

**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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Mauno, McIntyre, Nowatka, Scotto, Witkowsky and Mayor Walker.

Absent: Councilmember Guyton.

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Mauno.

Councilmember Witkowsky gave the non-sectarian invocation.

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

**MOTION:** Councilmember McIntyre 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 Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Guyton).

**MOTION:** Councilmember McIntyre 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 Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Guyton).

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson announced that Agenda Item 7G was deferred to the November 8 City Council meeting and Item 11E was withdrawn.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications for the vacancies on the Planning Commission would be accepted through Wednesday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m., with the appointments to be made at the November 8 Council meeting.

City Clerk Herbers reminded everyone that November 8 is Election Day, with polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters can go to [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) to find polling locations and [www.smartvoter.com](http://www.smartvoter.com) for candidate information. Early electronic voting is available locally through November 4 at Carson Library, 151 E Carson, and Redondo Beach Library, 303 N Diamond.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the last candidate forum for the November 8, 2005 local elections would be held on November 2, 7:00 p.m., at Sea Aire Golf Course sponsored by Seaside Homeowners Association.

Fire Chief Bongard reminded the public that ExxonMobil would be conducting the monthly test of the siren and community alert system on Wednesday, November 2, at 11:30 a.m.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7A. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2005**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Treasurer** that the City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of September 2005.

**7B. REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH BAY SPORTS ACADEMY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Community Services Director** that City Council approve a revenue sharing agreement with Murphy Su'a, dba South Bay Sports Academy, to provide baseball and softball instruction at Wilson Park, for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

**7C. PURCHASE ORDER RE CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to West Coast Sand & Gravel of Buena Park, CA (B2005-51) in the amount of \$70,000 including sales tax, to furnish the City's requirement of crushed aggregate base for the City's various street and sidewalk maintenance and repair projects on an as needed basis for a one (1) year period, effective November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006.

**7D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH L.A. COUNTY MTA RE DEL AMO BOULEVARD EXTENSION**

Considered separately, see page 3.

**7E. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR STREETScape MANAGER AND STREETScape OPERATIONS MANAGER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** and **Civil Service Commission** that City Council approve the revised class specification for Streetscape Manager and Street Operations Manager.

**7F. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR CLAIMS TECHNICIAN**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** and **Civil Service Commission** that City Council approve the proposed class specification for Claims Technician.

**7G. PURCHASE ORDER FOR ASPHALT ZIPPER RECLAMATION ATTACHMENT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order with Asphalt Zipper Inc. of Pleasant Grove, UT in the amount of \$86,978.88 for the sole-source purchase of one asphalt zipper reclamation attachment.

Item was deferred to November 8, 2005 meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Mauno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7E and 7F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Guyton).

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

**7D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/LETTER AGREEMENT WITH L.A. COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY RE DEL AMO BOULEVARD EXTENSION**

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

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement, MOU/LOA P0004314 with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in conjunction with the Del Amo Boulevard Extension/Grade Separation, T-30; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said amendment.

Project Manager Bilezerian reported that this agreement will extend the lapsing date on \$8,813,000 in grant funds for the Del Amo Boulevard Extension project from June 2006 to June 2007. He noted that design work on the project is scheduled to be completed by fall 2006.

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

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**11A. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ANALYST**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** and **Civil Service Commission** that City Council approve the revised class specification for Information Technology Analyst.

In addition, the **Human Resources Director** recommends that City Council adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 2005-111 governing employees represented by Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association to implement the premium for Information Technology Analyst who assumes supervisory duties.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-120**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-111 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION (TPSA)

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2005-120. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Guyton).

**11B. SAFETY MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION RE FIRE DIVISION CHIEF**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a Resolution for Safety Management Employees with regard to the Fire Division Chief.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-122**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JUNE 26, 2005 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-50

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2005-122. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Guyton).

**11C. SELECTION OF MUTUAL OF OMAHA AS LIFE INSURANCE CARRIER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve the selection of Mutual of Omaha as the insurance carrier for life insurance benefits for Executive and Management Employees and Elected Officials;
- 2) Approve the implementation of an enhanced life insurance benefit of \$200,000 for Executive Employees and \$100,000 for Management Employees at the rate of .25 cents per \$1000 of coverage;
- 3) Adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 2005-119 for Executive and Management Employees to reflect this benefit change; and
- 4) Adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 2005-121 for Elected Officials to reflect this benefit change.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-123**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-119 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2005-123. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Guyton).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-124**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-121 SETTING FORTH CHANGES

REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2005-124. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Guyton).

**11D. CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Resolution for Crossing Guard Employees regarding hours, wages, and working conditions.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-125**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES, WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-110

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2005-125. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Guyton).

**11E. GROUND LESSOR CONSENT/AGREEMENT RE 2700 SKYPARK DRIVE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a Ground Lessor Consent and Agreement (Leasehold Mortgage) made by the City of Torrance, a municipal corporation ("Lessor") to and for the benefit of General Electric Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (together with its successors and assigns, "Lender"), concerning securing a leasehold deed of trust secured by a Ground Lease for City- owned property located at 2700 Skypark by and between the City and LDC Skypark, LLC.

Item was withdrawn.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 6:12 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**16A. City Manager Jackson** announced that November 29, the fifth Tuesday of the month, would be a Council dark night.

**16B. City Clerk Herbers** invited staff and public to view the mixed media of Torrance Artist Guild member Diane Reeves on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of November.

**16C. Councilmember Mauno** noted his attendance at the graduation ceremony for Torrance firefighters and commended Fire Chief Bongard and staff for the excellent work.

**16D. Councilmember McIntyre** expressed regret that Tom Ishibashi, who has farmed the land next to Torrance Airport for almost 50 years, would be closing down his produce stand on Crenshaw Boulevard.

**16E. Mayor Walker** asked about the possibility of using land near the airport for community gardens. City Manager Jackson expressed concerns about potential security issues involving the airport, but agreed to explore this idea.

**16F. Councilmember Scotto** announced that the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce would hold a business expo on Thursday, November 3, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Torrance Marriott, which will showcase local businesses and non-profit organizations.

**16G. Councilmember Witkowsky** reported that she greatly enjoyed attending the firefighter graduation and was impressed by the demonstrations and commended Fire Chief Bongard and everyone involved.

**16H. Councilmember Witkowsky** reminded everyone to vote in the November 8 election, noting that she voted electronically at the Redondo Beach library, which is a great option for people who don't want to brave the crowds on election day.

**16I. Arthur Meese**, resident, expressed concerns about his neighbor's addition that has been under construction for two years. He questioned whether campaign donations Mayor Walker received from Watt Development have had any bearing on the conversion of commercial land for residential use and overbuilding in the city.

In response, Mayor Walker stated that he received a large political contribution from Watt Development, which deferred a political expense from his State Assembly campaign, and it had nothing to do with his campaigns for the City Council or mayor. He noted that since receiving the contribution, he has abstained from voting on any project involving this developer. He invited Mr. Meese to meet with staff following the meeting regarding his concerns about his neighbor's construction.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:27 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attest:

/s/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on February 7, 2006