

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting at 6:02 p.m. on December 21, 2004, in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Lieu, McIntyre, Mauno, 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 immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under 17.a) Conference with Labor Negotiator and 17.b) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember McIntyre.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Scotto.

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 Mauno and a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

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 Mauno and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson asked that item 7G be withdrawn to be returned at a later date.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Herbers announced continuing acceptance of applications for

Commission appointments through Wednesday, January 5, 2005 with appointments to be made on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and additional information available by calling the City Clerk's office or by visiting the website at www.torrnet.com.

Councilmember Witkowsky announced the next meeting of the City Council Planning and Design Committee on Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone and the Mills Act.

Mayor Walker reported that the Daily Breeze and Los Angeles Times had beaten him to announcing developments with the Mills Corporation having entered into a new partnership at Del Amo Fashion Center and he indicated that the process had begun.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-165 RE DR. ELIZABETH NASH

RESOLUTION 2004-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING DR. ELIZABETH NASH UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER AFTER THIRTY-ONE AND A HALF YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-165. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-166 RE RUSSELL C. LEWIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING RUSSELL C. LEWIS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-166. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-167 RE JAMES R. ISOMOTO

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING JAMES R. ISOMOTO UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-167. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Councilmember Witkowsky read the resolution and City Manager Jackson expressed deep appreciation for Mr. Isomoto's expertise and dedication to service noting that he had exceeded expectations across the board.

Mr. Isomoto thanked Mayor Walker and members of the Council for the honor and privilege of serving the community noting the community had given him the opportunity to make a difference. He also thanked his wife for her support.

Councilmember Nowatka read, and Mayor Walker presented the previously adopted Resolution No. 2004-158 for Edward Clinton Lalonde who thanked the Chief, Mayor and Council.

Chief Herren commented that it was a bitter-sweet moment as Mr. Lalonde had been an exemplary employee and a mentor in the department. He added that Ed was a fierce competitor in the annual Los Angeles Police 120 mile relay race and competes in the toughest cop alive competition, but his real strength has been his strength of character.

Councilmember Witkowsky pointed out that Mr. Lalonde's son is also a Torrance police officer.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. VENDOR CONTRACTS RE WATER SERVICE STOCK

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and the **Acting Public Works Director** that City Council authorize vendor contracts with Hughes Supply LLC (dba Marden Susco) of Valencia, CA and National Waterworks Inc. of Corona, CA in a total amount not to exceed \$195,000 for the purchase of water service stock (B2004-52). The vendor contracts will be for a 12-month term, effective January 3, 2005 through January 2, 2006.

7B. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council accept and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2004, and approve distribution of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as part of a Supplement to Official Statement in anticipation of the January 5, 2005 delivery of the City's \$23,915,000 Certificates of Participation (Refinancing and Public Improvement Project) Series 2004B (the "2004B COPS").

7C. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE ULTRA-LOW FLUSH TOILET (ULFT) REBATE PROGRAM

Recommendation

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

- 1) Approve an amendment to contract services agreement with Honeywell DMC Services, Inc. (C2003-230) extending the term through June 30, 2006, for providing implementation services for the Ultra-Low Flush Toilet (ULFT)

- Rebate Program; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk attest to said amendment.

7D. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE LARGE METER TESTING AND REPAIR

Recommendation

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

- 1) Accept the proposal submitted by Wheeler Meter Maintenance (B2004-35) for the large meter testing and repair program for the period through December 31, 2005 and award a contract services agreement to this firm in the amount of \$64,275; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

7E. POLICE K-9 CHUNO RETIREMENT AND ALLOCATION FOR NEW K-9

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council:

- 1) Approve the sale of retiring Police K-9, Chuno, to his current handler for the customary sum of \$1; and
- 2) Appropriate and allocate \$16,750 from the Police Asset Forfeiture funds for the purchase and training of a new Police K-9.

7F. APPROPRIATION AND AMENDMENTS RE CITYWIDE SIDEWALK RAMPING AND GRINDING PROJECT

Recommendation

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

- 1) Appropriate \$500,000 from bond proceeds and allocate the funds to CIP I-55, the Citywide Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Project;
- 2) Approve a Second Amendment to public works agreement with Hardy & Harper, Inc. (C2003-149) in the amount of \$400,000, for a new not to exceed amount of \$768,345, and extend the term through June 30, 2006;
- 3) Approve a First Amendment to consulting services agreement with Project Partners (C2004-146) in the amount of \$100,000 for increased project inspection of CIP I55, for a new not to exceed amount of \$144,000, and extend the term to June 30, 2006; and
- 4) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said amendments.

