

April 23, 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 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2002, in Council Chambers.

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.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember McIntyre.

The invocation was given by Assistant Pastor Bertram Wang, South Bay Presbyterian Church.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka 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 Witkowsky and a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

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

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson asked to withdraw item 7e and indicated it would be brought back at a later date.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. DESIGN APPROVAL FOR 2003 ROSE PARADE FLOAT

Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Rose Float Committee that City Council:

- 1) Approve the design entitled "CATCHING THE BRASS RING" for the City's float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2003;
- 2) Approve an Agreement between the City of Torrance and Fiesta Parade Floats for the design, construction, entry, display and operation of the Torrance Float in the 2003 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade; and
- 3) Approve the expenditure of \$80,000 for related costs.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to approve the design, agreement and expenditures for the 2003 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade Float. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Rose Float Association President Mary Hoffman pointed out that the City had retained Fiesta Parade Floats for the past 6 years and had won awards for 4 of those years.

Tim Estes, President of Fiesta Parade Floats, presented the design, an oversized carousel horse and carriage and Vice President Jim Hein stated that the design had a tremendous amount of detail that would provide a challenge as well as a wide variety of colorful flowers.

6b. 2002 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PRINCESS' TROPHY AWARD PRESENTATION

Rose Float Association President Mary Hoffman presented the 2002 Tournament of Roses Princesses' Trophy award photo to the Mayor and City Council for "California Here I Come".

6c. RESOLUTION NO. 2002-41 RE KEVIN TAYLOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING TORRANCE POLICE OFFICER KEVIN TAYLOR AS THE RECIPIENT OF A MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD BY DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF WITH A CONSPICUOUS ACT OF BRAVERY.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved to adopt Resolution No. 2002-41. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Councilmember Nowatka read and Mayor Walker presented the resolution to Police Officer Taylor.

6d. PROCLAMATION RE EXCELLENCE IN ARTS DAY

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation declaring April 28, 2002 as Excellence in Arts Day in the City of Torrance to Chairperson Mary Miller and Commissioners Armstrong and Kohler of the Cultural Arts Commission and invited the citizens of the community to attend the Annual Excellence in Arts Awards at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

6e. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION RE SOCAL COMPUTER RECYCLERS

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council present a certificate of recognition to SoCal Computer Recyclers for their assistance over the past three years with the operation of the Torrance Annual Computer/Electronics Recycling Event.

Mayor Walker presented Randy Lewis, President of Southern California Recyclers with a certificate of Recognition and Mr. Lewis thanked the City, noting that 107,000 pounds of computer and electronic waste had been recycled.

6f. PROCLAMATION RE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Mayor Walker issued a proclamation declaring the week of April 21 through 27, 2002 as National Volunteer Week, in the City of Torrance, and urging all the citizens of Torrance to observe the week by recognizing the individuals who have enriched the community through their volunteer service. City Representative Moisen presented certificates to volunteers Bill Molinelli, Ron Littlefair, Sally Smith, Memo Ponce, Pam Barrett, Jill Hill and YuHoon Yoon representing the 1,150 volunteers in the City.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR MARCH 2002

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of March 2002.

7b. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2001-2002

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council accept and file the Torrance Rose Float Association's Annual Report for 2001-2002 (2002 Float).

7c. **TORRANCE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AGREEMENT RE ATM IN POLICE STATION LOBBY**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council approve in concept the installation of an automated teller machine (ATM) in the lobby of the Police Station and grant permission for staff to enter into formal discussions with the Torrance Federal Credit Union for this purpose.

7d. **CONTINUED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE 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.

7e. **AMENDMENT RE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT C2001-239 WITH DEWAN, LUNDIN & ASSOCIATES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an Amendment in the amount of \$4,470 to Consulting Services Agreement C2001-239 with Dewan, Lundin & Associates (DL&A) to provide additional design services for the Hawthorne/Del Amo Boulevard Intersection Capacity Enhancement project (T-39); and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said Amendment.

Item was withdrawn.

