

**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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Witkowsky.

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

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 agenda matters listed under 17A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, 17B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, and Redevelopment Agency Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(c), and 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 Mauno 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 Lieu, and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**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 Lieu and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Nowatka announced the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Wilson Park beginning at 11:00 a.m., with fireworks at 9:00 p.m. On-site parking available for \$5.00 and free shuttle buses operating 9:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. from both the Civic Center and Del Amo Fashion Center to Wilson Park.

Fire Chief Bongard announced that ExxonMobil would be testing the street closure barriers on Crenshaw Boulevard on Wednesday, June 16, at approximately 9:30 a.m. He asked that motorists please use alternate routes, as Crenshaw Boulevard would be closed between Del Amo Boulevard and 190th Street from approximately 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the appointment of commissioners scheduled for June 22, to fill vacancies on the library and water commissions, was being delayed due to the unanticipated resignation of a Library Commissioner and that positions would be re-advertised with appointments tentatively scheduled for August 10, 2004. Applications are available online at [www.tornet.com](http://www.tornet.com) and in the City Clerks office.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Cindy Gayda, retired Torrance police officer, who passed away on Sunday, June 6, 2004.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-72 RE GUY FOX**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-72**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING GUY FOX FOR HIS SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Mauno moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-72. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

*To be presented at a later date.*

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7A. REJECTION OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR #B2003-44 AND APPROVAL OF A MULTI-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR VANPOOL VANS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and the **Human Resources Director** that City Council

- 1) Reject all bids received for bid B2003-44; and
- 2) Award B2004-10 to VPSI, Inc of Orange, CA for a multi-year full service lease agreement for eleven (11) passenger vans, to be used in the City's Vanpool Program; and

The **General Services Director** also recommends that City Council approve disposal of twelve (12) surplus passenger vans that will no longer be needed as a result of this lease.

**7B. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 53900**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Approve Final Tract Map No. 53900, creating 6 condominium units on one lot, located at 2145 Plaza Del Amo, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map; and
- 2) Accept a 15' corner radius street easement at the intersection of 222nd Street and Martina Avenue.

**7C. APPROVAL OF YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION TO "BEAT THE ODDS" HONOREES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Torrance Youth Council** and the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council approve a \$4,000 donation from the Youth Council Donation Fund to four "Beat the Odds" honorees and authorize the Finance Director to issue the warrants.

Considered separately, see page 4.

**7D. 2004-05 GRANT PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Cultural Arts Commission** and the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council approve funding under the FY 2004-2005 Non-Profit Arts Organizations to be awarded to Gratitude Retreat (\$1,000), Los Cancioneros Master Chorale (\$1,000), Saturday Night Bath Concert Fund (\$1,000), South Bay Ballet (\$1,000) and South Bay Conservatory (\$1,000).

**7E. ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTURY-TCI CALIFORNIA LP**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Land Management Team** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to an encroachment agreement by and between Century-TCI California, LP, a Delaware limited partnership dba Adelphia Cable Communications (Adelphia Cable) and the City of Torrance, a municipal corporation (City).

**7F. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR RENOVATION AND REPAIR OF HANGARS AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT- ZAMPERINI FIELD**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Service Director** that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Universal Construction and Maintenance in the amount of \$313,000 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$15,650; and
- 2) Appropriate \$178,810 from the Airport Aeronautical Fund Balance for the renovation and repair of 20 aircraft hangars at the Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field.

**7G. PURCHASE ORDER RE INSTALLATION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ON TORRANCE TRANSIT BUSES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Transit Director** that the City Council authorize the award of a purchase order in the amount of \$525,853.67 to Transmark/GE Security, Inc. of Boulder, CO, to furnish and install digital surveillance cameras on (53) Torrance Transit buses.

**7H. CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Acting Public Works Director** and the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council approve a contract services agreement with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps to provide operation and maintenance of the City's parks and special event recycling program for an amount not to exceed \$28,000.

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

Consent Calendar Item 7C was considered out of order at this time.

**7C. APPROVAL OF YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION TO "BEAT THE ODDS" HONOREES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Torrance Youth Council** and the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council approve a \$4,000 donation from the Youth Council Donation Fund to four "Beat the Odds" honorees and authorize the Finance Director to issue the warrants.

