

**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 6:32 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember McIntyre.

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

Mayor Walker stated the following: Subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the City Attorney received a settlement proposal in the case of Francis v City of Torrance, Case No. YC047480. The City Attorney needs immediate instruction from Council regarding this matter, and because time is of the essence, he has requested that City Council consider discussing this matter in closed session this evening. 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 moved to add the item to the meeting's agenda under Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

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 pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Mauno.

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 Nowatka, and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

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 McIntyre).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dr. Arnold Plank, retired Superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, who passed away on May 18 at 6:50 a.m. He noted Dr. Plank's history of community involvement and his distinguished career as a teacher, counselor and administrator.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION HONORING BRENDA J. PETTYMAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO BRENDA J. PETTYMAN FOR SERVING AS MILITARY PLANNING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY, NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, FORT IRWIN, TO THE TORRANCE ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AND OBSERVANCE.

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-58. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

To be presented at a later date.

6B. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FROM EXXONMOBIL CORPORATION FOR 2004 GREEN TEAM PROGRAM

Recommendation

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

- 1) Accept a donation of \$100,000 from ExxonMobil Corporation; and
- 2) Appropriate the \$100,000 donation and the \$4,302 balance left from the 2003 Green Team Summer Youth Employment Program (FEAP #392) to the 2004 Green Team Summer Youth Employment Program (FEAP #479).

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

Amy McLeod, ExxonMobil Representative, and Tim McLellan, Green Team Coordinator, presented the \$100,000 donation to Mayor Walker. Ms. McLeod briefly described the Green Team Program, noting that it provides summer employment for Torrance high school students, offering an opportunity for them to form lasting relationships with mentors while earning a paycheck. She reported that ExxonMobil has contributed over \$1 million to the program since 1994 and over 400 Torrance students have participated in it.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE "CALIFORNIA BIKE COMMUTE WEEK"

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation to Transportation Planning Associate Jill Crump declaring the week of May 17 through May 21, 2004 as ***California Bike Commute Week*** in the City of Torrance and encouraging all residents who work and live in Torrance to ride a bicycle for their commute to and from work this week and especially on ***Bike to Work Day*** Thursday, May 20, 2004. Ms. Crump announced that breakfast would be provided to those employees who ride their bikes to work on May 20 from 6:00 – 8:00 a.m. and the first 50 riders would receive a free t-shirt.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. REVENUE-SHARING AGREEMENT WITH DORENE COLES YOGA STUDIO

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council approve a one year agreement with the Dorene Coles Yoga Studio to provide adult Yoga classes at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, for an amount not to exceed \$40,250. Expenditure will be fully reimbursed by class fees.

7B. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 53955

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve Final Tract Map No. 53955, creating a 60-unit senior condominium and 100-unit townhome project on two lots, located at 3520 Torrance Boulevard, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the tentative map; and
- 2) Accept a narrow sliver of public street easement on the south side of Torrance Boulevard.

7C. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 54027

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve Final Tract Map No. 54027, creating 17 condominium units on one lot, located at 3604 Redondo Beach Boulevard, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the tentative map; and
- 2) Abandon a 10' wide Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate easement for street and highway purposes on Yukon Avenue.

7D. APPROVAL OF REVISED AND RE-TITLED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR WELDER/FABRICATOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** and the **Civil Service Commission** that City Council approve the revised and retitled class specification of Senior Welder/Fabricator.

7E. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF WATER MAIN, LARGE METER AND VAULT REPLACEMENTS, I-25 & I-15

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve a consulting services agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$300,000 for the design of a portion of water main replacements in Northeast Torrance under Capital Project I-25, and to design large meter and vault replacements citywide under Capital Project I-15;
- 2) Approve a consulting services agreement with SA Associates in the amount of \$136,000 for design of the remaining portion of water main replacements in Northeast Torrance under Capital Project I-25;
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreements;
- 4) Authorize the transfer of Water Funds in the amount \$25,200 from the Water Main Replacement Program, I-25, to the Water Meter and Vault Replacement Project, I-15; and
- 5) Authorize the transfer of Water Funds in the amount of \$25,200 from the Water Meter and Vault Replacement project, I-15, to the Water Main Replacement Program, I-25, in Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

7F. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PURCHASE/ INSTALLATION OF FURNITURE FOR KATY GEISSERT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Librarian** that City Council authorize purchase orders to Yamada Enterprises of Huntington Beach, CA in the amount of \$121,632.31, and to Herman Miller of West Hollywood, CA in the amount of \$25,108.59 for the purchase and installation of furniture and other items for the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Upper Level Remodel (B2004-17).

