

January 20, 2004

**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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers McIntyre, Mauno, Nowatka, Scotto, Witkowsky, and Mayor Pro Tem Lieu.

Absent: Mayor Walker.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Lieu announced that after the posting of the agenda for the meeting, City Manager Jackson received a request from the City of Cerritos asking that the City of Torrance consider joining in Cerritos' proposed lawsuit against the State Board of Equalization concerning the State's proposed plan to redirect municipal sales tax revenues and that immediate Council authorization was necessary if Torrance was to join this lawsuit as the City of Cerritos plans to file the lawsuit this Friday, January 23. 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 Scotto, seconded by Councilmember McIntyre, moved to add the item to tonight's agenda; roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (Absent Mayor Walker). The matter was added to the Executive Session and considered in the closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(C).

Agenda Item 17 was considered out of order at this time.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the above-mentioned item and Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item 10A) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:02 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scotto.

Councilmember McIntyre gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

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 Witkowsky, and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

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 Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Fellows reported that in closed session, the City Council gave authorization by unanimous vote for the City to join in the lawsuit with the City of Cerritos as a plaintiff.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **RESOLUTION 2004-04 RE WILLIAM (TURK) J. MCLAUGHLIN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING WILLIAM (TURK) J. MCLAUGHLIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

To be presented at a later date.

6B. **RESOLUTION 2004-05 RE THEODORE LITVIN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER THEODORE LITVIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

Mayor Pro Tem Lieu presented Resolution 2004-05 to Officer Litvin, who accepted with appreciation. Police Chief Herren commended Officer Litvin for his 33 years of service, noting his various assignments, including 25 years as a motor officer.

6C. **RESOLUTION 2004-06 RE DANNY HOWARD PACE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE SERGEANT DANNY HOWARD PACE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-06. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

To be presented at a later date.

6D. RESOLUTION 2004-07 RE GARY BRUCE LACROIX

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE LIEUTENANT GARY BRUCE LACROIX UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-07. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

Mayor Pro Tem Lieu presented Resolution No. 2004-07 to Lieutenant Lacroix, who accepted with appreciation. Police Chief Herren commended Lieutenant Lacroix for his 30 years of service, noting his management skills and the numerous arrests made while assigned to narcotics enforcement.

6E. RESOLUTION 2004-08 RE DANIEL ARTHUR WILLIAMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE LIEUTENANT DANIEL ARTHUR WILLIAMS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-08. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

To be presented at a later date.

6F. RESOLUTION 2004-09 RE RUSSELL L. RAYMOND

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING RUSSELL L. RAYMOND PACE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-09. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

To be presented at a later date

6G. RESOLUTION 2004-10 RE POLICE OFFICER JIM MICHAEL ESPINOSA

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER JIM MICHAEL ESPINOSA UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

To be presented at a later date.

6H. PROCLAMATION RE “TORRANCE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (JAYCEES) WEEK”

Mayor Pro Tem Lieu presented a proclamation declaring the week of January 18 through January 24, 2004 as ***Torrance Junior Chamber Of Commerce (Jaycees) Week*** in the City of Torrance, urging all citizens to recognize the importance of community service, to Lee Eddings, President of Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, along with Joe O'Brien, Chris D'Autremont and Cindy Arseculerante.

6I. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK (W/N) BOARD MEMBERSHIP Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Workforce Investment Network Policy Board** that City Council appoint and officially swear in Mary Montague, of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network (C/L/T WiN) Board.

Councilmember Nowatka, Chair of the C/L/T WiN Board, noted Ms. Montague's qualifications for the position.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved to appoint Mary Montague to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

Oath of office to be administered at a later date.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 25, 2003

7B. PURCHASE OF “EOC IN-A-BOX” OFFICE SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council approve a purchase of office supplies and materials for the “EOC In-a-Box” project in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

7C. CONSIDERATION FOR 2004 COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council consider the following Tuesdays as City Council Dark Nights in 2004: February 17, March 2, March 30, June 1, June 29, July 6, August 31, September 7, November 2, November 30, and December 28.

