

**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, May 21, 2002, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Lieu, Mauno, McIntyre, Witkowsky,
and Mayor Pro Tem Scotto.

Absent: Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Walker.

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

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Agenda Item 16 was considered out of order at this time.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 16a) Conference with Labor Negotiator and 16b) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.8.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:04 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 Mauno.

Pastor Floyd Lawson, First Lutheran Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former State Assemblyman and State Senator Ralph Dills and Torrance Amateur Radio Association volunteer Roger Caukin.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky 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 hearing no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Scotto so ordered (absent Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Walker).

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky 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 hearing no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Scotto so ordered (absent Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Walker).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant to the City Manager Keane invited everyone to attend the Open House at the City Yard on Saturday, June 8, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 20500 Madrona Avenue. She noted that there will be demonstrations and displays, from automated refuse trucks to high-rangers, and a vintage car show.

City Clerk Herbers announced that appointments to fill vacancies on Cable TV, Community Services, Environmental Quality, Planning, and Traffic commissions will be made on Tuesday, June 11. She announced that applications are available in the City Clerk's office or on Torrnnet.com and are due by 5:30 p.m. on June 5.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2002-35 TO FORMER COUNCILWOMAN MARCIA CRIBBS

Mayor Pro Tem Scotto presented Resolution No. 2002-35 to former Councilwoman Marcia Cribbs, honoring her for her many years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance. Ms. Cribbs accepted with appreciation and thanked Dorothy Ellis of the City Manager's office for her work in drafting the resolution.

6b. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2002-34 TO FORMER MAYOR DEE HARDISON

Mayor Pro Tem Scotto presented Resolution No. 2002-34 to former Mayor Dee Hardison, honoring her for her many years of dedicated service to the community. Ms. Hardison accepted with appreciation; commented on her activities since leaving office; and thanked those who have sent cards and letters.

6c. PROCLAMATION RE "ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

Councilmember Lieu read a proclamation declaring May 2002 as ***Asian Pacific American Heritage Month***, in the City of Torrance, encouraging all citizens to celebrate Asian Pacific Americans for their remarkable role in our national heritage and culture.

Mayor Pro Tem Scotto presented the proclamation to Hazel Taniguchi, Sister City Association, who introduced Executive Director Christine Sato, Diane Tanaka and Terri Kuwahara of the "Go for Broke" Educational Foundation, along with WWII Veterans, Mas Takashi and Bob Ichikawa. Ms. Taniguchi commented on the many multi-cultural activities in Torrance and noted that on May 30, 2002, the Japanese-

American Historical Society of Southern California would be sponsoring a program at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library featuring authors of *The Resettlement Years 1945 – 1955*.

6d. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK”

Councilmember McIntyre read a proclamation declaring the week of May 19 through May 25, 2002 as **National Public Works Week** in the City of Torrance, calling upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing public works and services and to recognize the contributions that public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

Mayor Pro Tem Scotto presented the proclamation to Jim Biery, of the Engineering Department, on behalf of the following representatives of other departments: Mike Wilson, Parks Services Administrator – Parks & Recreation Department; Diane Caseltine, Facilities Services Division Business Manager – General Services; Tom Cook, Street Services Supervisor (Wastewater); Jim Osborne, Street Services Supervisor (Streetscape) – Street Services Department; Jim Biery, Division Engineer; John Dettle, Engineering Project Manager; Steve Finton, Engineering Project Manager – Engineering Department; Alan Leung, Associate Engineer; and Sepideh Sedadi, Associate Engineer – Planning Department.

Mr. Alan Lee, on behalf of Torrance Municipal Employees, AFSCME, Local 1117, expressed his appreciation for the proclamation.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 16, AND APRIL 23, 2002

7b. CONTINUATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

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.

7c. PURCHASE OF DATA NETWORK EQUIPMENT FOR CITY HALL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** that City Council approve the expenditure of replacement funds to purchase a used Cisco Catalyst 6509 Switch for the main City Hall building with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000.

7d. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR SEWER LINE REPAIRS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Street Services Director** that City Council appropriate \$28,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to the Street Services Sanitation Division Wastewater Program for the repair of two separate sewer lines located at Juniper Avenue/230th Street and on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard at El Dorado Street.

7e. **AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT RE SIDEWALK RAMPING AND GRINDING PROJECT – PHASE V**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Street Services Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Third Amendment to Consulting Services Agreement C2000-008 with Project Partners in the amount of \$26,000 for inspection services for Phase V of the Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Project extending the term to November 1, 2002; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to said Amendment.

