposed by the Planning Commission to protect the quality of life of neighbors.

7E. Jeff Kidd and Cyndy Rossell, Coastal Cleanup Team Torrance Beach co-captains, thanked the public for participating in Coastal Cleanup Day.

7F. Jennifer Matsui and friends, Teens Against Cancer, announced that they had raised \$12,000 at their recent fundraiser and presented a plaque to Mayor Scotto and the City Council in appreciation for their assistance with fees at the Cultural Arts Center.

7G. Jimmy Wakimoto, Torrance, spoke in support of Torrance Unified School District Bond Measures Y and Z.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of August 5 and August 12, 2008.

8B. **AUGUST 2008 INVESTMENT REPORT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of August 2008.

8C. **DONATION OF THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council accept a donation of five thermal imaging cameras from the Torrance Fire Fighters Association (TFFA).

Considered separately, see page 6.

8D. **PURCHASE AGREEMENT RE LAWNMOWER REPLACEMENT PARTS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize an annual sole-source purchasing agreement with Turf Star, Inc. of Brea, California in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to furnish Toro brand lawnmower replacement parts on an "as needed" basis, effective October 8, 2008 through October 7, 2009.

8E. **CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the proposed class specification for Senior Forensic Identification Specialist.

8F. **APPROVAL OF RENEWAL RATES FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve the following renewal rates effective January 1, 2009:

- 1) Group term life/AD&D (accidental death and dismemberment) insurance provided by Mutual of Omaha at a rate of \$0.17 (cents) per \$1,000 of benefit for employees represented by TME-AFSCME/TLEA;
- 2) Voluntary life insurance for TME-AFSCME/TLEA represented employees electing to purchase enhanced coverage at the current age-banded rate schedule;
- 3) Short-Term Disability (STD) insurance at a rate of \$0.742 (cents) per \$100 of payroll, and Long-Term Disability (LTD) insurance at a rate of \$0.67 (cents) per \$100 of payroll for employees represented by TME-AFSCME/TLEA (Mutual of Omaha); and
- 4) Dental insurance for all eligible City employees under Delta Preferred Provider Option (PPO) at a rate of \$36.75 for one-party, \$73.50 for two-party and \$126.80 for family; and Delta Pre-paid plan at a rate of \$17.02 for one-party, \$30.73 for two-party and \$45.44 for family coverage.

8G. AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for construction of the Airport Pavement Rehabilitation, FY 2008/09: and
- 2) Award a Public Works Agreement, with a 12-month term, to Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, California in the amount of \$130,500 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$6,525 for the construction of the Airport Pavement Rehabilitation, FY 2008/09.

8H. ALLOCATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS TO MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS ACCOUNT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council appropriate and allocate \$25,000 of asset forfeiture funds to the Miscellaneous Projects account.

8I. APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPAIR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve the appropriation of \$74,660 to pay for emergency work performed on the water main in Western Avenue between 190th and 195th Streets by Doty Brothers Equipment Company.

8J. CHANGE ORDER RE FORD REPAIR PARTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve a change order to existing Purchase Order 2008-857 with Power Ford of Torrance, California, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000, increasing the not to exceed amount to \$58,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A, 8B and 8D through 8J. The motion was seconded by

Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Numark).

Consent Calendar Item 8C was considered separately at this time.

8C. DONATION OF THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council accept a donation of five thermal imaging cameras from the Torrance Fire Fighters Association (TFFA).

Blayne Baker, Torrance Fire Fighters Association, was pleased to report that a resident of Torrance, who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated \$125,000 for the purchase of 10 thermal imaging cameras to be given to the Redondo Beach and Torrance Fire Departments and expressed appreciation for this generous donation.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Numark).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. RESOLUTION RE CROSSING GUARDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the hours, wages and working conditions for employees represented by the Crossing Guards for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2008
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-65

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2008-106. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Numark).

12B. RESOLUTION RE SENIOR FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Memorandum of Understanding for the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) (Resolution 2007-56) to implement the proposed salary range for Senior Forensic Identification Specialist. Cost to implement the salary adjustment is \$18,500. Funds are available in the Wage Reserve.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-56 SETTING FORTH CHANGES
REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL
AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2008-107. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Numark).

12C. REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Legislative Ad Hoc Committee that City Council concurs with the November 4, 2008 ballot measure positions recommended by the Committee.

Councilmember Brewer, Chair of the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee, reported on the criteria used to determine whether or not to take a position on a ballot measure and reviewed the Committee's recommendations.

State Measures that meet City's Criteria

Proposition		Committee's Recommendation
5	Nonviolent Drug Offenses, Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitation.	Oppose
6	Police and Law Enforcement Funding. Criminal Penalties and Laws.	Oppose
7	Renewable Energy Generation.	Oppose
9	Criminal Justice System. Victims' Rights. Parole.	Oppose
10	Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy. Bonds.	Oppose

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the committee's recommendations to oppose Propositions 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhlinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Numark).

