

**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 6:29 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 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.

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Mayor Scotto announced that the City Attorney's office received a settlement proposal in the case of Takahashi v. City of Torrance, Case No. YC052418, earlier in the day and the City Attorney has requested that the City Council consider adding this item to the agenda because immediate instruction from the Council is needed regarding this matter. 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 Sutherland moved to add the above-mentioned item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The item was considered as part of the closed session agenda, pursuant to Government Code Sections 54954.2(b) (2) and 54956.9(a).

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 the above-mentioned item and agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, pursuant to California Government § 54957.6.

The City Council reconvened at 7:05 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 Youth Council members Dustin Tygret and Chelsea Brewer.

Rabbi Eli Hecht, Chabad of South Bay, gave 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, December 15, 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 Nowatka announced that the Armed Forces Committee would meet on Thursday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Toyota Meeting Hall at the Cultural Arts Center to discuss the 2007 Armed Forces Day Parade.

Councilmember Nowatka introduced Youth Council members Chelsea Brewer and Dustin Tygret.

Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly siren testing on Wednesday, January 3, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Mayor Scotto announced that the issue of the feral cat population in Torrance was being referred to the Environmental and Energy Conservation Commission for further review.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-92 RE DIVISION CHIEF DONALD D. THOMPSON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-92

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING DIVISION CHIEF DONALD D. THOMPSON UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2006-92. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the resolution to Division Chief Thompson, who accepted with appreciation.

Agenda Item 6C was considered out of order at this time.

6C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-94 RE BATTALION CHIEF DENNIS M. COKER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-94

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING BATTALION CHIEF DENNIS M. COKER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2006-94. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the resolution to Battalion Chief Coker, who accepted with appreciation.

Fire Chief Bongard commended Division Chief Thompson and Battalion Chief Coker for their dedicated service to the community.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2006-93 RE MARIA S. FRESQUEZ

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING MARIA S. FRESQUEZ UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2006-93. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Scotto presented the resolution to Ms. Fresquez, who accepted with appreciation.

6D. RESOLUTION NO. 2006-97 RE JAMES STAHL

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING JAMES STAHL UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2006-97. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6E. PROCLAMATION RE TORRANCE BAKERY

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation to Kirk Rossberg commending and expressing appreciation to **Torrance Bakery** for being recognized on a national level for their excellence and for their contribution to the Torrance community.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Judy Retter, CAVA - Collaborative for Alternatives to Violent Abuse, submitted material for the record. She discussed assisting victims of domestic violence by establishing a family justice center in the South Bay and asked for City of Torrance assistance.

7B. Former mayor Dan Walker, wished the Mayor, Council, and City staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

7C. Janet Payne, Torrance Historical Society, thanked the Mayor, Council, and staff for their support and assistance over the past year.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
- 8A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 10, 2006**
- 8B. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2006**
Recommendation
The **City Treasurer** recommends that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of October 2006.
- 8C. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR CURBSIDE GREEN WASTE CONTAINERS**
Considered separately, see page 5.
- 8D. **PURCHASE OF RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR CITY PARKS**
Considered separately, see page 6.
- 8E. **MARKETING SERVICES FOR WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**
Recommendation
The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council approve an agreement with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) to provide marketing services for the implementation of commercial, industrial, and residential water conservation programs in the amount of \$20,000 over a two year period through December 31, 2008.
- 8F. **INSPECTION SERVICES FOR NORTH TORRANCE RESIDENTIAL STREET REHABILITATION**
Considered separately, see page 6.
- 8G. **SOUTH BAY GALLERIA TRANSIT TERMINAL AGREEMENT**
Recommendation
The **Transit Director** recommends that City Council approve a five-year agreement with the City of Redondo Beach for the use of the South Bay Galleria Transit Terminal by the Torrance Transit System.
- 8H. **AGREEMENT RE IMPLEMENTATION FOR WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**
Recommendation
The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council approve an agreement with West Basin Municipal Water District (WBMWD) to provide implementation and related support services for the provision of commercial, industrial and residential water conservation programs, in the amount of \$115,000 over a two year period through December 31, 2008. (FEAP #629)
- 8I. **AMENDMENT TO SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HARPER & ASSOCIATES**
Recommendation
The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council approve an amendment to consulting services agreement with Harper & Associates Engineering (C2005-235) extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2008 for technical and inspection services for rehabilitation of the Yukon Avenue (North Torrance) water storage tank.

