

April 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, April 20, 2004 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Mauno.

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

Mayor Walker announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, City staff received a counter-proposal regarding the ground lease of City property located at 24751 Crenshaw Boulevard to South Bay Lexus and that, because time is of the essence, immediate instruction to the City's Real Property Negotiator is necessary. The negotiating parties are LeRoy J. Jackson and William Adkins.

In order to take action on a matter not on the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote 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 the agenda pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

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 agenda matters listed under 17a) Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:10 p.m.

**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 Scotto 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 Councilmember Mauno).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto 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 Councilmember Mauno).

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sergeant Brian Wood, 21, of Torrance who died on April 16, 2004, in Tikrit, Iraq.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6A. **PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC ACCESS AED PROGRAM**

In a PowerPoint presentation, Linda Norris, Torrance Memorial Medical Center, reported on the Public Access AED Program funded by the hospital, which was established to place Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), at locations throughout the City where people congregate. She explained that the devices use a measured shock to restore a normal heartbeat after cardiac arrest and that the chances of survival are increased to 90% if defibrillation can be performed within one minute of collapse. She noted that the hospital assists in evaluating potential sites, coordinates training, and provides ongoing support. She stated that Torrance Memorial intends to have 100 AEDs placed within their service area by February 2005 and that additional information could be obtained by calling 310-784-4868.

6B. **PROCLAMATION RE GERI ANN BARR**

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation to **Geri Ann Barr** commending her achievements in bringing recognition and attention to the South Bay and to Torrance through her efforts to increase hospital and community preparedness to respond to cardiac and other medical emergencies.

6C. **PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK”**

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation to Library Commission Chair Jamie Watson declaring the week of April 18 through April 24, 2004 as **National Library Week** in the City of Torrance, and encouraging all residents to take advantage of the variety of resources available at the Torrance Public Library. Ms. Watson commended Library staff for their high level of expertise and commitment to serve the public.

6D. **PROCLAMATION RE “GLOBAL NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES WEEK”**

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation to Youth Council members Russell Akiyama and Chris Membribes declaring the week of April 25 through April 30, 2004 as **Global National Youth Services Week** in the City of Torrance, and urging all area youth to become more involved in their cities and help build a brighter tomorrow.

**6E. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK”**

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 18 through April 24, 2004 as **National Volunteer Week** in the City of Torrance to Olivia Lopez – City of Torrance Volunteer Coordinator, and Certificates of Appreciation to volunteers Dr. Connie Vadheim, Joan Durian, Ressa Lacher, Se Yun Park, Virginia Thorrens, Asaka Yamamoto, and Yu Hoon Yoon.

**6F. RECOGNITION OF RETIRED COMMISSIONERS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Clerk** that the Mayor and City Council recognize retired commissioners with community service awards and certificates of appreciation.

The following commissioners were presented with Community Service Awards:

Airport Commission

Steve Skoll

Civil Service Commission

Bill Sutherland

Community Services Commission

Hazel Taniguchi

Library Commission

Peggy Basile

Water Commission

Rod Gutierrez

Cable Television and Advisory Board

Nikola Mikulicich Jr.

Commission on Aging

Ursel “Russ” Nolte

Frank Wolf

Environmental Quality and Energy

Conservation Commission

Lenore Johnson

Parks and Recreation Commission

Judy Gibson

Unable to attend were: Civil Service Commissioners Pat Brady and Rod Guyton; Environmental Quality and Energy Commissioners Debra Nilsson and Gavin Wasserman; Library Commissioner Rhett Bise; Traffic Commissioners Tom Monson and Jim Stadler; and Water Commissioners Bob Feuerstein, Tom Hansen, and Frank Krauss.

**6G. RECOGNITION OF 2003 WRAP RECIPIENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council present Certificates of Recognition to Torrance businesses that received the 2003 Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP), to honor them for their outstanding waste reduction and recycling efforts.

WRAP Awards were presented to the following Torrance businesses:

Albertson’s - Arnie Walder, Store #6153 and Crisenda Delangin, Store #6155; American Honda Motor Co., Inc. - John Savage and Kaz Inouye; Ball Metal Beverage Container - Don Johnson and Danny McGuire; Mervyn’s – Sylvia Chavez; Sav-On Drug Store - Shihab Alam, Store #9429; Earl Robinson, Store #9446; Brad Lanning, Store #9475; Ron Barrier, Store #9478; and Brandon Lauer, Store #9568; Virco Manufacturing Company – Jason Morris; Walser’s – Janey, Janene and Taylor Walser; Hitachi Automotive Products – Lucila Luna.

