

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council and Redevelopment Agency convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council and Redevelopment Agency immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on Item 17A 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 6:03 p.m. to discuss item 13A – considered out of order

13. APPEALS

13A. APPEAL OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RE RODNEY RUSSELL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Civil Service Manager** that City Council conduct a hearing on the appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision sustaining the termination of Rodney Russell and the deliberation of this matter shall occur in Executive Session.

(Deliberation may occur in executive session per Government Code Section 54957)

For the City of Torrance:

Peter Brown, Esq.
Liebert, Cassidy & Whitmore

For the Appellant:

Alan Lee,
AFSCME Local 1117

For the City Council:

Michael H. Miller, Esq.

Mayor Walker stated that it was a time and place to hear an appeal of Rodney Russell of the Civil Service Commission decision to sustain the termination from the position of Sr. Building maintainer for the General Services Department.

Mayor Walker confirmed that Mr. Russell wished to have the matter heard in an open session. Mayor Walker then stated that Rodney Russell was terminated for misconduct, had requested and received a hearing before the Civil Service Commission on August 25, November 10, December 1, 8 and 15, 2003; testimony was considered, exhibits were entered, and the case was argued before the Commission. Following the hearing, the Commission made findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law that were included in the record before the City Council. He noted that no evidence not previously submitted and received into evidence by the Civil Service Commission would be heard by the City Council and that

the hearing would be held only on the record from the Civil Service Commission and the oral arguments of the representatives.

Mayor Walker confirmed that each councilmember had been furnished a complete record and that they had had an opportunity to review the administrative record. He then noted that each side would be given fifteen minutes of argument and five minutes to reply.

Verbatim record attached.

City Council recessed from 6:50 p.m. to 7:35 p.m. to deliberate on item 13A.

MOTION: Michael Miller, Counsel for the Commission, announced a 5-2 vote in favor of sustaining the Civil Service Commission decision on the termination of Rodney Russell by the following vote:

AYES: Mauno, McIntyre, Nowatka, Scotto, and Witkowsky.

NOES: Lieu and Mayor Walker.

Following a brief recess, the City Council reconvened at 7:41 p.m. in the Council Chambers and returned to the regular agenda order.

2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lieu.

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**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Nowatka announced a meeting of the City Council Ad Hoc Armed Forces Committee on April 13, 2004 at 4:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly Room of City Hall.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **PROCLAMATION RE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE**

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2, 2004 as American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Torrance Days, in the City of Torrance and urging all citizens to recognize and participate in this anti-cancer campaign held in our community. The Proclamation was accepted by Relay for Life Co-Chair Hedy Deck and Dr. Gus Dalis.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 16, 2003 JOINT MEETING WITH LIBRARY COMMISSION**

7B. **INVESTMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2004**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Treasurer** that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of February 2004.

7C. **APPROPRIATION RE WIRELESS ACCESS AT THE KATY GEISSERT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Librarian** that City Council accept and appropriate \$5,000 from the Friends of the Torrance Library to be used to create wireless access for personal laptop computer use at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

7D. **APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 53897**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 53897, creating 31 detached condominium units on one lot, located at 4237 190th Street, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

7E. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVE FOR LITIGATION ACCOUNT TO SELF-INSURANCE FUND**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Attorney** and **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Litigation Account to the Self-Insurance Fund.

7F. **LEASE AGREEMENT RE ENTRADERO SUMP LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD #4**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a lease agreement on behalf of the City of Torrance for the use of Entradero Sump Little League Field #4 by West Torrance Babe Ruth Baseball Organization for the period of March 24, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

7G. PURCHASE ORDER RE GLOBE GX-7 MILLENIA TURNOUT JACKETS AND TROUSERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to L. N. Curtis & Sons, Oakland, CA, in the amount not to exceed \$29,500 for the sole-source purchase of Globe GX-7 Millenia turnout jackets and trousers.

7H. PURCHASE ORDER RE REFUSE CONTAINERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued to Recy-Cal Supply Company, as the California distributor for Toter Inc., in the amount of \$22,916.53 for the sole source purchase of five-hundred automated curbside refuse containers.

7I. CHANGE ORDER RE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON LOMITA BOULEVARD AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD

Recommendation

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

- 1) Authorize Change Order #2 in the amount of \$32,506 with Engineered Plumbing, Inc. (C2003-201) for revised work on the Lomita Boulevard/Crenshaw Boulevard valves in conjunction with water main replacement project (I-20, I-23 & I-26), and;
- 2) Authorize the Public Works Director to execute said change order.

7J. CONTRACT RE SOFTWARE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** that City Council approve the ongoing annual renewal of software support and maintenance contract with Now Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$46,236.82 with a 10% renewal price increase cap until the contract is terminated by the City or vendor.