7G. THIRD AMENDMENT TO CARSON WORKSOURCE CENTER OFFICE LEASE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Workforce Investment Network (WiN) Board** and the **Human Resources Director** that City Council authorize the execution of a Third Amendment to the Carson WorkSource Center office lease (C97-273) between the City of Torrance for the Workforce Development Division and C-Lease Real Estate Inc.

7H. REVISIONS RE CITY OF TORRANCE'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Clerk** that City Council adopt revisions to the City of Torrance's Conflict of Interest Code.

7I. RENEWAL OF FIVE-YEAR LITTLE LEAGUE LEASES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Parks and Recreation Director** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the renewal of five-year leases with Central Torrance Little League, North Torrance Little League, Riviera Little League, Torrance American Baseball, West Torrance Little League, and West Torrance Babe Ruth Little League for the use of city-owned property from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to approve items 7a through 7f and items 7h and 7i as written. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9A. KNOWLEDGE ADVENTURE GRANT/LOAN AGREEMENT

Recommendation of the **Economic Development Team** that City Council execute a City of Torrance Grant/Loan agreement in the amount of \$49,000 with Knowledge Adventure, a multi-media children's software company, to assist the business to relocate to the City of Torrance.

Laura Toner with Economic Development reviewed the material of record noting that the estimated payback would be 2.8 years.

Councilmember Scotto congratulated staff for their work to attract the company adding that \$49,000 was a small price to attract 63 potential jobs to the City of Torrance. He questioned what else was being done to attract companies and Ms. Toner explained that the current focus is on businesses retention but there is an effort from the Governor's office and the South Bay cities to put together a package for the Toyota manufacturing plant. She added that they are also looking at those companies affected by the passage of Proposition 71 for Stem Cell Research that might be interested in coming to Torrance and the South Bay noting that in the past they had advertised in the Los Angeles Business Journal and with the Torrance Chamber.

Councilmember Lieu congratulated staff for working to relocate Knowledge Adventure to Torrance and he commented that one reason businesses come to Torrance is the City's excellent public safety.

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

9B. ZON04-00005, GPA04-00003, CUP04-00030, TTM061511, AND MOD04-00015 RE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4343 190th STREET

Recommendation of the **Community Development Director** that City Council take the following actions on property located at 4343 190th Street:

- 1) Adopt an **ORDINANCE** approving a zone change (ZON04-00005) from Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, North Torrance Sub-District to R-3 Limited Multiple-Family Residential;

- 2) Adopt **RESOLUTIONS** approving a General Plan Amendment (GPA04-00003) from General Commercial to Low-Medium Density Residential, a Conditional Use Permit (CUP04-00030) to allow the construction of a 22-unit condominium development, a Tentative Tract Map (TTM061511) for condominium purposes, and a Modification (MOD04-00015) of a previously approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP02-00013); and
- 3) Approve an **Ordinance Summary** for publication.

GPA04-00003, ZON04-00005, CUP04-00030, TTM061511, MOD04-00015, JCC Homes (Richard Gould)

Community Development Director Gibson indicated that these items reflected action taken by the City Council last week.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the staff recommendation. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval with the exception of Councilmember Scotto who dissented.

ORDINANCE NO. 3563

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4343 190TH STREET FROM HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, NORTH TORRANCE SUB-DISTRICT TO R-3 (LIMITED MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3563. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval with the exception of Councilmember Scotto who dissented.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 34 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO LOW-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, NORTH TORRANCE SUB-DISTRICT (ZONE CHANGE TO R-3 PENDING) AT 4343 190TH STREET

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-168. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval with the exception of Councilmember Scotto who dissented.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 22-UNIT CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, NORTH TORRANCE SUB-DISTRICT (ZONE CHANGE TO R-3 PENDING) AT 4343 190TH STREET

Councilmember Witkowsky pointed out a scrivener's error and City Clerk Herbers indicated that it would be corrected.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-169. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval with the exception of Councilmember Scotto who dissented.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A TENTATIVE TRACT MAP TO ALLOW THE SUBDIVISION FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, NORTH TORRANCE SUB-DISTRICT (ZONE CHANGE TO R-3 PENDING) AT 4343 190TH STREET