8J. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH COMDYN GROUP

Recommendation

The **City Manager, Information Technology Director,** and the **Economic Development Team** recommend that City Council approve an amendment to the agreement with The Comdyn Group (C2006-017) extending the term to December 31, 2007 and increasing the amount by \$15,000 with a new not to exceed total of \$63,838.

8K. COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

Recommendation

The **Information Technology Director** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the cooperative purchase of 225 Motorola mobile replacement radios to support various City departments' radio communications; and
- 2) Award a purchase order to Motorola, Inc., in care of Advanced Electronics, Inc., of Redondo Beach, CA, in the amount of \$175,545.24 (including sales tax) for the purchase of new mobile radios and communications equipment to replace existing older radios and communications equipment.

8L. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 54196

Recommendation

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Abandon a sidewalk and landscaping easement on the Final Tract Map; and
- 2) Approve Final Tract Map No. 54196, creating 42 senior condominium units on one lot, subdivided by Courtyard Villa Estates, and located 4004 Sepulveda Boulevard, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

8M. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALBERT GROVER & ASSOCIATES

Recommendation

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council approve a contract services agreement in the amount of \$82,650 with Albert Grover & Associates to provide design services for median landscaping on Hawthorne Boulevard and Western Avenue.

8N. CONTRACTS FOR SENIOR EXCURSIONS

Considered separately, see page 6.

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

Consent Calendar Items 8C, 8D, 8F and 8N were considered separately at this time.

8C. PURCHASE ORDER FOR CURBSIDE GREEN WASTE CONTAINERS

Recommendation

The **Public Works** recommends that City Council authorize a purchase order with Toter Incorporated of Statesville, NC in the amount of \$100,688.73 for the sole source purchase of 1,908 Toter automated curbside green waste containers.

Public Works Director Beste reported on the new green waste program scheduled to begin in May 2007 on a trial basis.

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

8D. PURCHASE OF RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR CITY PARKS

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** and the **Community Services Director** recommend that City Council approve the purchase of 43 recycling containers from the Kingsley Companies for \$47,517.22. This purchase is part of a grant from the Department of Conservation to provide more recycling opportunities in public areas of the City.

Public Works Director Beste reported that this grant will allow recycling containers to be installed at 15 additional City parks.

Community Services Director Barnett commended Waste Management Coordinator Sherman for her efforts to secure the grant.

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

8F. CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR NORTH TORRANCE RESIDENTIAL STREET REHABILITATION

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council approve Amendment #1 in the amount of \$29,520 to contract services agreement with Bureau Veritas/Berryman & Henigar, Inc. (C2006-091) to continue construction inspection services for the North Torrance Residential Street Rehabilitation, I-5 and Kent/Galva Street Rehabilitation & Water Main Replacement, I-5/I-88. The new not-to-exceed amount is increased from \$79,080 to \$108,600.

Public Works Director Beste provided an update on the North Torrance Residential Street Rehabilitation and Kent/Galva Street Rehabilitation and Water Main Replacement. He noted that several residents have taken advantage of the opportunity to redo their driveway approaches in conjunction with the project, which has caused some delays.

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

8N. CONTRACTS FOR SENIOR EXCURSIONS

Recommendation

The **Community Services Director** recommends that City Council approve a contract with Main Street Tours in the amount of \$15,532 and with American Travel Tours in the amount of \$21,327 for Senior Citizens excursions planned for the months of January through June, 2007.

Councilmember Witkowsky called attention to the senior citizen excursions offered by the City.

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

11. PUBLIC SAFETY

11A. MUNICIPAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH SCIMO

Recommendation

The **Fire Chief** recommends that City Council authorize the Fire Chief to execute a Municipal Mutual Aid agreement with Southern California Industrial Mutual Aid Organization (SCIMO).

Fire Chief Bongard provided background information about the Southern California Industrial Mutual Aid Organization, which provides assistance in the event of an emergency.