7K. CONTRACT WITH COSBY OIL RE PURCHASE OF LUBRICATING OIL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and the **Transit Director** that City Council authorize the award of a vendor contract in an amount not to exceed \$69,800; including the sales tax and applicable fees to Cosby Oil of Santa Fe Springs, CA. The term will be for a period of one (1) year, beginning March 24, 2004 and ending March 23, 2005.

7L. CONTRACT RE REDESIGN OF TELEVISION MASTER CONTROL FACILITIES PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council approve Amendment No. 2 to contract with A.F. Associates, Inc. (C2002-125) for Redesign of the Television Master Control Facilities (MCF) Project (FEAP #106) and to extend the contract expiration date to December 31, 2004.

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

9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9A. IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES OF TRAFFIC CALMING EFFORTS IN THE VICINITY OF ROLLING HILLS WAY, PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, ROLLING HILLS ROAD, AND MADISON STREET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council concur with staff recommendation to:

- 1) Install median islands on Rolling Hills Way between Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway;
- 2) Install yellow pedestrian flasher on Rolling Hills Road in vicinity of Whiffletree Lane,
- 3) Install traffic signal at Rolling Hills Road and Fallenleaf Drive; and
- 4) Install time specific parking restrictions along Newton Street, Denny Road, Weston Road, Bigelow Road, Loytan Street, Dalemead Street, and the service Road on Pacific Coast Highway and
- 5) Budget transfer from fund 44, projects 4402010 and 4402011 for the total amount of \$117,000 into CIP S-11.

Transportation Manager Semaan discussed staff recommendations and provided background on the material of record, noting three major concerns: 1) parking intrusion by local businesses in the vicinity of Newton Street, Denny Road, and Pacific Coast Highway, 2) speeding on local streets, especially Rolling Hills Way, and 3) traffic controls on Rolling Hills Road. He stated that on February 11, 2004 the Traffic Commission had not concurred with staff recommendation to implement time-specific parking restrictions and requested that staff conduct a permit parking feasibility study and report back to them in June 2004.

Responding to Councilmember Scotto's inquiry, Transportation Manager Semaan stated that there would be parking enforcement in the no parking zones and that permit parking could be brought forward. Councilmember Scotto noted the high volume of traffic flows on residential streets at certain times of the day.

Both Councilmember McIntyre and Councilmember Witkowsky commended staff for the recommendation to install a pedestrian flasher and traffic signal on Rolling Hills Road.

Debbie Keesey, 3105 Singingwood Drive, expressed the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Rolling Hills Road and Whiffletree Lane because of speeding on Rolling Hills Road. She stated that a pedestrian flashing beacon was insufficient to ensure the safety of pedestrians crossing the road to go to De Portola Park.

Jerry Hardesty, 3107 Newton Street, requested that a loading zone be installed on Newton Street to accommodate deliveries to his apartment building.

Transportation Manager Semaan stated that a loading zone on Newton Street could be considered. Regarding the intersection of Rolling Hills Road and Whiffletree Lane, he explained that line of sight and visibility for drivers and pedestrians was better at

Whiffletree Lane than at Fallenleaf Drive and that the flasher would only come on when a pedestrian was present.

Councilmember Witkowsky encouraged staff to consider installation of a traffic signal triggered by pedestrians at the intersection of Rolling Hills Road and Whiffletree Lane rather than installing a signal at Fallenleaf Drive.

Councilmember Scotto concurred with Councilmember Witkowsky's recommendation and suggested that parallel parking for the last few spaces, rather than a loading zone, be implemented on Newton Street to allow for deliveries.

Transportation Manager Semaan explained to Councilmember Lieu that if a traffic signal were to be installed at Whiffletree Lane there would be a pedestrian push-button but that if it was a flashing beacon it would be activated by remote sensor.

Mayor Walker commented on the unrestricted speeds on Rolling Hills Road and also recommended the installation of a traffic signal at Whiffletree Lane.

Lynn Champlain Boatright, 3013 Oakwood Lane, stated that she supported the proposed traffic signal at Rolling Hills Road and Fallenleaf Drive because of difficulty turning left or even right onto Rolling Hills Road due to the bend in the road.

Robert C. Burnett, 25206 Bigelow Road, expressed support of a parking permit system, noting that time-specific parking restrictions would be inconvenient to residents. He stated that the car dealerships along Pacific Coast Highway were the problem, did not believe that employee parking was being leased in far away places, asserted that employees were being shuttled to and from his neighborhood, and encouraged the City Attorney to investigate noncompliance of Conditional Use Permits.

Responding to Mayor Walker, Mr. Burnett stated that Toyota and Peninsula Pontiac dropped off and picked up employees from the neighborhood.

