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At 10:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**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 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

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

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator; and 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government § 54957.6 and 54946.9(a).

The City Council reconvened at 7:13 p.m. in the Council Chambers. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Transit Director Turner.

Councilmember Witkowsky 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 Thursday, December 7, 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 McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Witkowsky announced that the next Public Safety Committee meeting would be held on Thursday, December 14, at 3:30 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room.

Councilmember Brewer introduced Youth Council representative Kyle Aguilar.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joanne Butzirus, longtime resident, who passed away November 4; Linda Uter, bus operator, who passed away November 25; and Esther Kane, longtime resident and former library employee, who passed away December 8.

Mayor Scotto reported that Micah Gifford, age 27, a graduate of South High School, was killed in Iraq on December 7 when a makeshift bomb exploded near his unit while on patrol during combat operations in Baghdad.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPANTS IN ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Mayor Scotto presented certificates in recognition of their participation in the Adopt-A-School Program to representatives from the following companies: Sam's Club, American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Sunrider International, Virco Manufacturing Corporation, Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., Commercial Capital Bank, Northrop Grumman, Hitachi Automotive Products, Radium Open Air Market, First Bank and Trust, Scotto Towing, Daily Breeze, Costco Wholesale, Golden Spoon, Alcoa Fastening Systems, First Regional Bank, South Bay Bank, Raytheon, Honeywell International-partnered with Richardson Middle School, Honeywell International-partnered with Magruder Middle School, Ball Corporation, Courtyard by Marriott, Moog, Kaiser Permanente, Continental Development Corporation, and Fremont Investments.

**7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Debbie Hays, Torrance Historical Society, announced the availability of limited edition calendars with lenticular photographs of Torrance, past and present. She also announced a special reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by historian Michael George on Sunday, December 17, at the Torrance Historical Museum.

**7B.** Chris Anderson, Torrance, requested City assistance in issues involving Time Warner Cable.

**7C.** Debra Corwin, Perfect Partners Cat Rescue, requested a copy of the proposed ordinance regarding the feeding of feral cats.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8A. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH A-1 ALL AMERICAN ROOFING INC.**

**Recommendation**

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council approve a contract amendment with A-1 All American Roofing Inc. (C2006-197) for \$2,310 for additional roof work at various park restroom buildings for a total contract amount not to exceed \$26,950.

**8B. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

The **City Attorney** recommends that City Council approve the amendment to the Fee Agreement with the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (C2005-226) to provide legal services in a discipline matter in the amount of \$30,000 for a not to exceed total of \$54,000.

**8C. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN CASE OF SHOTLAND V. CITY OF TORRANCE**

**Recommendation**

The **City Attorney** recommends that City Council approve the Second Amendment to the Fee Agreement with the law firm of Stephen, Oringer, Richman, Theodora & Miller (C2004-074) to provide legal services in the case of Shotland v. City of Torrance in the additional amount of \$20,000 for a not to exceed amount of \$59,000.

**8D. PAYMENT TO TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR MOBIL GREEN TEAM PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council authorize payment to Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) in the amount of \$28,320.59 for salaries and benefits paid to teachers and youth participants in the Mobil Green Team Program.

**8E. CONTRACT FOR C.I.T. COMPUTER ROOM REMODEL**

**Recommendation**

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council award a contract with Action Contractors for \$15,245 for the demolition of a wall and installation of new ceiling and lighting in the basement of the City Hall computer room (FEAP #628).

**8F. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH WILLIAM LOYD JONES ARCHITECT**

**Recommendation**

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council approve a contract amendment with William Loyd Jones Architect (C2004-071) for architectural services for Fire Station #5 Renovation to increase the contract by \$2,415 for a not to exceed contract amount of \$45,915 including contingency and extend the term to June 30, 2007.

**8G. CONTRACT FOR DESIGN OF C.I.T. RADIO SHOP EXPANSION**

**Recommendation**

The **General Services Director** recommends that City Council award a contract with BOA Architecture for \$19,250 for design services of the C.I.T. radio shop expansion (FEAP #493) at the City Yard.

**8H. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR DESIGN OF USED OIL RECYCLING INTERACTIVE DISPLAY**

**Recommendation**

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council approve an amendment to agreement with Ideum Inc. (C2006-062) for design and development of a used oil recycling interactive environmental display extending the term for six months and include copyright language.

