

February 3, 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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, Acting Deputy City Clerk Crespi, and other staff representatives.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scotto.

Councilmember Witkowsky 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 Lieu, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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 Lieu and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

There were no deferred or withdrawn items. City Manager Jackson noted that Item 7H was added to the agenda on Friday January 30, 2004. City Attorney Fellows announced that there would be no executive session.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Scotto announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee would be holding a meeting in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 10th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the mid-year budget review.

Councilmember Scotto noted that the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee met earlier in the day to discuss the State of California ballot propositions.

Fire Chief Bongard reminded the public of the monthly test of the ExxonMobil siren and the community alert system on Wednesday, February 4th at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Acting Deputy City Clerk Crespi announced that the City Clerk's office was accepting applications for a seat on Community Services Commission. She noted that applications were available on the City of Torrance website or by calling the City Clerk's office at 618-2870. Applications will be accepted until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18th, with appointments to be made at the February 24, 2004 City Council meeting.

Acting Deputy City Clerk Crespi invited staff and public to view the watercolors of Torrance Artist Guild member Pat Brinton on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of February.

Acting Deputy City Clerk Crespi announced that the deadline to register to vote for the March 2 Primary Election was February 17 and that voters need to reregister if they have moved, changed their name, or wish to change party affiliation, with forms available in the City Clerk's office. She noted that sample ballot pamphlets would be mailed by the Los Angeles County Registrar through February 23 and absentee voter applications could be found on the back of sample ballots. She advised that voters could take advantage of Touch Screen early voting from February 17 through February 27 at the Redondo Beach Library. Additional information available on the L.A. County website, www.laVote.net.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-11 RE FRANCIS STEPHEN GRACE

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICE FRANCIS STEPHEN GRACE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-11. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-12 RE DAVID ALAN NEMETH

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICE DAVID ALAN NEMETH UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-12. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-17 RE THOMAS DRYER

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING THOMAS DRYER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-17. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 2, 2003

7B. APPROPRIATION/ALLOCATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council appropriate and allocate \$25,000 in earned interest from the Asset Forfeiture Special Program account to fund the ongoing operation of the account.

7C. AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CORRUGATED METAL PIPE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, I-10

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) Replacement Program (I-10) (B2004-01) on file in the City Clerk's Office;
- 2) Award a public works agreement to Zondiros Corporation in the amount of \$594,233 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$29,711 for this project; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

7D. CHANGE ORDER RE CONTRACT C2003-101 RE ARTESIA BOULEVARD STREET IMPROVEMENT, T-26

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council:

- 1) Authorize Change Order #2 in the amount of \$4,863 to contract C2003-101 for a total contract amount of \$9,809,549, with Sully-Miller Contracting Co. ("Sully-Miller") for the installation of a new electrical service in conjunction with the Artesia Boulevard Street Improvement, T-26; and
- 2) Authorize the Public Works Director and staff to approve said change order.

7E. REPORT ON FUNDING FOR 2004 CALWORKS YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council accept and file the status report regarding the 2004 CalWORKs Youth Jobs Program funding.

7F. CHANGES TO AGREEMENT C2003-126 WITH AT SYSTEMS WEST, INC.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Transit Director** and **City Treasurer** that City Council ratify the changes made to agreement C2003-126 with AT Systems West, Inc.

7G. AMENDMENT OF VENDOR CONTRACTS FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF WAREHOUSE/WATER STOCK PARTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and the **Public Works Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a renewal of a vendor contract with National Waterworks of Corona, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$109,795, for a one-year term ending November 25, 2004; and
- 2) Approve a renewal of a vendor contract with Marden-Susco of Valencia, CA, and authorize an increase of \$57,000 for a total contract amount of \$113,910, for a one year term ending November 25, 2004.

7H. PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR DATA NETWORK DEVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** that City Council authorize the execution of a purchase order in the amount of \$30,110.62 to Cisco systems to provide data network equipment maintenance services. *(Addendum Item added Friday, January 30, 2004)*

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A through 7H. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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 Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

15A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3553

ORDINANCE NO. 3553

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 61.10.1, 61.10.2 AND 61.10.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS WITH THE CITY.