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-170. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval with the exception of Councilmember Scotto who dissented.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A MODIFICATION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP02-00013) AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 22-UNIT CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, NORTH TORRANCE SUB-DISTRICT (ZONE CHANGE TO R-3 PENDING) AT 4343 190TH STREET

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-171. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval with the exception of Councilmember Scotto who dissented.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to approve the ordinance summary for publication. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval with the exception of Councilmember Scotto who dissented.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. SUPPLEMENTAL MOU AND SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION RE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (TPOA)

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

- 1) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** increasing the supplemental health insurance contribution for TPOA only to \$855 per month for the period of January 1, 2005 to June 30, 2005. The resolution also modifies the "retiree" health contribution from \$32.20 to \$48.40 per SB 1464; and
- 2) Adopt a supplemental Memorandum of Understanding for TPOA changing the health insurance program and lowering the cafeteria amount to \$500 per month from January 1, 2005 to June 30, 2005.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to accept the staff recommendation. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$855 PER MONTH FOR THE CITY'S SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (TPOA) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2005, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-162. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION 2003-170 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-163. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESERVE APPROPRIATION AND CONTRIBUTION RE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE

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

- 1) Contribute \$35,000 to the Los Angeles Air Force Base Regional Alliance (Alliance) public campaign to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB); and
- 2) Appropriate \$35,000 from the Economic Development Reserve.

Councilmember Lieu stated that the Los Angeles Air Force Base provided a significant amount of money annually and direct jobs to the South Bay and the loss or relocation of the base would be a great loss to Torrance and the South Bay. He added that the proposed contribution would provide funding for the regional alliance which is

lobbying in Sacramento and in Washington D.C. to keep the base off the closure list and if it gets on that list, lobby to get it taken off.

Management Aide Weinheimer indicated that the Council had approved \$30,000 on January 27, 2004 from the same fund for the same purpose and other cities in the South Bay and Supervisor Knabe have also approved funds. He summarized primary goals of the Air Force and noted that closing the Air Force base would be a major loss of intellectual capital as Los Angeles County has the highest concentration of engineers of any city in the United States. He added that 90% of the military space program is employed here and loss of the base would result in a loss of approximately 49,000 jobs.

Mayor Walker complimented Mr. Weinheimer on his presentation.

Responding to Councilmember Scotto, Management Aide Weinheimer explained that Redondo Beach had approved their second contribution of \$20,000 on December 14, 2004.

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

11C. HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT RE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1800 OAK STREET

Recommendation of the **Fire Chief** that City Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** and approve a contract between the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and the City of Torrance in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to perform a Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) necessary for closing the Standard Pacific Corporation housing site in the City of Torrance at 1800 Oak Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-164. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12A. MAKING THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE APPLICABLE TO DEL AMO FASHION CENTER STREETS AND ROADS

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a **RESOLUTION** and an **ORDINANCE** making the California Vehicle Code applicable to privately owned and maintained roads and off-street parking facilities serving the private property commonly known as the

- Del Amo Fashion Center (DAFC);
- 2) Approve an **Ordinance summary** for publication; and
 - 3) Approve an agreement with Del Amo Mills Limited Partnership and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the agreement.

Lieutenant Rod Irvine reported that Sgt. Athan supervises Shopping Center Detail and worked with the Mills Corporation and the City Attorney's Office to develop the recommendation. The resolution would enable officers to enforce the California Vehicle Code around the Del Amo Fashion Center and create a safer environment for patrons. The Mills Corporation will be responsible for posting of signs at entrances of the Del Amo Fashion Center as required by law and all revenues from citations will belong to the City of Torrance.

Councilmember Witkowsky summarized possible violations noting that she would like to have those things in compliance and she asked how many officers would be deployed, at what locations and whether officers would be on bikes. Sgt. Athan indicated that their deployment would not change, they were not asking for additional manpower but rather they would spread out as best they can on foot, in patrol vehicles and riding bikes.

Councilmember Witkowsky questioned whether speed limit signs in the parking lots would be posted and Sgt. Athan explained that he had met with staff to determine proper signage.

Councilmember Witkowsky indicated that she was happy to support the resolution as she has seen many near accidents as many individuals do not recognize the stop signs as real.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to accept the staff recommendation. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MAKING THE VEHICLE CODE APPLICABLE TO PRIVATELY OWNED AND MAINTAINED OFFSTREET PARKING FACILITIES SERVING THE DEL AMO FASHION CENTER

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-172. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 3564

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MAKING THE VEHICLE CODE APPLICABLE TO PRIVATELY OWNED AND MAINTAINED ROADS SERVING THE DEL AMO FASHION CENTER

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3564. Councilmember McIntyre seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 7:51 p.m. to 7:52 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. Councilmember Lieu reported going to Sacramento with Jane Harmon to cast the district's vote for President of the United States and he was pleased to be part of the Electoral College process.