Councilmember Nowatka stated that, for the benefit of the audience, he wanted to call attention to the "Beat the Odds" scholarship program sponsored by the Youth Council, which recognizes local youths who have overcome adversity in pursuit of an education and awards them with cash scholarships made possible by fundraisers conducted by the Youth Council.

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

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Deputy City Attorney Sullivan announced that the City had been in a dispute with Time Warner and after an audit of Cable Modem Franchise Fees and Utility Users Taxes, an agreement had been approved by Council in closed session. The six provisions of the settlement were as follows:

- Time Warner is to pay \$170,446.73 to settle cable modem franchise fee dispute;
- City will approve the transfer from Paragon Communications to Time Warner Cable Inc.;
- City is entitled to pursue Time Warner Cable for UUT disputes in the future that were not the subject of the UUT audit;
- Time Warner to pay \$450,214.29 to settle UUT dispute for the audit period;
- City and Time Warner to litigate the issue of applicability of UUT ordinance to advertising revenues, no charge customers, and home shopping revenues;
- Time Warner to refund \$146,322.00 to current existing subscribers for excess public access fees, which is approximately \$4 per subscriber.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved to affirm the action taken in closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**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 McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky)

**11B. MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING FOR TCEA AND TPPREO FOR 2004-2005**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt Memoranda of Understanding Resolutions for Torrance City Employees Association (TCEA) and Torrance Professional Park and Recreation Employees Organization (TPPREO) for the period starting June 13, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

**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 Witkowsky).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-73**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (TCEA) AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2003-114

**MOTION:** Councilmember Mauno moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-73. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-74**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARK AND RECREATION ORGANIZATION (TPPREO) AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2003-118

**MOTION:** Councilmember Mauno moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-74. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**12. HEARINGS**

**12A. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET REVISIONS FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE 2003-05 OPERATING BUDGET**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council open the first public hearing on the City of Torrance proposed budget revisions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the City's two-year 2003-2005 Operating Budget. **(Companion to Redevelopment Agency Item 4A)**

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.

With the aid of slides, Finance Director Tsao reviewed the action taken the previous year to balance the 2003-05 Operating Budget in the face of a \$12 million deficit; discussed mid-year action taken by the State and the impact on City revenues; outlined State and local economic issues affecting the budget; reported on proposed budget modifications for 2004-05; and provided information about the outlook for the future and the City's contingency plan should additional budget cuts be necessary.

Henry Castro, 1212 El Prado, came forward to report on vandalism and thefts occurring in his neighborhood. Mayor Walker explained that Mr. Castro would have an opportunity to share his concerns during "Orals."

**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 Witkowsky).

Councilmember Lieu asked, with the concurrence of Council, that staff bring forward an item regarding the feasibility of offering military discounts on fees for Parks and Recreation/Cultural Arts programs for active duty Torrance residents and their immediate families.

Mayor Walker announced that the second public hearing on the budget will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. as part of the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:30 p.m. to 7:32 p.m.

**16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**16A.** Councilmember Lieu stated that he was honored to speak at Northrop Grumman Space Systems who should be congratulated for their efforts in space satellites and other technologies, which have helped our fighting forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**16B.** Councilmember Lieu noted that the State Senate recently disapproved a \$1.2 million request to help keep California's Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine military bases open. He encouraged residents to write to the State Assembly, Governor, and Senators urging them to save the military bases.

**16C.** Councilmember Mauno noted that he took advantage of the Southern California Air Quality Management District's offer and turned in his gas-powered lawnmower and received a battery-powered mower.

**16D.** Councilmember Mauno thanked Honda for hosting the Hazardous Waste Roundup recycling event.

**16E.** Councilmember Mauno reported that the West Los Angeles Vector Control recently confirmed that two cases of the West Nile virus had been detected in Los Angeles County and urged residents to take precautionary measures against mosquitoes during the evening hours.

**16F.** Councilmember McIntyre congratulated the Police Department on the well-attended Open House event.

**16G.** Councilmember McIntyre echoed comments in regards to trading in her gas-powered mower for a new battery-powered model.

**16H.** Councilmember McIntyre announced that the Torrance Symphony would be holding a fund-raiser on June 19 at the Cultural Arts Center.