7f. **EXTENSION OF AGREEMENTS WITH TRAINING VENDORS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Workforce Investment Network (W/N) Board** and the **Human Resources Director** that City Council approve an extension of time for eight (8) training vendor agreements - California State University at Long Beach (C2000-269), California Career Schools (C2000-223), Computer Education Institute (C2000-171), CMC Vocational Schools (C2000-233), Educorp (C2000-172), El Camino College (C2000-270), New Horizons (C2000-170), and Larson Training Center (C2000-162). All extensions will run through June 30, 2004.

7g. **AWARD OF CONTRACT RE CAL-PAC ELECTRIC INC.**

Recommendation

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

- 1) Award a contract to Cal-Pac Electric, Inc of Los Alamitos in the amount of \$70,135 for renovation of the Building and Safety 2nd floor (B2002-11), with a 5% contingency of \$3,506, and
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee \$7,013.

7h. **PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT RE ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Residential Streets Rehabilitation Program, I-5 Phase 3 - West Torrance (B2002-09);
- 2) Waive a minor irregularity in the Bidder's Proposal of the lowest responsible bidder, and award a Public Works Agreement to All American Asphalt in the amount of \$722,328 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$36,117 for this project;
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said Agreement;
- 4) Authorize the appropriation of funds from Assembly Bill 2928 in the amount of \$200,731.93 to the Residential Streets Rehabilitation Program, I-5; and
- 5) Authorize the transfer of \$300,000 in Gas Tax Funds from the 190th Street Rehabilitation, T-31, to the Residential Streets Rehabilitation, I-5.

7i. **CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE 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 City Clerk to attest to said Amendment.

7j. **FINAL APPROVAL OF PARCEL MAP NO. 25922**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 25922 for one parcel located at 25200 Loytan Street, which substantially conforms to and has met all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map; and
- 2) Approve the abandonment of a portion of alley in excess of the standard 20' width.

7k. **CHANGES TO CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRANSTECH ENGINEERS, INC.**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** and the **City Attorney** that City Council ratify changes to Consulting Services Agreement C2002-079 with Transtech Engineers, Inc., for engineering design services for the Crenshaw Boulevard (Pacific Coast Highway to Skypark Drive) Project T-32.

7l. **INSPECTION AND MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES FOR 234TH STREET CHANNEL REPLACEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 1**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council approve the use of County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works inspection and materials testing services for the 234th Street Channel Replacement Project, Phase 1 (I-63) pursuant to the provisions of the General Services Agreement with Los Angeles County.

7m. **PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT RE CONSTRUCTION OF 234TH STREET CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 1**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Construction of 234th Street Channel Improvements, Phase 1 – Ocean Avenue to Ladeene Avenue, I-63, (B2002-014);

- 2) Award a Public Works Agreement to Herman Weissker, Inc. in the amount of \$1,198,507.56 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$59,925 for the construction of this project; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to said Agreement.

7n. RENEWAL OF GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LA COUNTY

Considered separately, see below.

7o. AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MWH AMERICAS, INC.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve an Amendment to an existing Professional Services Agreement (SPO 00124) with MWH Americas, Inc., for a twelve-month extension of contract term for technical support and construction observation services during the design and installation of the City's Supervisory Control and Data acquisition System, a computer and telemetry system that will monitor and control the water, storm drain, and sewer facilities;
- 2) Authorize staff to prepare an Amendment for a twelve-month extension of contract term; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to said Amendment.

7p. MICROSOFT DESKTOP SOFTWARE LICENSING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** that City Council authorize the City of Torrance to enter into a three-year Microsoft Enterprise Agreement with ASAP Software to purchase Microsoft Desktop software licensing.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7a through 7p, with the exception of 7n. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Walker).

7n. RENEWAL OF GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LA COUNTY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council renew a General Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for a five-year period commencing July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2007.

Mayor Pro Tem Scotto noted supplemental material consisting of a resolution authorizing the renewal of the General Services Agreement with Los Angeles County.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIVE-YEAR GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2002-52. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Walker).

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

8a. MCMASTER PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance, Parks and Recreation, and Library Directors, Police Chief, and the City Engineer** that City Council:

- 1) Adopt an authorizing Resolution with the California State Library Department for the City's California Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act grant application related to Phase I of the McMaster Park Redevelopment. The resolution will certify the project budget at \$7,565,576.20 and identify the City's matching funds identified in the Library program budget in an amount of \$1,922,565.83 including \$1,295,000 to be credited to the City for the acquisition of land, and \$2,072,530.99 in supplemental funds necessary to complete the project; and
- 2) Approve the funding strategy for the McMaster Park Redevelopment Project creating FEAP #293.

