

**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, November 16, 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.

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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 Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lieu.

Councilmember Scotto gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

**3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lieu 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 McIntyre, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lieu 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 McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember McIntyre announced that the next Ad Hoc Rose Float Committee meeting would be held Monday, November 22, at 4:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly room of City Hall.

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications were being accepted for appointment to various City commissions, with information available in the City Clerk's office or on the City's website.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-137 RE LOREN E. KRAUSE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-137**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING LOREN E. KRAUSE UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2004-137. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Walker presented Resolution No. 2004-137 to Loren Krause, who accepted with appreciation.

Fire Chief Bongard commended Mr. Krause doing an excellent job in his position as Fire Communications Officer and wished him well in his retirement.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 28, 2004**

**7B. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 4 to agreement with Gramercy Partners, Inc. (C2002-168) for the City-wide Website Redesign (CWR) Project (FEAP #297) to extend the contract expiration date to March 31, 2005; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the amendment on behalf of the City.

**7C. AMENDMENT TO MOU/LOA WITH L.A. COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY RE DEL AMO BOULEVARD EXTENSION**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement, MOU/LOA P0004314 with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in conjunction with the Del Amo Boulevard Extension/Grade Separation, T-30; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said amendment.

**7D. PURCHASE ORDER RE FORD TRUCK CHASSIS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order to Power Ford, of Torrance, CA in the amount of \$98,108.52 including sales tax, (\$97,127.43 when 1% sales tax rebate for Torrance vendor is applied) to furnish one (1) Year 2005, Ford F350 XLT Crew Cab and Chassis and two (2) Year 2005, Ford F450 XLT Super Cab and Chassis. (B2004-42)

**7E. PURCHASE ORDER RE PARAMEDIC RESCUE TRUCK BODIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and **Fire Chief** that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order to Phenix Enterprises, Inc. of Pomona, CA, in the amount of \$79,788.91 for purchase and installation of two (2) Paramedic Rescue Truck Bodies. (B2004-49)

**7F. CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE TREE MAINTENANCE**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Appropriate \$300,000 (\$100,000 per year for three years) from bond proceeds for tree maintenance;
- 2) Amend contract services agreement with West Coast Arborists (C2004-173) in the amount of \$300,000 (\$100,000 per year); and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said amendment.

**7G. IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA FOR RESIDENTIAL CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Acting Public Works Director** that City Council approve the proposed criteria for identifying streets to be improved under the Residential Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Program (I-1) and the Residential Streets Rehabilitation Program (I-5).

**7H. CONTRACT WITH CROSSROADS SOFTWARE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council approve a contract with Crossroads Software in an amount not to exceed \$37,089.59 for the purchase of computer software related to traffic management, reporting, and citation issuance.

**7I. APPROPRIATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council appropriate and allocate \$50,000 of Asset Forfeiture funds to establish an Asset Forfeiture Special Program to fund drug counseling in the Juvenile Diversion Program.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Consent Calendar Items 7A through 7I. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**9A. CUP04-00016, DVP04-00004: SOUTH BAY LEXUS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council adopt Resolutions denying a Conditional Use Permit (CUP04-00016) and a Development Permit (DVP04-00004) for the construction and operation of an automobile dealership with service bays on property located in the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan – Hawthorne/Pacific Coast Highway Subdistrict at 24021 Hawthorne Boulevard.

**CUP04-00016, DVP04-00004 – SOUTH BAY LEXUS**

Community Development Director Gibson advised that the proposed Resolutions reflect the Council's action at the October 12, 2004 Council meeting.

**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. 2004-143**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DENYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AUTO DEALERSHIP WITH SERVICE BAYS ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN the HBCSP (H/PCH) SUBDISTRICT AT 24021 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

**MOTION:** Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 04-143. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-144**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DENYING A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 45 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AUTO DEALERSHIP WITH SERVICE BAYS ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HBCSP (H/PCH) SUBDISTRICT AT 24021 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

**MOTION:** Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 04-144. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**9B. PRE04-00001: RALPH MALAFRONTE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council adopt a Resolution denying, without prejudice, a Precise Plan of Development (PRE04-00001) for the construction of a new two-story residence on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 22508 Susana Avenue.

**PRE04-00001: RALPH MALAFRONTE**

Community Development Director Gibson advised that the proposed Resolution reflects the Council's action at the October 26, 2004 Council meeting.