7f. **PURCHASE ORDER RE OCE-USA FOR DIGITAL PLOTTER/PRINTER/SCANNER**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council authorize a purchase order for \$34,678.41 to be issued to OCE-USA, Inc. for the purchase of a TDS400 Digital Plotter/Printer/Scanner.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve Consent Calendar items 7a through 7d and 7f as written. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval. City Manger Jackson withdrew item 7e.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2002-42 RE RECYCLED MATERIALS**

Recommendation of the Street Services Director and the Finance Director that City Council approve a Resolution promoting the purchasing of products made from recycled materials whenever possible.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGARDING THE PROCUREMENT OF RECYCLED PRODUCTS.

Street Services Director Bell indicated that this action would help with the 50% reduction in the waste stream.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to adopt resolution No. 2002-42. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11b. RESOLUTION NO. 2002-43 RE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MOU

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution amending the TPOA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) modifying Educational Incentive Pay for Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Intermediate and Advanced Certificates.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane indicated that the resolution would assist in the recruitment of lateral police officers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-111 SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (TPOA).

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Resolution No. 2002-43. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11c. GENERAL FUND RESERVE APPROPRIATION RE MICROTURBINE GENERATORS

Recommendation of the City Manager and the General Services Director that City Council appropriate \$60,000 from the General Fund Reserve for the installation of three microturbine generators which will be located at the City Services Facility.

Management Associate Wren reported that the Southern California Air Quality Management District was sponsoring a project to install the generators and the City would like to apply for them.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved that the City appropriate \$60,000 from the General Fund Reserve for the installation of three microturbine generators which will be located at the City Services Facility. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 7:27 p.m. to 7:28 p.m.

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15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. City Clerk Herbers announced that appointments to fill vacancies on Cable TV, Community Services, Environmental Quality, Planning, and Traffic commissions would be made on Tuesday, June 11 and applications are available in the City Clerk's office.

15b. Police Chief Herren announced the annual South Bay Medal of Valor Luncheon on April 24 to honor Fire and Police personnel who have stepped forward courageously to help the citizens of Torrance and Kevin Taylor will be recognized at that time.

15c. Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone that May 11 is Fire Service Day with open houses at the fire stations and a series of events held at SCROC throughout the day.

15d. Councilmember Mauno commented on attending the firefighter installation ceremony and hoped the event could be shared with the citizens of Torrance in the future.

15e. Councilmember McIntyre commented on the excellent work done on the renovation of the 1920s era Torrance Women's Club facility.

15f. Councilmember Scotto stated that he had been honored with an invitation to attend the Fort McArthur reception for the USS Peleliu and noted that he had heard Congressional Medal of Honor recipient John William Finn speak about Pearl Harbor.

15g. Councilmember Witkowsky encouraged the citizens of Torrance to become involved with volunteering in honor of volunteer week and commended the volunteers at R.S.V.P.

15h. Councilmember Witkowsky complimented the Sister City Association on an outstanding Bunka Sai event that fosters cultural understanding and serves to fund Torrance Sister City Student Exchange Program.

15i. Alan Lee, AFSCME, addressed the City Council on various issues related to the trades including police communications operators, custodians, airport workers and clerical. He asked that City Council consider the use of the City Council's Employee Relations Committee for increased communication between his group and the City Council.

15j. Father Joe Frasier, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, asked for continued support of working people.

15k. Kenny Evans, Torrance, commented on labor issues and submitted a document regarding water services reorganization plans to the City Council.

15l. Amie Nie, Torrance, explained Falun Gong and noted that a group meets weekly at Wilson Park.

15m. Albert Ronan, Palos Verdes, made statements relating to Falun Gong.

15n. David Hensler, 3210 Singingwood Drive, referring to an item on the April 10, 2001 City Council agenda regarding development of a golf course on former landfill site, asked the City to be involved and stated various objections.

15o. City Manager Jackson noted that the landfill development item has been withdrawn as the County suggested the City of Torrance be actively involved in the scoping sessions in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report. Planning Director Gibson stated that the City is currently actively involved in the process and will continue to be an active participant in all phases.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at 6:00 p.m., for an executive session in the Council Chamber, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Tuesday, April 30, 2002 will be a Council Dark Night.

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 21, 2002