**8I. AGREEMENT WITH CAROLLO ENGINEERS FOR DESIGN SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council approve a professional services agreement with Carollo Engineers for the final design services for the WALTERIA and BEN HAGGOTT RESERVOIRS REHABILITATION AND NITRIFICATION REDUCTION PROJECT, CIP No.S-31, in the amount not to exceed \$199,424.

**8J. AMENDMENT TO MULTI-AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RE STORM WATER REGULATIONS**

**Recommendation**

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council approve Amendment No. 2 to the multi-agency Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) (C2004-157) between the cities of Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Torrance, El Segundo, the County of Los Angeles, and Caltrans, to provide a supplemental report to the Implementation Plan required by storm water regulations in the amount of \$12,443.

**8K. AGREEMENT EXTENSION FOR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

The **Fire Chief** recommends that City Council authorize the Fire Chief to exercise the option to extend the agreement for provision of emergency telephone notification services with Avtex, Inc. (C2005-154) for one year through December 20, 2007. The City will have three remaining options for one-year extensions.

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

**10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**10A. APPROVAL OF "OLD TORRANCE FOUNDED 1912" SIGNAGE**

Considered out of order, see page 12.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING REQUESTS RE CALIFORNIA INFRASTRUCTURE BOND PACKAGE**

**Recommendation**

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council concur in setting priorities for funding requests to compete for proceeds of the successful California Infrastructure Bond Package passed on November 7, 2006.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine briefly reviewed a prioritized list of funding requests for transit, infrastructure rehabilitation/capacity enhancement, and park improvements, per written material of record.

With regard to infrastructure capacity enhancement, Mayor Scotto indicated that he favored making the intersection of Crenshaw/PCH a higher priority.

Mr. Sunshine explained that the Del Amo Boulevard extension was given the highest priority in capacity enhancement because the project has been designed and is ready to go.

Community Development Director Gibson noted that improvements to the intersection of Crenshaw/PCH have not been designed as they involve the acquisition of right-of-way and must be coordinated with Caltrans, which can be a lengthy process.

Councilmember Witkowsky recommended that traffic signal synchronization be included in the list of priorities.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan reported that staff is currently working with L.A. County and Caltrans on the synchronization of signals on Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard.

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

**12B. APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH VERIZON WIRELESS**

**Recommendation**

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a lease by and between the City of Torrance and Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership, a California limited partnership, dba Verizon Wireless for a portion of City-owned property located at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field in the vicinity of the East T-Hangar washrack.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine briefly reviewed the proposal to lease an area at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field to Verizon Wireless for the construction and maintenance of a cell tower.

John King, Torrance, expressed concerns that the lease has not been reviewed by the Airport Commission. He contended that the 54-foot cell tower would be a hazard to air traffic, particularly for helicopters and noted that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must review the proposal to ensure that the cell tower does not interfere with navigation or communication equipment. He voiced objections to allowing other telecommunications companies to co-locate equipment on the cell tower, because they might not be as responsible as Verizon.

Mr. Sunshine explained that the Airport Commission approved the lease in concept and leases are not typically brought back to the commission for final approval, but are forwarded to the Council. He related his understanding that the FAA has already reviewed the project, noting that FAA approval is a requirement of the lease. He advised that any sublease would have to be approved by the City and would be subject to the terms of the original lease.

Councilmember Witkowsky expressed concerns about the height of the tower and questioned whether other locations were considered. Mr. Sunshine advised that Verizon needs a tower in this specific area to improve coverage and this was the most viable site on City-owned property.

Councilmember Brewer questioned whether a flashing light would be required at the top of the tower.

Paul Anthony, representing Verizon Wireless, advised that the FAA does not require the tower to be lighted, however, Verizon would be willing to do so.

Nancy Clinton, Torrance Airport Association, noted that helicopters use the area in the vicinity of the proposed tower for landing and take-off and recommended that Robinson Helicopter be notified about this proposal before any action is taken.

Don Ferrara, Rancho Palos Verdes, expressed concerns about the aesthetics of the tower, noting that he submitted an alternative design.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sutherland moved to have the item returned for discussion at the December 19 City Council meeting, with the addition of a light on the tower and the notification of Robinson Helicopter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**12C. MODIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES PAY RESOLUTION**

**Recommendation**

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Executive & Management Employees Pay Resolution No. 2006-54 modifying the salary of the City Manager to reflect City Council's action of November 21, 2006 for an increase of 5%. Wage funding is provided in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 adopted budget.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-88**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-54 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-88. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**12D. CONDUIT FINANCING FOR EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION**

**Recommendation**

The **Finance Director** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution approving the tax-exempt financing and the issuance of the revenue bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority (CMFA) for Exxon Capital Ventures, Inc., (the "Borrower") solely for the purposes of satisfying the requirements of the Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5 of the California Government Code, as amended and supplemented (the "Joint Exercise of Powers Act"); and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution approving, authorizing, and directing the execution of a joint exercise of powers agreement relating to the California Municipal Finance Authority.