**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. 2004-145**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DENYING WITHOUT PREJUDICE, A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 41 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE R-1 ZONE WITHIN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT AT 22508 SUSANA AVENUE

**MOTION:** Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 04-145. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

## **12. HEARINGS**

### **12A. IMPLEMENTATION OF PERMIT PARKING FOR NORTHEAST TORRANCE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD**

#### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council concur with staff's recommendations to:

- 1) Adopt an Ordinance amending Section 61.6.32 of the Torrance Municipal Code related to Residential Permit Parking to include Atkinson Avenue and Ardath Avenue between Redondo Beach Boulevard and 166th Street, Chanera Avenue and Wilkie Avenue between 164th Street and 166th Street, Redondo Beach Boulevard, including both sides of the service road and 163rd Street between Atkinson Avenue and Ardath Avenue, 164th Street and 166th Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Wilkie Avenue; and
- 2) Authorize an amendment to existing purchase order #19360 to Orange County Striping Service, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 to install Parking Restriction signs along the above-referenced street segments.

Mayor Walker announced that he was abstaining from consideration of this item due to a business relationship in the area and exited the Council Chambers.

As Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember McIntyre 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 Planning Manager Semaan reported that the proposed Ordinance would implement permit parking in the northeast Torrance residential neighborhood near El Camino College as directed by the Council at the October 26, 2004 Council meeting.

Councilmember Witkowsky voiced support for implementing permit parking in this neighborhood, but expressed concerns about reports that permits are ending up in the hands of people other than residents in another area where permit parking has been

implemented in south Torrance near auto dealerships. She suggested the possibility of strictly limiting the number of replacement permits a resident can receive.

Transportation Planning Manager Semaan stated that there have been a couple of incidents of misplaced or stolen permits in the south Torrance area and while staff does not have the ability to track each permit to ensure that it stays with the resident to whom it has been assigned, they will remain alert for potential abuses.

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 Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

**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 Mayor Walker).

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 3562**

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. 3562. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Mayor Walker).

Mayor Walker returned to the Council Chambers.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:23 p.m. to 7:26 p.m.

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#### **16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**16A.** Councilmember Lieu noted his attendance, along with Mayor Walker and other elected officials, at a press conference to highlight a report from the Economic Development Corp. that indicated that the Los Angeles Air Force Base provides over \$60 billion in contracts on an annual basis for the state and this region. He encouraged all South Bay cities to give monetary support to efforts to save the base.

**16B.** Councilmember Lieu reported that he had attended the Go For Broke Foundation dinner, noting that the foundation educates people about Japanese-American World War II veterans.

**16C.** Councilmember Lieu welcomed back reservist Master Sergeant Nemie Mosquera, a US Postal Service employee who had recently returned from active duty in Iraq.

**16D.** Councilmember Mauno thanked Palm Springs Mayor Ron Oden for an invitation to attend their annual Veteran's Day parade and expressed appreciation for their reciprocal work during Torrance's Armed Forces Day observation.

**16E.** Councilmember Mauno reported on a recent tour of Harbor General Hospital and the Bio Med facility. He noted his personal support of the efforts to seek funding for medical research and asked for City Council concurrence to support lobbying efforts to bring funds into the region from the recently passed Proposition 71. Hearing no objection, Mayor Walker so ordered.

**16F.** Councilmember McIntyre extended good wishes to Mayor Walker and to Brandon Tsao, son of Finance Director Tsao, on the event of their shared birthdays. She also extended belated birthday wishes to Councilmember Scotto.

**16G.** Councilmember Witkowsky announced that a meeting of the City Council Planning and Design Committee would be held on December 2, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, to discuss the Mills Act and the possibility of establishing a historic overlay district.

**16H.** Councilmember Witkowsky invited everyone to attend the South Bay Ballet production of the Nutcracker at the Armstrong Theatre in December, noting that she will appear in the role of Grandma Clara.

**16I.** Patrick Furey, Northwest Torrance Homeowners Association, stated that he has been embarrassed by the conduct of speakers at recent Council meetings and expressed concerns about the lack of decorum. He cited City Council rules that require speakers to address the Council as a body and to refrain from making personal attacks and urged the Mayor to take charge and bring civility back to the meetings.

**16J.** Mayor Walker thanked Mr. Furey for his comments.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:41 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, November 23, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attest:

/s/ Dan Walker

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

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Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on January 25, 2005