**16I.** Councilmember Nowatka encouraged attendance at the Torrance Symphony fund-raiser, noting that the free concerts held during the summer are made possible by the various fund-raisers held by the Torrance Symphony.

**16J.** Councilmember Nowatka echoed comments regarding the wonderful turnout at the Police Department Open House.

**16K.** Councilmember Nowatka relayed elderly residents' concerns about the West Nile Virus. Councilmember Mauno advised that residents who observe a mosquito infestation should report it to the West Los Angeles Vector Control at (310) 915-7350, noting that there is a link to this agency on the City's website.

**16L.** Councilmember Nowatka noted that he was honored to represent the City Council at the grand opening of the 80,000 member California Credit Union's new location.

**16M.** Councilmember Scotto echoed comments regarding the Police Department Open House.

**16N.** Councilmember Scotto requested that staff bring forward an information item regarding the feasibility of enacting a moratorium on residential projects of 10 units or more for a period of 3 to 12 months, including background information about cities that have gone through a similar process and any potential risks to the City. Noting the Council's recent request for a General Plan update, he explained that the moratorium would allow time to assess the impact of development on the City's infrastructure, as well as Police and Fire services.

**16O.** Mayor Walker announced his intention to run for re-election in 2006, noting that he has secured the endorsement of the Torrance Police Officers Association, the Torrance Fire Fighters Association, and AFSCME.

**16P.** Mayor Walker reported on his participation in a symposium on adaptive reuse, along with seven other mayors from cities throughout the western United States, in conjunction with the Mayors Institute on City Design. He noted that for three days, the mayors interacted with a dozen of the world's finest planners, architects and media experts, discussing the future of the western city and wise development. He stated that the symposium, which was held at the Southern California Institute of Architecture and sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Conference of Mayors, was an enlightening and educational experience and that he would be sharing more about it in coming weeks.

**16Q.** Mayor Walker requested, pursuant to TMC Section 13.10.4, which allows for the removal of a Civil Service Commissioner by a majority vote of the City Council, that staff bring forward an item to consider the removal of Tom Brewer from the Civil Service Commission.

**16R.** Alan Lee, representing AFSCME, expressed concerns about the lack of response to his organization's request for information regarding the City's medical plan, short-term and long-term disability insurance, and deferred compensation.

**16S.** Mr. Lee invited the Mayor and Council to attend a City employee celebration on October 9, noting that more detailed information would be provided closer to the date.

**16T.** Mr. Lee submitted a communication from Senior Custodians addressed to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

**16U.** Mr. Lee commented that he was delighted that the Mayor had decided to run for a second term.

**16V.** Robert Thompson, President of Madrona Homeowners Association, expressed concerns about the removal of trees at the former Magnavox site, contrary to the developer's assurance that they would be retained.

Mayor Walker explained that the City intends to enforce this agreement and Certificates of Occupancy will not be issued until the trees are replaced.

**16U.** Submitting written material for the record, Henry Castro, representing the residents of 1221 El Prado Street, reported on theft and vandalism occurring in the underground parking structure adjacent to his complex, and the lack of available parking due to Bryman College. He explained that residents are being forced to park on the street where they are being ticketed because of parking restrictions. He suggested the possibility of instituting permit parking for residents and installing surveillance cameras in the underground garage or parking a decoy police vehicle to ward off vandals.

Linda Stratton, 1221 El Prado, reported that her car was vandalized last month in the parking structure and that people are reluctant to park in the structure during nighttime hours because they fear for their safety.

Paul Smith, 1221 El Prado, echoed concerns about theft and vandalism in the parking structure and commented on the lack of accessible parking for those who are handicapped. He suggested that installation of video cameras that could be monitored on the Internet.

City Manager Jackson advised that Community Developer Director Gibson would be following up on this matter.

**16V.** Gail Morgan, President of Torrance High Alumni Association, invited the Council and the public to attend the dedication of the Ted Tanouye memorial on July 7 at 4:30 p.m., in front of Torrance High School.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting (see page 1). Deputy City Attorney Patrick Sullivan announced provisions approved by City Council regarding the settlement with Time Warner (see page 5).

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 22, 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 Cindy Gayda***

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 August 24, 2004

Sue Sweet  
Recording Secretary