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

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD REHABILITATION AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

The **Public Works Director** recommends that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate additional Water Enterprise funds in the amount of \$500,000 to the Sepulveda Boulevard Rehabilitation and Water Main Replacement (Hawthorne Boulevard to west City limit), T-48/I-89;
- 2) Approve the plans and specifications for the Sepulveda Boulevard Rehabilitation and Water Main Replacement (Hawthorne Boulevard to west City limit), T-48/I-89 (B2006-40);
- 3) Award a public works agreement to Shawnan in the amount of \$4,227,435 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$211,372 for the Sepulveda Boulevard Rehabilitation and Water Main Replacement (Hawthorne Boulevard to west City limit), T-48/I-89; and
- 4) Award a contract services agreement in the amount of \$132,652 to Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. to perform construction inspection services for this project.

Beth Overstreet, Public Works Department, provided an overview of the Sepulveda Boulevard Rehabilitation and Water Main Replacement Project, scheduled to begin January 2007 and completed by November 2007.

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. VACATION OF INGRESS/EGRESS EASEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF REPLACEMENT EASEMENT

Recommendation

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council adopt a Resolution summarily vacating an Ingress Egress Easement within 19840 Pioneer Avenue (Lot 1 of Parcel Map No. 23949) and accept a replacement Ingress Egress Easement on said property.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan briefly described the proposed replacement ingress/egress easement, which is necessary to provide access for maintenance crews to the Pioneer storm drain sump.

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. 2006-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF AN INGRESS EGRESS EASEMENT AND ACCEPT A REPLACEMENT INGRESS EGRESS EASEMENT WITHIN LOT 1 OF PARCEL MAP NO. 23949 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2006-98. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12C. FEE STRUCTURE FOR OVERSIZE VEHICLE ORDINANCE

Recommendation

The **Community Development Director** recommends that City Council adopt a Resolution imposing fees for the parking of oversized vehicles and trailers on public streets.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan reported that the proposed resolution reflects the Council's action at the last meeting and noted supplemental material available at the meeting.

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. 2006-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPOSING FEES FOR THE PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES AND TRAILERS ON PUBLIC STREETS

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-99. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12D. APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH VERIZON WIRELESS AT TORRANCE AIRPORT – ZAMPERINI FIELD

Recommendation

The **City Manager** recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and 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 advised that a letter from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) was included in the agenda material, which indicates that the proposed cell tower would not be a hazard to navigation. He noted that Robinson Helicopter had submitted a letter objecting to the cell tower (supplemental material). He also noted that there are mature pine trees approximately 55 feet in height directly south of the proposed site of the cell tower, which would be 54 feet 9 inches in height.

Kurt Robinson, representing Robinson Helicopter, voiced objections to the proposed cell tower, explaining that it would be in the middle of the standard flight path for helicopters and that pilots would likely avoid the tower by flying closer to the residential neighborhood on the south side of Pacific Coast Highway thereby increasing noise complaints.

Responding to Councilmember Witkowsky's inquiry, Mr. Robinson estimated that helicopters use this route approximately 20 times a day.

Nancy Clinton, Torrance Airport Association, referring to the letter from the FAA, noted that the letter lists the tower location as Lomita and its height as 60 feet, which has led her to believe that it does not refer to the proposed cell tower at Torrance Airport. She expressed concerns that the cell tower may interfere with new navigation aids, such as the Wide Area Augmentation System. She reported that neither the FAA control tower, nor two other helicopter businesses that operate at Torrance Airport were notified about the proposed cell tower.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine confirmed that the FAA letter does apply to the proposed site, explaining that the site is listed as Lomita based on its longitude and latitude and that Verizon originally requested a cell tower 60 feet in height.

Paul Anthony, representing Verizon Wireless, reported City staff proposed this site, which has undergone a lengthy review process, involving the FAA, the Airport Commission and the Telecommunications Committee, and no objections were raised until last week's Council meeting. He related his understanding that the tower would not be an obstruction during a typical flight pattern any more than the existing trees. He stated that Verizon has done everything possible to provide improved coverage for cell phones in a safe manner.

Councilmember Witkowsky asked about the possibility of placing a cell antenna on top of one of the medical buildings at Madison and Airport Drive.

Mr. Anthony reported that Verizon proposed several other locations in the vicinity and none of them was acceptable to the City.