State Measures that do not meet City's Criteria (for information only):

1A	Safe, Reliable High Speed Passenger Train.
2	Standards for Confining Farm Animals. Initiative Statute.
3	Children's Hospital Bond Act. Grant Program.
4	Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.
8	Eliminates Right of Same-Sex Couples to Marry.
11	Redistricting.
12	Veterans' Bond Act of 2008

LA County Measure:

R	Traffic Relief. Rail Extensions. Reduce Foreign Oil Dependence.	Neutral
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Hearing no objection, Mayor Scotto stated that the City Council would remain neutral on Los Angeles County Measure R.

Local Measures - These measures do not impact local control. However, the Committee will determine position on each measure.

Y	School Safety and Core Academic Facilities	Support
Z	Education Upgrades	Support

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to concur with the committee's recommendation to support Torrance Unified School District Bond Measures Y and Z. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Numark).

Councilmember Furey, echoed by Councilmember Brewer, voiced support for Measures Y and Z, noting that there is a great need to upgrade school facilities and maintaining good schools helps all residents due to the impact on property values.

Mayor Scotto announced a meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 7:00 p.m., at Calle Mayor Middle School to discuss Measures Y and Z.

Terry Ragins, TUSD Board member, thanked the Council for supporting Measures Y and Z. She noted that provisions are included to ensure that bond monies are well spent and call for an oversight committee comprised of seven impartial community members and regular independent financial audits and reports.

Karen Cristy, Torrance, expressed support for Measures Y and Z.

The Council recessed from 8:10 p.m. to 8:22 p.m.

13. HEARINGS

13A. PRE06-00037: 417 VIA ANITA – RUKHSANA MIR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Community Development Director that City Council deny the appeal and adopt a Resolution denying a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a new two-story single family residence on property located within the Hillside Overlay District, in the R-1 Zone at 417 Via Anita.

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 and noted supplemental material available at the meeting.

With the aid of slides, Planning Manager Lodan briefly reviewed the proposed project and shared photographs taken from various vantage points in the neighborhood. He reported that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the project due to concerns about the proposed Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.59 and the project's lack of harmony with the surrounding neighborhood.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Planning Manager Lodan clarified that the basement was not included in the FAR calculation.

Jehan Mir, 417 Via Anita, applicant, disputed claims that the proposed project would affect the views of neighbors and that it was massive and bulky. He contended that the only views affected are "acquired" views and therefore not protected by the Hillside Ordinance and that the project was not massive or bulky because it complies with all Code requirements regarding setbacks, height and FAR, which are designed to address this issue. He stressed the need to balance the competing interests of neighbors and urged approval of the project as submitted.

Councilmember Sutherland questioned why Dr. Mir did not meet with his neighbors to try to resolve their concerns after the Planning Commission's denial of the project.

Dr. Mir stated that it was evident from the Planning Commission hearing that neighbors were opposed to any design that includes a second story so there was no point in meeting with them.

Todd Vander Pluym, 425 Via Anita, maintained that the project's mass and bulk were out of harmony with the neighborhood and that it would block views in every direction. He called for the Hillside Ordinance to be revised to avoid pitting neighbors against neighbors.

William Matthews, 210 Via Pasqual, contended that the proposed project violates almost every provision in the Hillside Ordinance; expressed concerns that developers and greedy property owners were trying to chip away at the Ordinance; and urged the Council to uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the project.

Pat Mraz, 214 Via Pasqual, stated that the proposed project would intrude on the privacy of her backyard, master bedroom and family room and block sunlight from these areas, thereby violating the Hillside Ordinance. She expressed concerns that should the project be approved, a precedent would be set and property values would be diminished due to the lack of enforcement of the Hillside Ordinance.

Kathie Baldwin, 408 Via la Soledad, reported that the second story on her home was built 48 years ago, therefore the view is not an acquired view as Dr. Mir has claimed and it is protected by the Hillside Ordinance. She stated that her view would be extremely impacted by the project and urged the Council to deny it.

Mayor Scotto asked about Dr. Mir's claim that the view in question was blocked by a tree until it was recently removed. Ms. Baldwin reported that an overgrown pine tree on a neighbor's property that was blocking her view was removed in 1997 or 1998.

Scott Thomas, 218 Via Pasqual, stated that the proposed project would look directly down into his backyard and intrude on his privacy thereby decreasing the value of his property.

Thomas Fallo, 421 Via Anita, reported that the proposed project would impact light and ventilation to his property, as well as block views. He urged the Council to deny the project "with prejudice" because the applicant has failed to make any attempt to work with his neighbors during this 18-month process and has allowed shredded flags from the silhouette to litter the neighborhood.