16B. Councilmember Lieu read a letter from ExxonMobil to General Services Director Ballew: "I want to take a moment to thank you and your staff for an exceptional level of customer service. This is in regards to the Cultural Arts Facility. Each and every time we use the facility, your gracious and dedicated staff goes above and beyond to ensure all the logistics are taken care of, every detail is attended to, and enough people are available to run their service and lend a helpful hand. In particular, during the past few events, the following gentlemen have proved extremely helpful: Joe Gonzalez, John Wills, Mike Schnor, John Kolinsky and Adrian." Councilmember Lieu congratulated General Services Director Ballew and the department.

16C. Councilmember Lieu wished everyone happy holidays and commented that those serving overseas, many in combat zones would not be at home this year. He pointed out that there were at least 31 members of the military who live in Torrance or are related to the Torrance family.

16D. Councilmember Mauno reported that the Board of Supervisors had directed the County Auditor to investigate charging cities for county services including certain law enforcement functions. He and the Executive Director of the Independent Cities have lent their support to contract cities to oppose this action because though it might not affect Torrance, neighboring cities will be adversely impacted and that will impact Torrance.

16E. Councilmember Mauno congratulated James Isomoto on his years of service and expressed gratitude for his wisdom and guidance. He added that Mr. Isomoto and Mr. Lalonde are wonderful example of special people who make Torrance a special City.

16F. Councilmember Mauno extended happy holiday wishes to everyone.

16G. Councilmember McIntyre commented that Mr. Isomoto would be sorely missed and had set an example for many employees.

16H. Councilmember McIntyre wished a Merry Christmas to all and good tidings in the new year.

16I. Councilmember Nowatka thanked Mr. Isomoto for his leadership and expressed confidence that their friendship would continue.

16J. Councilmember Nowatka observed that the Planning Commission minutes included a mention of investigating development of an ethics program for the commission and he suggested looking at that at a broader level as it could be applicable for city government and that it might be time to look at commissions and the entire city.

16K. Councilmember Nowatka wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new

year and he thanked staff for their help all throughout the year.

16L. Councilmember Scotto indicated that Mr. Isomoto would be sorely missed and he expressed gratitude for this help.

16M. Councilmember Scotto wished everyone happy holidays, Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. He reported that South Bay Regional Driving Under the Influence Task Force would be out this year from December 19 through December 31 urging everyone to follow safety advice, not drink and drive and to use designated drivers since "The holiday spirit is not what you drink."

16N. Councilmember Witkowsky wished Mr. Isomoto the best for the rest of his life and thanked him for leaving Jane Isomoto behind to continue work with the City. She also thanked Mr. Lalonde for his dedicated service to the City.

16O. Councilmember Witkowsky congratulated Chief Herren on his recent marriage.

16P. Councilmember Witkowsky wished everyone Merry Christmas and a happy 2005. She hoped for peace and safety for those men and women fighting for freedom.

16Q. Councilmember Witkowsky announced that she would be riding on the Torrance Rose Float and she congratulated all the volunteers who work on the Rose Float each year.

16R. Mayor Walker complimented the work of Mr. Isomoto and Mr. Lalonde noting that they would be sorely missed.

16S. Mayor Walker wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hoped to make 2005 an even better year.

16T. Tammy Moreheart, Gramercy Avenue, spoke representing Old Torrance residents indicating opposition to a request for a dance permit for 2005-2007 Carson Street. She distributed a complaint with 14 signatures and related prior experience with a dance studio at that location citing concerns with illegal activities on the property, parking, noise and safety, and she asked that the permit be denied.

Mayor Walker thanked Ms. Moreheart for bringing the matter to their attention again and City Manager Jackson pointed out that the matter was not on the agenda and nothing is pending.

Community Development Director Gibson stated that the operator had made application for a special development permit and the permit is being evaluated. He explained that staff would make a recommendation, the Director would either approve or deny and the decision could be appealed.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered previously.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:11 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, December 28, 2004 and Tuesday, January 4, 2005 will be Council dark nights.**

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 March 1, 2005