

April 9, 2002

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, in Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Messerlian, Nowatka, Scotto, Walker, Witkowsky and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Manager Jackson.

The invocation was given by Reverend Judith Cuthbertson, St. Marks Prebyterian Church.

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

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs 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 a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs 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 Nowatka and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6a. REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE OUTGOING CITY COUNCIL**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council adopt Resolution 2002-33 declaring the results of the Municipal Election consolidated on the Los Angeles County Primary Election held on March 5, 2002.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time and place to make official the results of the General Municipal Election held on March 5, 2002. She read aloud from a prepared statement (of record) regarding the official canvass of returns for the 2002 general municipal election.

City Clerk Herbers responded in the affirmative to questions posed by Mayor Hardison as included in the prepared statement of record referred to above. Mayor Hardison then stated that the City Clerk canvassed the returns as enumerated in the City Clerk's Certificate of Canvass embodied in Exhibit A of the proposed resolution declaring the results of the election.

The Mayor inquired if there were any challenges or protests to be lodged with respect to the results of the votes cast in any precinct or the City as a whole. There was no response.

Mayor Hardison declared the official canvass of the returns of the March 5, 2002 General Municipal Election completed.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 2002-33.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-33**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 5, 2002, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2002-33. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison directed that the City Clerk's Certificate of Canvass be entered into the minutes of this meeting right after the passage of Resolution No. 2002-33 and that the full text of Exhibit A showing the results of the election precinct by precinct be entered in full in the official minutes of the proceedings of this Council meeting.

In compliance with the direction of the Mayor, the requested documentation is attached to these minutes.

Pages 3 – 23 will include the election results as set out in Resolution 2002-33















Mayor Hardison administered the oath of office to City Clerk Herbers and presented her with a certificate of election. City Clerk Herbers administered the oath of office and presented certificates of election to Mayor Walker, Councilmembers Lieu, Mauno, and McIntyre and City Treasurer Barnett.

City Clerk Herbers and City Treasurer Barnett thanked voters and all others who contributed to their elections.

Councilmembers Nowakta, Scotto and Witkowsky congratulated their fellow Councilmembers, the City Clerk and the City Treasurer on their successful elections and lauded the outgoing Mayor and Councilmembers.

Councilmember Walker thanked Mayor Hardison and Councilmembers Cribbs and Messerlian for their dedication to the Community.

Councilmembers Cribbs and Messerlian made farewell statements.

Mayor Hardison made a farewell speech expressing thanks and gratitude for her 32 years of service to the City of Torrance.

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At 8:05 p.m., there was a recess until 8:25 p.m., when the meeting reconvened in regular agenda order.

Acceptance speeches and expressions of appreciation were offered by Councilmembers Lieu, Mauno and McIntyre who thanked voters and all others who contributed to their elections and pledged their dedicated service to the City of Torrance. Family members and friends were introduced.

Mayor Walker expressed appreciation for his wife's support and recited her accomplishments as a charity worker for many organizations. He expressed thanks to his supporters and hoped to continue the legacy and keep Torrance as the pride of the South Bay.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Finance Director Tsao asked that item 7e be removed for separate consideration.

7a. **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 12, 2002**

**Recommendation**

Approval of minutes of February 19, 2002, February 26 2002 and March 12, 2002.

**7b. ASSET FORFEITURE VEHICLE TRAINING ACCOUNT APPROPRIATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council appropriate \$25,000 for the Asset Forfeiture Vehicle Training account.

**7c. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNAPPROPRIATED ASSET FORFEITURE ACCOUNT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council appropriate and allocate \$55,000 from the Department of Justice Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture account to replenish the following:

- 1) The Asset Forfeiture Miscellaneous Projects account (FEAP289) - \$25,000; and
- 2) The Asset Forfeiture Vice & Narcotics Vehicle account (FEAP290) - \$30,000.