Lisa Edmondson, 429 Via Anita, voiced objections to the project on behalf of her neighbors at 400 Via la Soledad and 145 Via Alameda because it would obstruct their view. She noted that the applicant has claimed that it was not feasible to build subterranean because it could destabilize the hillside, however this argument seems to be without merit because the project includes a large basement, which could be reconfigured as living area. She expressed concerns about the rift this project has caused among neighbors and requested that the silhouette be removed immediately following this hearing because it is a safety hazard.

Joe Buck, 433 Via Anita, noted that the Hillside Ordinance requires that the applicant demonstrate that being confined to an FAR of 0.50 would constitute an unreasonable hardship in order to exceed this limit and Dr. Mir has failed to do so. He expressed concerns about the cumulative adverse impact should this project be approved because of the precedent it would set.

Dr. Mir reiterated his claim that the project complies with all requirements and requested clarification of the FAR limit. With regard to claims of privacy impact by neighbors on Via Pasqual, he reported that he cannot see into any of these neighbors' properties when standing on his roof and maintained that they are far more impacted by the large deck on the back of Mr. Vander Pluym's home. He stated that the project affects the view from only one window in Ms. Baldwin's home and the primary view is not impacted. He disputed her claim that the pine tree was removed in 1997 or 1998, noting that he previously provided photographs showing the tree that were taken after he submitted the application. Referring to Mr. Buck's comments, he doubted that the proposed project would have any adverse cumulative impact due to the many two-story homes in the area. He pointed out that the Hillside Ordinance allows two-story homes and contended that he should not be deprived of the ability to build one just because some neighbors are opposed to them.

Deputy City Attorney Whitham provided clarification regarding FAR limitations in the Hillside Ordinance. She explained that the following findings must be made in order to approve a project with an FAR over 0.50 up to a maximum of 0.60: 1) That denial of the application would constitute an unreasonable hardship to the applicant, and 2) That granting the application would not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or to other properties in the vicinity.

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

Councilmember Furey reported that he visited site and observed that the project would have a tremendous impact on Ms. Baldwin's view (408 Via la Soledad), as well as privacy impacts on 210, 214 and 218 Via Pasqual. He stated that he also did not believe the applicant had established that being limited to an FAR would constitute an unreasonable hardship, noting that the lot is 7357 square feet so a house well over 3000 square feet could be built without exceeding this limit.

Councilmember Rhilinger stated that she observed that the project would loom over houses below on Via Pasqual and obstruct the view at 408 Via la Soledad and that she was struck by the applicant's failure to work with his neighbors. She further stated that she thought the FAR was too high and the applicant had given no explanation of hardship.

Councilmember Brewer noted that the Community Development Department recommended denial of the project at the December 2007 Planning Commission hearing, which is unusual because applicants typically try to address any concerns staff may have about a project before it reaches the Planning Commission. He commented on the lack of outreach to neighbors and recommended that the applicant make more of an effort in this area if he decides to submit another project.

Councilmember Sutherland indicated that he shared his colleagues' concerns about the project.

Mayor Scotto stated that he also would not support the project, relating his belief that the main issues were related to the 0.59 FAR and the second story.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to deny the appeal and deny the project with prejudice. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Numark).

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DENYING AN APPEAL AND DENYING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 41 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITHIN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 417 VIA ANITA

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2008-108. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Barnett and Numark).

The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 9:28 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

17A. Councilmember Sutherland, with the concurrence of Council, requested that Gerber Ambulance be recognized with a proclamation for their 20 years of service to the community.

17B. Councilmember Brewer requested that staff explore the feasibility of having an additional Farmers Market at Columbia Park on Friday afternoons. It was determined that the matter could be explored through the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Council Community Planning and Design Committee, and then forwarded to the City Council to allow input at all levels.

17C. Councilmember Brewer requested that permanent improvements to Armstrong Theatre signage be included in Capital Budget discussions.

17D. Councilmember Brewer commented on the open house held at the Noise Abatement Center on Saturday, October 4, noting that his neighborhood was impressed with the noise monitoring system.

17E. Councilmember Furey reported that he had attended the Torrance Unified School District open house at Magruder Middle School the previous Saturday to view facilities in need of repairs/upgrading. He noted that there would be an open discussion of Torrance Unified School District Bond Measures Y and Z at North High School on October 23, 2008, sponsored by the North Torrance Homeowners Association.

17F. Councilmember Rhilinger commended City staff on the successful Noise Abatement Center open house.

17G. Joe Buck, Torrance, requested that the City Council to consider a full review of the Hillside Ordinance, relating his understanding that the Planning Commission had formed a committee for this purpose, but recently dissolved it.

17H. Todd Vander Pluym, Torrance, echoed the request that the Hillside Ordinance be reviewed.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:42 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 14, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

***Adjourned in Memory of
Charles Breaker***

Attest: /s/ Frank Scotto
Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers
Sue Herbers,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on December 16, 2008

Sue Sweet
Recording Secretary

City Council
October 7, 2008