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

9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9A. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PROPOSED PROJECT AT DEL AMO FASHION CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council authorize a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$44,020 (to be paid by the project applicant) with Keeton Kreitzer Consulting to serve as an advisor to the City on environmental issues and to prepare a Peer Review of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Del Amo Fashion Center development project on property bounded by Fashion Way, Madrona Avenue, Sepulveda Boulevard and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Community Development Director Gibson advised that Keeton Kreitzer Consulting would assist staff in the review of environmental documents prepared in conjunction with the proposed Del Amo Fashion Center development project.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to authorize the consulting services agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOOD AND SINGINGWOOD

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 (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

11B. APPROVAL OF 457 PLAN DOCUMENT AND CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS WITH GREAT WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Treasurer**, as the Plan Administrator, that City Council:

- 1) Approve a contract with Great West Life & Annuity Insurance Company to be the City of Torrance Third Party Administrator for the City of Torrance Deferred Compensation Program for a period of 5 years;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution approving and adopting a Employees Deferred Compensation Plan (A); and

- 3) Adopt a Resolution approving a Services Agreement and Annuity Contracts with Great West Life & Annuity Insurance Company and Investment Management & Custody agreement with Barclays Global Investors, N. A. (BGI) and Financial Advice Agreement with Advised Asset Group, LLC related to the 457 Deferred Compensation Plans and the 401 (a) Defined Contribution Plans for the City of Torrance Employees.

City Treasurer Barnett briefly summarized the written material of record.

In response to Councilmember Scotto's inquiry, Ms. Barnett confirmed that the five-year term of the contract was typical for such agreements.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT AND ANNUITY CONTRACTS WITH GREAT WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY AND INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND CUSTODY AGREEMENT WITH BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, N. A. AND FINANCIAL ADVICE AGREEMENT WITH ADVISED ASSET GROUP, LLC RELATED TO THE 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS AND THE 401 (A) DEFINED CONTRIBUTIONS PLANS FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-61. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A EMPLOYEES DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (A)

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-62. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:24 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.

Councilmember Lieu exited the Council Chambers and left City Hall at 7:26 p.m.

12. HEARINGS

12A. AMENDMENT OF TMC RE RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AND AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council conduct a public hearing to:

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance amending Section 61.6.32 of the Torrance Municipal Code related to Residential Permit Parking to include street segments bordered by and including Dalemead Street, south side of Newton Street, Denny Road and Loytan Street and along the service road south of Pacific Coast Highway west of Rolling Hills Way as part of the residential permit parking districts; and
- 2) Authorize a purchase order to Orange County Striping Service, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to implement traffic-calming signing and striping improvements such as permit parking signs, re-striping along Newton Street and Airport Drive.

Mayor Walker 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 Planner Semaan summarized staff's recommendation to: 1) Implement permit parking in an area bordered by and including Dalemead Street, the south side of Newton Street, Denny Road and Loytan Street and along the service road south of Pacific Coast Highway west of Rolling Hills Way; 2) Re-stripe Newton Street to add angled parking on the north side; and 3) Re-stripe Airport Drive to provide 100 parking spaces along the south side. He noted that Airport Drive would remain one lane in each direction with a two-way left-turn lane in the middle and that parking would be prohibited between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. due to airport security. Reviewing the timetable for the project, he reported that the re-striping and installation of signage would be completed by June 16; that the permit parking would be enforceable by June 25; and that the police department has recommended that there be a 10-day a grace period before any citations are issued.