**7d. AGREEMENT RE PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND FROM THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve an agreement with the City of Rolling Hills for an exchange of \$52,000 in City of Torrance General Fund for \$80,000 in Proposition A Local Return Fund from the City of Rolling Hills in Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

**7e. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR 2001-2003 OPERATING BUDGET AND 2001-2007 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve June 4, 2002, and June 11, 2002, as dates to conduct two public hearings on the second year of the City's 2001-2003 Operating Budget and the 2001-2007 Capital Budget.

**7f. CONTINUED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR CAROLWOOD DRIVE AND SINGINGWOOD DRIVE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager and the City Attorney that City Council continue the state of local emergency, proclaimed March 2, 2001 for properties located on Carolwood Drive and Singingwood Drive.

7g. **PLANNING COMMISSION 2000 AND 2001 ANNUAL REPORTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Director that City Council accept and file the Planning Commission 2000 and 2001 Annual Reports.

7h. **PURCHASE ORDER RE ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. OF DIXON, CALIFORNIA**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order to Altec Industries, Inc. of Dixon, California, in the amount of \$ 74,211.12 for the purchase of one (1) Ford 30 foot truck mounted aerial device.

7i. **MOINE BROTHERS CONTRACT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Moine Brothers of Wilmington for \$76,900 with a 5% contingency of \$3,845 for the removal of underground fuel tanks (FEAP #1) at the Torrance Police Department; and
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$7,690 for administration and oversight of contract work.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve Consent Calendar items 7a through 7d and items 7f through 7i as written. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Item 7e was considered at this time.

7e. **PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR 2001-2003 OPERATING BUDGET AND 2001-2007 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve June 4, 2002, and June 11, 2002, as dates to conduct two public hearings on the second year of the City's 2001-2003 Operating Budget and the 2001-2007 Capital Budget.

Mayor Walker indicated that the Finance Director wanted to change the dates of the public hearings to June 11 and June 18, 2002.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve item 7e as amended. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**11a. WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council appropriate the one-time amount of \$250,000 approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 budget to fund various components of the Workforce Training and Development Plan.

Senior Human Resources Analyst Lawrence summarized the material of record noting that trainers have been identified for several of the workshops and staff is reviewing proposals. She anticipated that contracts would be returned for approval in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2001-2002.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved to accept the recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council appropriate the one-time amount of \$250,000 approved as part of the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 budget to fund various components of the Workforce Training and Development Plan. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**11b. CITY COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consider and approve the following days as Council Dark nights for 2002: April 30, May 28, July 30, September 3, October 29, December 24 and December 31.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved to accept the recommendation of the City Manager that the following days be Council Dark nights for 2002: April 30, May 28, July 30, September 3, October 29, December 24 and December 31. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Mayor Walker so ordered.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 8:50 p.m. to 8:51 p.m.

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**15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**15a.** City Manager Jackson welcomed the new Mayor and Councilmembers and indicated that orientation materials were available and all departments were available to assist and answer questions.

**15b.** Councilmember Mauno indicated he was looking forward to working with staff and Councilmembers.

**15c.** Councilmember Nowatka welcomed the new Councilmembers and congratulated Mayor Walker.

**15d.** Councilmember Scotto congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and the Mayor.

**15e.** Councilmember Witkowsky congratulated Mayor Walker and noted she was looking forward to working with him.

**15f.** Mayor Walker asked for City Council concurrence to have the City Manager bring forward an item on the next agenda allocating \$30,000 to upgrade the council and staff chairs in the Council Chambers.

**15g.** Mayor Walker asked that the City Manager bring forward an item on the agenda to amend the Council Rules of Order to move the starting time of the first City Council meeting of each month to 6:00 p.m.

**15h.** Mayor Walker stated his pleasure to be working with the outstanding people elected.

**15i.** Alan Lee, AFSCME, congratulated the incoming elected officials.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:57 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 16, 2002 at 5:30 p.m., for an executive session in the Council Chamber, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Attest:

/s/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on May 14, 2002