Unable to attend were: Southern California Edison - Sharon Natoli; Target - Harriet May; Vons - Jeff Smith and Dan Graves; and Wild Birds Unlimited – Bob Shanman.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7A. **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-03**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Redevelopment Agency Staff** that City Council accept and file the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002-2003, including the Independent Auditors' Report on Financial Statements and Compliance and file said report without further action. (**Companion to Redevelopment Agency Item 4A**)

7B. **CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE IMPROVEMENTS AT LAGO SECO PARK**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council approve an amendment to the agreement with V2C Group, Inc. (C2002-268), increasing the not to exceed value from \$36,720 to \$48,090 and extending the term of service through June 30, 2005.

7C. **PURCHASE ORDER RE PUMP FOR AMIE AVENUE STORM WATER RETENTION BASIN**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Public Works Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued to Engineers Sales-Service Company, Inc. (ESSCO) of Los Angeles, CA, in the amount of \$33,286.88 for the sole source purchase of a ESSCO model 8x6x17 pump to replace the existing pump at the Amie Avenue storm water retention basin.

7D. **REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR ARTESIA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, (A-15) (B2004-05)**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council reject all bids received on April 8, 2004, for the Artesia Boulevard Landscape Improvement Project (A-15) (B2004-05).

7E. **CONTRACT RE DESIGN SERVICES FOR POLICE PARKING COMPOUND BUILDING**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and **Police Chief** that City Council award a contract to BOA Architecture for \$45,000 for design services for construction of the Police Parking Compound Building.

7F. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE CHILLER REPLACEMENTS AT CITY HALL AND CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve a contract amendment with Precision Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Inc. (C2003-248) to increase the contract by \$2,036 for a total contract amount of \$292,982.36.

**7G. CONTRACT RE DESIGN SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #5 RENOVATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and **Fire Chief** that City Council award a contract to William Loyd Jones Architect for \$41,250 for design services with a contingency of \$2,250 for additional professional services for the renovation of Fire Station #5.

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

**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 (absent Councilmember Mauno).

**12. HEARINGS**

**12A. GPA04-00001: CITY OF TORRANCE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Planning Commission** and **Community Development Director** that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the Land Use Element of the General Plan by:

- 1) Amending the Industrial Business Park Designation to allow both ancillary and non-ancillary medical offices within this designation and the industrial zones; and
- 2) Deleting Policy 3.3 under Objective 3.0 of the Land Use Element which provides that only ancillary medical offices are allowed in the industrial zones.

**GPA04-00001: City of Torrance**

Mayor Walker announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter, and Acting Deputy City Clerk Servia confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

As no one from the public came forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-43**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF

THE BUSINESS PARK DESIGNATION TO ALLOW MEDICAL OFFICES, AND DELETING POLICY 3.3 UNDER OBJECTIVE 3.0 WHICH PROVIDES THAT ONLY ANCILLARY MEDICAL OFFICES ARE ALLOWED IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES, AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 34 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE **GPA04-00001: CITY OF TORRANCE**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-43. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Mauno).

**16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**16A.** Each councilmember expressed condolences to Sergeant Brian Wood's family.

**16B.** Councilmember Nowatka noted that the ground breaking for the Ted Tanouye memorial was held earlier in the day.

**16C.** Councilmember Nowatka announced that a team from the Police Department team would be competing in the 120-mile Baker to Vegas relay run and wished them well.

**16D.** Councilmember Nowatka announced a "Work In Progress" performance of the Watergate hearings would be held in the Stage II Theatre on April 28.

**16E.** Councilmember Scotto commended Yukon, Torrance, Edison, and Victor Elementary schools on receiving a California Distinguished School Award.

**16F.** Referring to Agenda Item 6E, Councilmember Witkowsky expressed appreciation to the volunteers, stating that it was wonderful to see people of all ages volunteering their time to benefit the community.

**16G.** Shirley Turner, resident, thanked the youth of Torrance who volunteer their time at the Madrona Marsh. She reported on upcoming events and invited everyone to commemorate Earth Day, April 24, by cleaning up/planting seeds at the Marsh and to view the stars at the "Star Party" at 8:00 p.m.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:33 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 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.

***Adjourned in Memory of  
Sergeant Brian Wood***

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 June 8, 2004

Sue Sweet  
Recording Secretary