John King, resident, voiced his objections to the re-striping of Airport Drive and questioned whether the hearing was properly noticed because this issue was not mentioned. He maintained that the parking lane would be a safety hazard because its 8-foot width was inadequate and parked vehicles would intrude on traffic lanes; that it would encourage jaywalking by employees of Robinson Helicopter who park their cars on the south side of the street; and that parked cars would block the view of those exiting from driveways on Airport Drive. He questioned why the City feels having cars parked along Airport Drive during nighttime hours threatens airport security and why this threat would not be the same in the daytime. He suggested that the burden for providing additional parking should be on the car dealerships that have caused this problem, noting that Conditional Use Permits typically require employers to provide adequate parking for their employees.

Jim Gates, resident, stated that he was opposed to the re-striping of Airport Drive due to the traffic problems it would cause. Commenting on existing conditions, he reported that car carriers frequently park in the center median to unload vehicles

creating a safety hazard and that traffic is bumper to bumper in both directions when the shift changes at Robinson Helicopter, a condition that will only worsen as the company expands. He urged the Council to reject the proposal to constrict Airport Drive, stating that it does nothing to attack the root cause of parking problems, which exist throughout the area. He maintained that the City has been lax in enforcing existing parking restrictions and wondered how the enforcement of parking permits would be any different.

Collette Furbush, Danaha Street resident, requested that Danaha Street be included in the permit parking area, expressing concerns that once permit parking is implemented on nearby streets, parking problems would be shifted to her block.

Robert Foster, Danaha Street resident, echoed Ms. Furbush's request and also requested that the south side of Dalemead Street between Winlock and Rolling Hills Way be painted red because the street is not wide enough to accommodate parking on both sides.

Tim Goetz, on behalf of Robinson Helicopter, stated that the company was opposed to having a parking lane on Airport Drive due to the impact on traffic and safety. He contended that the parking lane would exacerbate traffic congestion on Airport Drive and affect safety because of motorists pulling in and out of parking spaces and opening car doors into traffic. He reported that the company will be adding approximately 150 off-street parking spaces at its facility by the end of next week which should help alleviate parking problems on neighboring streets.

Richard Wenger, Denny Road resident, stated that he did not believe the parking provided by Robinson Helicopter was adequate for the number of employees and expressed concerns about the safety of the proposed angled parking on Newton Street.

Bill Goetz, Denny Road resident, voiced support for the proposed permit parking, citing ongoing problems with blaring car radios and littering by Robinson Helicopter employees who park in the neighborhood.

Don Ferrara, Rancho Palos Verdes, thanked the Council for their decision not to close a portion of Zamperini Way. He voiced his opinion that the proposal to re-stripe Airport Drive was an attempt to appease car dealers and suggested that they try to find parking elsewhere.

Bill Sherwood, Rolling Hills Aviation, expressed support for the proposal to implement permit parking, suggesting that the area might need to be expanded. He questioned whether anyone had checked with the fire department to ensure that the parking lane on Airport Drive would not create a problem for emergency vehicles.

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

Mayor Walker questioned whether the impact on safety was considered when evaluating the proposal to re-stripe Airport Drive and whether the parking lane would impede fire engines coming from the nearby fire station.

Fire Chief Bongard advised that while Airport Drive is a congested area, the fire department deals with congested streets throughout Torrance and the addition of the parking lane would probably not make any difference.

Transportation Planner Semaan stated that safety and circulation were primary concerns in evaluating the proposal and that it was staff's opinion that the re-striping would not affect safety or hinder access for emergency vehicles. He noted that the 8-foot parking lane and the 12-foot traffic lane proposed for the south side of Airport Drive are standard dimensions and that the two-way left turn lane in the middle and the 13-foot traffic lane on the north side would remain unchanged.

Councilmember Scotto expressed his preference that the permit parking area be expanded to include Danaha Street and Dalemead Street from Denny Road to Rolling Hills Way and from Loytan Street to Tandem Way due to concerns that parking problems will shift to these areas once permit parking is implemented.