7D. PURCHASE ORDER RE HANGAR DOOR MAINTENANCE AT TORRANCE AIRPORT – ZAMPERINI FIELD Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve a change order of \$25,000 for Specialty Doors and Automation purchase order # 15084 for a total amount not to exceed \$48,000 for the maintenance and repair of all City owned hangar doors at the Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A through 7D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mauno and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOOD LANE AND SINGINGWOOD DRIVE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** and the **City Attorney** that City Council continue the state of local emergency, proclaimed March 2, 2001 for properties located on Carolwood Lane and Singingwood Drive.

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

11B. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA RE ARTESIA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution authorizing approval of Program Supplement Agreement No. M007 with the State of California in conjunction with the Artesia Boulevard Landscape Improvement, A-15, STPLER-5249(012); and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to Program Supplement Agreement No. M007 to the Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal-Aid Projects No. 07-5249.

Community Development Director Gibson stated that the proposed action was necessary to secure funds for landscaping improvements along Artesia Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. M007 TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 07-5249 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-13. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

In response to Councilmember Witkowsky's inquiry, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine provided information regarding the timing of the project.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:30 p.m. to 7:31 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. City Attorney Fellows reported that his wife and son had just received new immigrant visas.

16B. Councilmember Mauno congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Lieu on conducting the meeting.

16C. Councilmember Mauno noted that he attended an event, along with Councilmembers Lieu and Nowatka, where Hitachi received a state award for recycling and it was amazing to see the amount of recycling the facility does.

16D. Councilmember Mauno commented on his attendance at the Police Department promotion ceremony and the Employee Recognition dinner, emphasizing that the City of Torrance is fortunate to have so many quality employees who provide quality service.

16E. Councilmember McIntyre stated that the Employee Recognition dinner was a stellar event and congratulated employees for their well-deserved awards, noting that one employee has been with the City for 45 years, which is a tremendous achievement.

16F. Councilmember McIntyre offered well wishes to City Attorney Fellows and his family for the coming year.

16G. Councilmember McIntyre stated that the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Chinese New Year celebration was a wonderful and very informative event. She wished everyone in the Chinese community a happy new year, noting that this year is the year of the monkey.

16H. Councilmember Nowatka announced that the San Pedro Bay Historical Society would be holding a presentation on the history of the Pacific Electric Red Car at the San Pedro Labor Center – Marine Clerks Memorial building, located at 350 5th Street, Suite 209, San Pedro, on Saturday January 31st at 10:00 a.m. Reservations or further information can be obtained by contacting Mitch Mardesich at 310-547-1378.

16I. Councilmember Nowatka, with the concurrence of the Council, asked that staff prepare an agenda item for the January 27 meeting so that the Council could consider contributing funds to a consortium formed by several cities and private industry to oppose the closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base. He noted that the base is responsible for 65,000 jobs and that closure would be a serious economic blow to the South Bay and Southern California.

16J. Councilmember Scotto echoed comments on the Employee Recognition event, stating that having dedicated employees with 40 and 45 years of service is very commendable.

16K. Councilmember Witkowsky, with the concurrence of the Council, suggested that staff look into the addition of signage on Mesa and Newton due to the closing of Vista Montana for the Walteria reservoir project. City Manager Jackson stated that staff would look into the matter, noting that it is a County project.

16L. Councilmember Witkowsky also asked, with the concurrence of the Council, that staff look into putting up a “NO TRESPASSING” sign on the Butcher property on Via Valmonte because it is being heavily used by bikers and paintballers. In response, City Manager Jackson stated that staff has previously encouraged the property owner to place such signage and would follow up on the matter.

16M. Councilmembers Mauno and Nowatka thanked Joe Quinones for his many years of service to the City of Torrance.

16N. Joe Quinones thanked the Council, stating that the Employee Recognition dinner was a wonderful event and he was very surprised and pleased by the turnout.

16O. Mayor Pro Tem Lieu echoed Councilmember Nowatka's comments regarding the possible closure of the Los Angeles Air Force base, adding that the closure would have a devastating effect on our economy.

16P. Mayor Pro Tem Lieu noted that a new reporter for the *Daily Breeze* would be covering City Council meetings.

16Q. Mayor Pro Tem Lieu congratulated Zachery Asher on achieving the level of Eagle Scout.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 2 (Council Committee Meetings and Announcements) for action taken on matters considered in closed session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 27, 2004, 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 24, 2004