John King, 227th Street, voiced objections to the cell tower, noting that there is a playground for a daycare center across the street from the proposed site, which could be in jeopardy if a helicopter clips the tower and cartwheels out of control. He reported that helicopter pilots have signed a letter of agreement with the FAA to fly north of Pacific Coast Highway along Airport Drive. He contended that pilots were not given adequate notice to contest the FAA determination that the tower would pose no hazard to air navigation, which was based on an obstruction hazard computer program and not a physical inspection. He expressed concerns about the co-location of other antennas on the cell tower and questioned whether the proposed lease was a good deal for the City.

Don Ferrara, Rancho Palos Verdes, related his experience with cell towers at other locations, noting it is very common for telecommunications companies to co-locate on towers.

Mr. Anthony noted that the City must approve any co-location.

Councilmember Witkowsky stated that she would not support a tower at this location due to potential safety hazards and because it could lead to increased noise from helicopters in the residential neighborhood to the south, however, she was open to exploring other possible locations in the vicinity.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to decline the lease. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The City Council recessed from 8:58 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.

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12E. REVISION OF CITY OF TORRANCE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Recommendation

The **City Clerk** recommends that City Council adopt revisions to the City of Torrance Conflict of Interest Code.

City Clerk Herbers noted that amended Conflict of Interest Code reflects the name changes, additions and deletions of positions that have occurred as a result of various reorganizations since December 2004.

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. DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES FOR POLICE AND FIRE

Recommendation

The **Community Development** Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance adding Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Part 1 of Division 2 to the Torrance Municipal Code adopting a fire facilities impact fee program.
- 2) Adopt an Ordinance adding Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Part 1 of Division 2 to the Torrance Municipal Code adopting a police facilities impact fee program.

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 noted that the Council had requested that staff look into the feasibility of imposing development impact fees on new single-family residential developments on R-1 zoned property, however, that would require the amendment of the Development Impact Fee Justification Study, which would be separate from tonight's action.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3688

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A FIRE FACILITIES IMPACT FEE PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3688. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3689

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A POLICE FACILITES IMPACT FEE PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3689. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 9:15 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.

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17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Each Councilmember extended holiday greetings.

17B. Councilmember Nowatka expressed birthday greetings to Councilmember Sutherland for December 23.

17C. Councilmember Sutherland noted Christmas blessings with the arrival of grandchild Zackary Andrew Sutherland and great nephew Jack Lawrence Campbell.

17D. Mayor Scotto noted that the Torrance Unified School Board had received a report on Monday, December 18, by its appointed advisory committee recommending that the student body of Hull Middle School be relocated to the Levy School campus. He stated that while he was aware that TUSD faced a fall deadline mandated by the State to vacate certain buildings, he was concerned with the impact the proposal would have on the traffic around Levy School and expressed hope that TUSD would continue to explore other options which would be less disruptive to Hull parents and to the Levy School residential area. He indicated that while this was a school district decision, he felt it prudent for the City to begin exploring contingency plans to mitigate potential problems, including the possible use of Torrance Transit. With the concurrence of Council, he requested that staff explore methods of dealing with access and traffic issues and report back as soon as possible.

17E. Mayor Scotto expressed holiday greetings to staff with appreciation for their efforts, noting that it has been a productive six-month period.

17F. Mayor Scotto also extended holiday greetings to the community and reminded everyone not to drink and drive.

17G. Police Chief Neu reported that there would be extra enforcement over the holidays and urged the use of designated drivers or other alternatives.

17H. City Manager Jackson noted that the Workforce Investment Network (WIN) leases two facilities at Civic Plaza, Suite 500, Carson, and 1851 N. Gaffey St, San Pedro; that funding for WIN has been reduced over the last two years; and that the City, as the administering agency, had been working with the WIN Policy Board to seek ways to adjust to those reduced revenues. He advised that funds for the two leases are in jeopardy; that the leases contain "out" clauses that with notice allow vacation of the premises at the end of 180 days; and that the City Manager will be sending notice to both landlords so the leases can be vacated by June 30, 2007.

17I. City Manager Jackson also extended holiday greetings to the City Council and residents on behalf of City staff.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:29 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. **December 26, 2005 and January 2, 2007 will be Council dark nights.**

Attest:

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Approved on February 27, 2007