Finance Director Tsao advised that the proposed Resolutions would facilitate Exxon Mobil Corporation's refinancing of tax-exempt bonds for pollution control equipment and improvements for its refinery at 3700 W. 190<sup>th</sup> Street. He noted that the City will have no financial liability for the bonds, which are the sole responsibility of the Exxon Mobil Corporation, and the company has also agreed to indemnify the City against any claim or loss resulting from the Joint Powers Agreement.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-95**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$32,505,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE AUTHORITY'S REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF EXXON CAPITAL VENTURES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFINANCING THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THEREON HEREIN SPECIFIED

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-95. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-96**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING, AUTHORIZING, AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-96. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**12E. FUNDING/DESIGN FOR MEDIAN LANDSCAPING ON ZAMPERINI WAY**

**Recommendation**

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve the proposed landscape design for the median on Zamperini Way;
- 2) Appropriate \$5,000 from the City Council set aside fund (remaining balance of travel expenses) and \$1,276 from the Airport Enterprise Fund to assist in the construction of the median landscaping project on Zamperini Way; and
- 3) Approve in kind costs for labor and materials in an amount of \$4,500.

Referring to a rendering of the project, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine briefly reviewed plans to landscape the median on Zamperini Way and to install a sign identifying the entrance to Zamperini Field -Torrance Airport. He noted that the Torrance Airport Association has raised \$14,690 for the project and the balance would be funded with the \$5,000 donated by Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Scotto from their travel expense accounts and \$1,276 from the Airport Enterprise Fund.

Mayor Scotto, echoed by Councilmember Nowatka, stated that he envisioned a more elaborate sign for the entrance to the airport.

Nancy Clinton, chair of the project for Torrance Airport Association, reported that she had obtained quotes for a more elaborate sign but was advised that the City wanted to maintain the same look as other "Torrance" signs.

Charles Deemer, Torrance, voiced objections to landscaped medians due to the cost of installing and maintaining them.

John King, Torrance, urged approval of the project, suggesting that it can be enhanced in the future in funding becomes available.

Don Ferrara, Rancho Palos Verdes, called for a more imaginative design for the sign and suggested the possibility of utilizing a wing from a vintage aircraft as a backdrop.

A brief discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the Council to go forward with the landscaping and to direct staff to explore alternative designs for the sign.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nowatka moved to approve and appropriate funding for the landscaped median on Zamperini Way and to direct staff to explore alternative designs for the sign. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The City Council recessed from 8:37 p.m. to 8:52 p.m.

**12F. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**Recommendation**

The **City Manager** and **Public Works Director** recommend that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a license agreement by and between the City of Torrance and the West Basin Municipal Water District to use a portion of City-owned land generally located at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard (APN 7352-007-900) to construct disinfection facilities to disinfect recycled water.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine advised that the license agreement is necessary to facilitate the building of a recycled water pipeline to service the American Honda campus.

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

**13. HEARINGS**

**13A. ESTABLISH FEE STRUCTURE RE OVERSIZED VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

**Recommendation**

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council conduct the public hearing, review the staff report, the Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit Fee Later Report and adopt a Resolution establishing fees associated with the parking of Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, and Oversized Vehicles on public streets in accordance with Torrance Municipal Code Section 61.12.080 – *Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits - Fees*.

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.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan briefly outlined the proposed fee structure.

Responding to questions from the Council, Transportation Planning Manager Semaan advised that no registration or parking permit would be needed for residents who park their recreation vehicle/trailer on their own property.

Robert Mietzner, Anza Avenue, voiced objections to the proposed registration and parking permit fees.

Ron Waller, 237th Street, stated that he was not opposed to registering his recreation vehicle with the City but objects to paying for a parking permit for the short time it takes to load and unload it.

Ed Bower, 237th Street, expressed his opinion that the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance was too inflexible, complex and restrictive and contended that RV owners should not be saddled with the cost of administering it as it is the general public who benefits. He related his understanding that the City would realize a substantial profit from the new fees rather than just recouping costs. He suggested that the fee structure makes no sense because the cost per permit goes up when purchasing 96 permits as opposed to 24 permits and questioned whether the permits have an expiration date. He called for a one-time only registration fee and a revision of the fee structure to make it more relevant to cost.