Noting that she has expressed concerns about traffic congestion on Airport Drive on previous occasions, Councilmember Witkowsky stated that she did not understand the logic of adding parking along this street at a time when Robinson Helicopter is expanding its operation and the revitalized shopping center at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw is bringing more traffic into the area.

Transportation Planner Semaan reported that steps are being taken to relieve traffic congestion on Airport Drive, including improvements to the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Airport Drive; that the configuration of the traffic lanes will not be changed; and that staff viewed it as an opportunity to provide much needed parking.

City Manager Jackson stated that he believed adding double-left turn lanes onto Crenshaw from Airport Drive and prohibiting left turns out of Airport Plaza Shopping Center will dramatically improve the flow of traffic.

Councilmember Witkowsky asked about enforcement of the residential parking permits. Police Chief Herren advised that the City has enough parking enforcement officers to enforce the parking restrictions, but cautioned that additional staff might be needed should parking permits be implemented in other areas of the City. He noted that warnings will be issued during the grace period and that officers will spot check and respond to complaints.

Councilmember Mauno suggested the possibility of delaying action on this proposal to see if Robinson Helicopter's new parking lot alleviates parking problems.

Mayor Walker voiced support for moving forward with the proposal, stating that he thought it was a reasonable solution because while it restricts parking in one area through the permit process for the benefit of residents, it provides additional parking in another area in a way that staff has assured is safe. He stressed the need for enforcement if this plan is to succeed and noted that modifications could be made if it does not work as intended.

In response to Councilmember Scotto's inquiry, Transportation Planner Semaan indicated that the cost of re-striping Airport Drive is approximately \$12,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation, extending the residential permit parking area to include Danaha Street and Dalemead Street from Denny Road to Rolling Hills Way and from Loytan Street to Tandem Way, and to direct staff to report back to the Council in 6 months. Discussion briefly continued.

Councilmember Witkowsky indicated that she supported the implementation of the permit parking and the re-stripping of Newton Street, but was opposed to the re-stripping of Airport Drive and suggested that these matters be considered separately.

Councilmember Scotto expressed concerns that implementing the permit parking without providing replacement parking for those who are currently parking in this neighborhood would only shift the problem somewhere else.

Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmember Witkowsky noting her opposition to the addition of the parking lane on Airport Drive (absent Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre).

ORDINANCE NO. 3559

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 61.6.32 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3559 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. Each councilmember expressed condolences to the family of Dr. Arnold Plank.

16B. Councilmember Mauno reported that he filled in for Councilmember Witkowsky as the City of Torrance delegate for the League of California Cities, at a meeting in Sacramento at which the league chose to support the proposed constitutional amendment favored by Governor Schwarzenegger, which would limit the state's ability to take funds from local cities after 2006.

16C. Councilmember Mauno complimented the police department and entire City staff for their efforts in putting together the Armed Forces Day Parade and celebration.

16D. Councilmember Mauno stated that the soldiers of the USS Decatur were so moved by the card they had received from the students of Fern Elementary School that Commander Nickerson plans to present a flag from the ship to the elementary school.

16E. Councilmember Scotto echoed comments regarding the Armed Forces Parade with special thanks to Deputy Chief Paul Besse, Captain John Neu, Lieutenant Dave Smith, and Brenda Felt of the police department.

16F. Councilmember Witkowsky echoed comments regarding the Armed Forces Parade and commended the Torrance Amateur Radio Association volunteers for assisting the police department with security.

16G. Councilmember Witkowsky expressed condolences to the family of Clifford Holliday, a strong advocate on senior issues, who passed away on May 15, 2004 at the age of 105.

16H. Mayor Walker thanked the police department and staff for an excellent job on the Armed Forces Day Parade and celebration.

16I. Mary Steinkamp, resident, expressed concerns about the noise level and altitude of the flyovers at the Armed Forces Day Parade.

16J. Jim Gates, resident, asked if City of Torrance has a requirement on the amount of parking spaces that a business must provide for its employees.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier, see page 1.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:26 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 25, 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
Dr. Arnold Plank***