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3553. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 6:10 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. Councilmember Lieu commented on his attendance at the Torrance Cable TV Video Awards, stating that he was impressed by the diverse programming. He mentioned that anyone interested in producing a program may sign up at the Cable TV offices and staff will provide assistance.

16B. Councilmember Lieu noted that he attended the retirement celebration for Judy Gibson last Wednesday and expressed appreciation for her many years of service on the Parks and Recreation Commission and to the City.

16C. Councilmember Mauno commended Judy Gibson for her service to the community.

16D. Councilmember Mauno reported that he attended, along with staff and others, the initial planning meeting to discuss lobbying efforts for the North Torrance Library; that the Council intends to work very aggressively to secure the necessary funding; and that the public will be asked at the appropriate time to help organize efforts to bring funds to the City.

16E. Councilmember McIntyre thanked Judy Gibson for her stellar performance as a community activist for so many years.

16F. Councilmember McIntyre asked that those who send correspondence to councilmembers please include a return address and/or telephone number or email address so responses can be made in an effective and timely manner.

16G. Councilmember McIntyre noted that artist Doug Stenhouse would be exhibiting his watercolors of Madrona Marsh at the Nature Center from February 2 through March 19, with an artist reception on Friday, February 20, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., followed by an artist's talk. She commented on rehabilitation efforts currently underway at the marsh.

16H. Councilmember Nowatka announced that a program on the history of Torrance, covering the years 1911 through 2003, would be aired on Citicable Channel 3 on February 25 and March 9 at 2:00 p.m. He stated that the program was well worth watching for those interested in the City's history and noted that it was compiled from a series of videos made by Art Callen for *Senior Scene*.

16I. Councilmember Scotto commended Judy Gibson for doing an outstanding job.

16J. Councilmember Scotto congratulated Louis Zamperini on his well-deserved honor of having a USC plaza named after him.

16K. Noting that the City's animal control officer recently issued his first ticket, Councilmember Scotto expressed the hope that the problem of loose dogs at City parks would be curtailed now that the City has its own ACO.

16L. At Councilmember Scotto's request, Police Chief Herren discussed the unusual amount of criminal activity in the area of Western and Sepulveda, noting that the incidents appear to be unrelated. He announced that a community meeting would be held on Wednesday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Torrance High auditorium to discuss this matter and noted that Police Department staff from various divisions/details would be in attendance, as well as the neighborhood watch group.

16M. Councilmember Witkowsky reported that the League of California Cities was in the process of putting together a ballot initiative for the November election entitled "Local Taxpayers and Public Safety Protection Act," for the purpose of preventing the State from raiding local revenues. She noted that the initiative has been endorsed by El Segundo, Gardena, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Lomita, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, and SBCCOG (South Bay Cities Council of Governments) and requested, with the Council's concurrence, that an agenda item be brought forth at the next meeting to discuss the City of Torrance's endorsement of this initiative.

16N. Councilmember Witkowsky commented on her enjoyment of the Cable TV Video Awards and congratulated the winners.

16O. Councilmember Witkowsky commended Judy Gibson for her eight years on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

16P. Councilmember Witkowsky announced a performance of the South Bay Ballet entitled "Bravo" to be held on Saturday, March 13, and Sunday, March 14, at the Cultural Arts Center, followed by a fundraiser for the upcoming "Nutcracker" production. She noted that the cost for the performance is very reasonable, under \$15, and that additional information could be obtained by calling the South Bay Ballet message center at 533-0602.

16Q. Mayor Walker commended Judy Gibson for her many years of service.

16R. Mayor Walker complimented artist Doug Stenhouse, noting that he served on the Planning Commission with him in the 1970s.

16S. Mayor Walker gave a belated thanks to Councilman Lieu for serving as Mayor Pro Tem at the January 20 Council meeting while Mayor Walker was at the Washington, D.C., Conference of Mayors.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

~~City Council Closed Session~~

~~A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION~~

~~(California Government Code § 54956.9 (a):~~

~~1. Bell Cab Company, Inc. v. City of Torrance~~

~~— LASC Case No. YC046898~~

Closed session was cancelled, see page 1 (Withdrawn or Deferred Items).

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting 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 March 16, 2004