Floyd Heideman, Terri Avenue, noted his agreement with Mr. Bower's remarks and maintained that few people will comply with the ordinance. He suggested that each permit be a two-day permit to allow for loading before a trip and the unloading after and that there be no charge for the permits, with the cost to be covered by tickets issued to those who violate the ordinance.

Mayor Scotto noted supplemental material available at the meeting outlining projected income and expenses associated with administering the program, which indicates that the fees will barely cover the cost. He pointed out that the permits, when purchased with registration in blocks of 24 (\$45), 48 (\$75) or 96 (\$125), would cost only approximately \$1 per permit and recommended that the fee schedule be amended so the cost per permit is the same for each category.

Karen Galvin, Iris Avenue, called for a reduction in the fees, relating her understanding that \$15 would cover the cost of registration so there was no reason to charge \$25.

Bill Hall, Hickory Avenue, stated that he intends to defy the new ordinance.

Charles L. Deemer, Talisman Street, contended that funding for the program should come from the General Fund and not RV owners, who do not want the ordinance and gain no benefit from it.

Karen Fitch, 236th Street, expressed concerns that the proposed fee structure includes no provisions for reduced fees for low-income senior citizens.

Rebecca Thompson, Andreo Avenue, reported that she cannot afford to store her RV nor is there any storage space available in Torrance and voiced objections to charging fees for parking on public streets. She commented on the benefits of camping.

Thomas Carsten, 226th Street, voiced objections to the proposed fees.

Randy Langsdale, Gramercy Avenue, stated that he does not object to registering RVs, but opposes the fee for daily permits, which could be a hardship for seniors.

Newt Young, Hickory Avenue, stated that he believed the fee structure was very reasonable and suggested the possibility that fees may have to be increased to pay for enforcement.

Dee Hardison, 236<sup>th</sup> Street, noted that the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance was enacted to address the problem of people who store their RVs on City streets and voiced objections to the proposed fees because they would penalize responsible RV owners, who have always stored their RVs in storage facilities. She pointed out that very few cities charge parking permit fees for RVs as evidenced by the survey in the agenda material.

Sharon Imel, Border Avenue, stated that she did not believe adequate notification had been given to those who will be affected by the new regulations and contended that there were too many uncertainties to go forward with the program at this time.

Frank Rizzardi, Carlow Road, voiced support for the fees and related his belief that RV owners should pay for the administration of the program rather than the general public.

Janet Payne, Engracia Avenue, stated that, as an RV owner, she believes the proposed fees were very reasonable and that she supports the program as a means of stopping the widespread problem of the storage of RVs on City streets.

Judy Scholff, Loftyview Drive, recommended that all RVs in Torrance be required to register, but without a registration fee as it could discourage compliance, and charging only for parking permits.

Mayor Scotto noted that the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance was enacted because the 72-hour parking law was difficult to enforce and the ordinance will allow for the immediate ticketing of any RV parked on City streets without a permit. He also noted that the ordinance requires that an RV be parked in front of the owner's residence.

Police Chief Neu discussed the enforcement of the ordinance and efforts to educate the public.

Returning to the podium, Ms. Imel reiterated her concern that many people who will be affected by the ordinance are not aware of it.

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

For the benefit of the audience, Councilmember Witkowsky explained that the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance adopted in August 2006 was the result of numerous public meetings, at which hundreds of people voiced their opinions both pro and con, and there was strong support for the ordinance. She proposed that no registration fee be charged for RV owners 65 years of age or older.

Councilmember Brewer related his preference that RV owners who purchase 24 or 48 permits and find that they need more during the course of the year be allowed to upgrade to 96 permits by paying the difference rather than having to pay \$10 each for a daily permit. He indicated that he was inclined to support the fees, noting that fees will be reduced the following year should the program generate more revenue than expected.

City Manager Jackson clarified that the City may not profit from the fees and may only recover costs associated with the program.

In response to Councilmember Brewer's inquiry, Deputy City Attorney Sullivan advised that fines for violating the ordinance will be \$50 for the first offense; \$100 for the second offense; and \$150 for the third and any subsequent offense. He reported that parking permits will expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued.

Councilmember Nowatka indicated that he favored a one-time only registration fee because once the information has been entered into the system, there is no additional cost. He suggested that people who have purchased blocks of permits (24, 48 or 96) be allowed to purchase additional daily permits for \$1. He recommended that any reduction in the cost of permits be based on income rather than age because seniors do not necessarily have a low income and, conversely, there are residents with a low income who are not seniors.