When Councilmember Scotto suggested that a six-month trial period for a permit parking system might be more effective, Transportation Manager Semaan explained the administrative and enforcement costs involved with a permit parking system and estimated \$17 to \$20 per month per household. He advised that an additional traffic signal would cost approximately \$70,000.

Doug Cooke, 2725 Clarellen Street, commended staff for their efforts and asked City Council for their positive support of recommended measures.

Councilmember Witkowsky recommended that guest passes be issued to residents with parking permits to ease the need for enforcement.

Torrance Police Chief Herren stated that periodic maintenance and monitoring by a traffic control officer would be necessary.

Mayor Walker stated that he felt a parking permit system would be immediately effective but would be a pain shortly thereafter, and that the time-specific parking restriction recommendation would be a good first step to solve the problem, with adjustments in the future if deemed necessary.

Transportation Manager Semaan explained that a parking permit system was not included in the survey that went out to residents.

Councilmember Mauno stressed that the City needed to enforce Conditional Use Permits at the auto dealerships.

Councilmember Scotto stated that time-specific parking restrictions would be more difficult for the residents than a parking permit system.

Bill Goetz, 25213 Denny Road, discussed problems with employee parking intrusion and expressed support of a parking permit system with guest passes.

Richard Wenger, 25237 Denny Road, questioned if Conditional Use Permits were implemented at the time that Volvo remodeled, adding that he supported re-striping along Newton Street to provide angle parking.

Community Development Director Gibson explained the Conditional Use process including test drive plans, noting that enforcement efforts may be in line in this case.

Steve Bruechle, 25222 Weston Road, commented that Volvo initially complied with their Conditional Use Permit following their remodel, but that Power Volvo took over ownership and turned employee parking spaces into customer parking spaces. He discussed the expansion of Robinson Helicopter and suggested implementing a double left turn coming out of Robinson Helicopter. He urged the City to mandate that employees park at their place of work.

Tim Patton, 3445 Cricklewood Street, discussed heavy traffic and signal problems on Pacific Coast Highway and complained that Robinson Helicopter were test flying helicopters over residential neighborhoods.

Rick Brookshire, 25211 Weston Road, stated that time-specific parking restrictions would be very inconvenient, that he would support permit parking, and that a residential survey should be conducted with a permit parking option.

Police Chief Bongard explained to Councilmember Witkowsky that there was no way to differentiate between residents' vehicles and employees' vehicles.

Thomas Macmillan, 2928 Briarwood Drive, requested that Councilmembers consider installation of traffic signals at Rolling Hills Road and Fallenleaf Drive as well as Rolling Hills Road and Whiffletree Lane.

Mike de la Pena, 2652 Brien Avenue, suggested budgeting for construction of a parking structure for employees as a long-term solution.

Art Dominguez, 2917 Dalemead Street, expressed concern about employee parking intrusion by local businesses.

Steve Bruechle, 25222 Weston Road, commented that the Porsche dealership has done an exemplary job of supplying adequate parking for their employees.

Frank Hubbell, Carolwood Lane, stated that traffic could be greatly reduced by eliminating the fencing at the east end of Crenshaw Boulevard.

City Manager Jackson stated that the City of Lomita would not concur with that proposal.

Gayle Morgan, Lomita, explained why the City of Lomita was protective of its cul de sacs.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with staff recommendations as amended to:

- 1) Install median islands on Rolling Hills Way between Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway;
- 2) Install a Traffic Signal yellow pedestrian flasher on Rolling Hills Road ~~in the vicinity of at Whiffletree Lane;~~
- 3) Install traffic signal at Rolling Hills Road and Fallenleaf Drive; and
- 4) ~~Install time specific parking restrictions~~ Install Permit Parking along Newton Street, Denny Road, Weston Road, Bigelow Road, Loytan Street, Dalemead Street, and the service Road on Pacific Coast Highway with the option of receiving visitor parking permits not to exceed \$20 per year and
- 5) That the once implemented the program be brought back to the City Council for review;
- 6) That parallel parking be placed in front of the apartment building to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director; and
- 7) Budget transfer from Fund 44, Projects 4402010 and 4402011 for the total amount of \$117,000 into CIP S-11.

Mayor Walker asked that City staff follow up with dialogue with the businesses regarding their Conditional Use Permits.

Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval. It was suggested that a dialogue be opened with the dealerships.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. CONTINUATION OF 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. MOU FOR TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION, ENGINEERS AND TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt Memoranda of Understanding for the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA), Engineers and Torrance Fiscal Employees Association (TFEA).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-34

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION (TPSA)

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved to adopt Resolution Number 2004-34. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-35

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved to adopt Resolution Number 2004-35. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-36

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (TFEA)

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved to adopt Resolution Number 2004-36. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. HEARINGS

12A. AMENDMENT OF TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RE SPEED LIMIT ALONG HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND SOUTH CITY LIMIT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** and the **Police Chief** that City Council concur with staff recommendation to amend Section 61.10.4 of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) to modify "Subsection i" to read Hawthorne Boulevard between Pacific Coast Highway and south city limit within the City with a maximum speed limit of forty (40) miles per hour.

The public hearing opened at 9:01 p.m.

Transportation Manager Semaan introduced the recommendation included in the material of record.

No speakers came forward to be heard.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to close the public hearing at 9:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with staff recommendation. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

City Clerk Herbers gave a number to and read the title to the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 3557

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 61.104 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved to adopt Ordinance Number 3557. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13. APPEALS

13A. APPEAL OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RE RODNEY RUSSELL

Item discussed earlier in the meeting – See page 1

15. 2ND READING ORDINANCES

15A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3554

Second and Final Reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3554** amending Division 9 of the Torrance Municipal Code to reclassify certain property located at 3671, 3673, and 3675 Newton Street from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-2 (Two-Family Residential District).

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved to adopt Ordinance Number 3554. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

15B. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3555

Second and Final Reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3555** amending Division 9 of the Torrance Municipal Code (TMC), to reclassify certain properties located in north Torrance from A-1 (Light Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved to adopt Ordinance Number 3555. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

15C. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3556

Second and Final Reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3556** amending portions of Division 9 of the Torrance Municipal Code so that Multiple Family Units that are required to provide three parking spaces may have two of the three spaces in a tandem arrangement

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu moved to adopt Ordinance Number 3556. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by a roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: Councilmember Mauno.

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The Redevelopment Agency met from 9:05 p.m. to 9:09 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. City Attorney Fellows announced a Commissioner Orientation would be held on March 30, 2004 for all City Commissioners in the City and stated that he would be discussing the Brown Act.

16b. Councilmember Lieu stated that he attended the dedication of Pacific Coast Highway as a Blue Star Memorial Highway.

16c. Councilmember Lieu stated that he enjoyed George Takei's lecture at the Cultural Arts Center and that upcoming speakers would be Edward James Olmos on April 25, 2004 and Dennis Prager on May 16, 2004.

16d. Councilmember Lieu stated that he attended a spring festival where he was advised that an additional 100 cherry blossom trees would be donated to the City.

16e. Councilmember Lieu requested that staff follow up with a status report on defibrillators.

16f. Councilmember Mauno congratulated Councilmember Lieu's wife on her election as president of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association.

16g. Councilmember Mauno stated that he enjoyed speakers George Takei and Yolanda King and their participation with the audience.

16h. Councilmember Mauno reported on recent action of the Independent City Association Board of Directors noting that Long Beach Assemblyman Allen Lowenthal, Chair of the Assembly Housing Committee addressed the board on AB1776.

16i. Councilmember Mauno stated that during a recent trip to Washington D.C. representatives urged City governments to talk to their state's Homeland Security and requested that City Manager Jackson set up a meeting. City Manager Jackson and Police Chief Herren noted that a meeting was planned with L. A. County Police Chiefs and former FBI Director Los Angeles County Ron Iden who serves as the Homeland Security Director for California.

16j. Councilmember McIntyre stated that she and Councilmember Nowatka attended an informative three day Metropolitan Water District trip, and that she now has a better understanding of challenges facing MWD.

16k. Councilmember McIntyre stated that it was her understanding that the Torrance Symphony played to a full house on March 20, 2004 in the Armstrong Theater.

16l. Councilmember Nowatka wished Councilmember Lieu a happy birthday and announced "The Army v. McCarthy Hearings, 1954" at Stage Two Theatre on March 24, 2004.

16m. Councilmember Scotto expressed his appreciation of Toyota for their American Perspectives speaker series, and stated that he enjoyed hearing George Takei.

16n. Councilmember Witkowsky reported that topics discussed at the League of California Cities Committee on Public Safety meeting included the interoperability of first responders to speak with each other and that statistics showed that there were 20 per cent more lives lost to drunk driving that were lost on September 11, 2001.

16o. Councilmember Witkowsky announced the Madrona Marsh Nature Center Open House on April 17, 2004 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

16p. Shirley Turner, Torrance, announced a Volunteer Open House to be held at Madrona Marsh on April 17.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was considered earlier in the meeting, (see page 1). No formal action was taken in closed session.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:24 p.m. there was a recommendation of the **City Manager** to adjourn City Council and Redevelopment Agency to Tuesday, April 6, 2004, for a regular meeting commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Tuesday, March 30 will be a Council dark night.

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 July 13, 2004