Mayor Scotto noted that parking permits will not become necessary until July 1, 2007 and a maximum of 48 permits will be allowed until the end of the year because there is a maximum of 96 permits per calendar year.

The Council briefly discussed amendments to the fee structure.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the approval of the fee structure as amended:

**First year (2007) fees**

\$25	One-time registration fee
\$20	24 one-day permits
\$40	48 one-day permits
\$10	Resident one-day permit
\$15	Visitor one-day permit

**Fees for qualifying low-income applicants**

\$0	One-time registration fee
\$15	24 one-day permits
\$35	48 one-day permits
\$60	96 one-day permits
\$5	Resident one-day permit
\$15	Visitor one-day permit

**Fees in subsequent years**

\$25	One-time registration fee (if not previously registered)
\$20	24 one-day permits
\$40	48 one-day permits
\$80	96 one-day permits
\$10	Resident one-day permit
\$15	Visitor one-day permit

**Additional permits**

\$1	per each additional one-day permit after purchase of block of permits
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The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote. *Resolution to be brought back for adoption at a later date.*

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At 10:28 p.m., the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency and Agenda Item 10A was considered concurrently with Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item 4A.

**10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**10A. APPROVAL OF “OLD TORRANCE FOUNDED 1912” SIGNAGE**

**Recommendation**

The **Community Development Director** recommends that the Redevelopment Agency approve the proposed design and locations of “Old Torrance Founded 1912” signage that identifies the original Torrance Tract.

Sr. Planning Associate Chun reported that staff was recommending the purchase and installation of “Old Torrance Founded 1912” signs around the perimeter and along major arterials of the original Torrance Tract so that residents and visitors would recognize this special area of Torrance. She advised that 30 signs would be purchased at a cost of \$8,250.00, with 20 to be installed immediately and 10 to be reserved should signs need to be added or replaced in the future.

Councilmember Witkowsky expressed concerns that the white lettering on the sign would be difficult to read from a distance.

Sr. Planning Associate Chun explained that a reflective material will be used for the white lettering to make it more visible at night.

Debbie Hays, President of the Torrance Historical Society, voiced support for the staff recommendation, noting that the Historical Society worked with Planning staff on the design and sign locations.

Janet Payne, Engracia Avenue, expressed support for this project and thanked the Council and City staff for their efforts.

Don Barnard, Save Historic Old Torrance, proposed that all 30 signs be installed immediately to create a clear boundary around the area, submitting a chart with potential locations for the 10 remaining signs.

Sharon Imel, Border Avenue, questioned why the area was designated as “Old Torrance” instead of “Downtown Torrance,” as it is commonly known.

Mayor Scotto explained that the original Torrance Tract encompasses more than just the downtown area.

Ms. Payne stressed the importance of reserving signs to replace those that become damaged. She noted that the proposed sign locations were carefully considered and staff verified that they would not affect the safety of pedestrians or motorists.

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

The Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Witkowsky shared information from the West Vector Control District report, noting that 15 human cases of West Nile virus were reported in Los Angeles County for the year.

**17B.** Councilmember Witkowsky announced that on Monday, December 18, the fourth night of Hanukkah, there would be a Menorah candle lighting in front of City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

**17C.** Councilmember Brewer commended the Youth Council for their efforts at the holiday boutique held the previous Sunday.

**17D.** Councilmember Brewer announced that the South Bay Ballet's production of The Nutcracker would be held on December 16 and 17 at 2:00 p.m. at El Camino College, with information available at 310.329.5345.

**17E.** Councilmember Brewer stated that the UCLA Bruins were pleased to assist the USC Trojans with their goal of playing in the Rose Bowl.

**17F.** Councilmember Drevno requested that staff look into installing school crossing signs at Maple Avenue and El Dorado.

**17G.** Councilmember Nowatka asked, with the concurrence of Council, that a proclamation be presented in honor of Korean American Day on January 13.

**17H.** Mayor Scotto asked, with the concurrence of Council, that the feral cat issue be referred to the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission for review of the problem and to receive input on short and long-term management options.

**17I.** Mayor Scotto asked staff to contact the family of fallen Torrance soldier Micah Gifford to have his name placed on the veteran's memorial.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 19, 2006 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  
Joanne Butzirus, Linda Uter and Esther Kane***

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Attest:

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on February 27, 2007