With the aid of slides, Administrative Analyst Witzansky provided background information about the McMaster Park Redevelopment Project; outlined the project's three phases; and discussed the funding strategy.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett explained that the ability to apply for library grant funding was the impetus for moving this project forward and noted that it involves multiple departments as it will result in a new police community center, an improved North Torrance branch library, a new senior citizen center and relocated water facilities if the plans are realized. He noted that the project would be a nice complement to the Artesia Boulevard corridor improvements.

Councilmember Lieu asked if it would be possible to limit the project to Phase 1 should funding not be available for Phases 2 and 3.

Administrative Analyst Witzansky explained that the City would lose facilities should all three phases not be completed because some facilities scheduled to be demolished in Phase 1 will not be replaced until subsequent phases.

City Manager Jackson advised that if funding is received for the first phase, the City would likely be committed to do the second phase. He indicated that more information would be available regarding long-range implications when staff returns for approval of the funding.

Councilmember McIntyre asked about the City's chances of receiving a grant. Library Services Manager Weiner reported that at least 200 agencies will be applying for grant funds and that the City's chances were approximately 1 in 4.

In response to Councilmember Witkowsky's inquiry, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett confirmed that, once the Tillim Senior Center is demolished, arrangements will be made to house senior activities at a convenient location until the new one is constructed.

Responding to Councilmember Mauno's inquiry, Library Services Manager Weiner provided information regarding the judging of grant applications. Administrative Analyst Witzansky advised that the City's application would be strengthened by the fact that the project involves a multi-use facility.

Noting that he had seen a rendering of the project, Mayor Pro Tem Scotto commented that he thought it would be a great addition to North Torrance, along with Artesia Boulevard renovations, and that he hoped that all three phases could be completed.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve the project and funding for the McMaster Park Redevelopment Project in concept. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mauno and passed by unanimous roll call (absent Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Walker).

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 2000 AND CERTIFYING THE PROJECT BUDGET, LOCAL FUNDING COMMITMENT, SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS, AND PUBLIC LIBRARY OPERATION

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2002-49. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Walker).

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve the funding strategy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mauno and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Walker).

9a. VACATION OF WATER EASEMENT AT SOUTH BAY GALLERIA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Engineering Director** that City Council approve and adopt a Resolution summarily vacating a portion of a water easement at the South Bay Galleria.

Engineering Director Burtt reported that this water easement has been superceded by relocation and is no longer needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATON OF A PORTION OF A WATER MAIN EASEMENT AT THE SOUTH BAY GALLERIA SHOPPING CENTER IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2002-50. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mauno and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Walker).

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. ADDITION OF JUNIOR LIBRARY CLERKS TO PERS HEALTH PLAN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a Resolution which adds the Junior Library Clerks to the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA).

Assistant to the Ctiy Manager Keane reported that the adoption of this resolution was the final step in the process to add Junior Library Clerks to the CalPERS system.

Mr. Alan Lee, Torrance Municipal Employees, AFSCME, Local 1117, thanked the Council for taking this action, which will allow Junior Library Clerks to have retirement benefits and health coverage.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-51

A RESOLUTION BY THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL ELECTING TO BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF A SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION AND FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION AT AN AMOUNT AT OR GREATER THAN THAT PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 22825 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2002-51. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mauno and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Nowatka and Mayor Walker).

11b. ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF AIRPORT PLAZA LEASE

Recommendation

b. Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest:

- 1) An Assignment and Assumption of Lease from APA III LTD. to OMA Cerritos VB, LLC, a California limited liability company whose sole member will be OMA Cerritos Properties LLC, a California limited liability company; Staton VB, LLC, a California limited liability company whose sole member will be Staton Investment Co., a California general partnership; and Airport Venture 2002 LLC, a California limited liability company whose managing member will be Norman R. La Caze; all as

- tenants in common concerning City owned property currently known as Airport Plaza Shopping Center;
- 2) A Ground Lease Estoppel Certificate concerning the Lease for property known as Airport Plaza Shopping Center;
 - 3) A 7th Amendment to the Lease extending the Lease term from March 2045 to May 2052; and
 - 4) An Amendment of Memorandum of Lease reflecting the amended terms and conditions of the Lease.

City Attorney Fellows briefly outlined the above-mentioned documents. He advised that they were necessary to allow the transfer of the Airport Plaza Shopping Center Lease from the current Master Tenant to a new Master Tenant group whose managing member will be Norman La Caze, operator and lessee of Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center. He noted that the supplemental material available at the meeting was supposed to have included revised documents with corrected legal descriptions and the deletion of highlighted language in the Estoppel Certificate, however, the original versions were inadvertently reprinted. He indicated that as there were no substantive changes, other than corrected legal descriptions, the changes would be made administratively. He clarified that the tenant's request for a rent reduction of \$48,000 a year for a ten-year period was not before the Council at this time and would be brought forward at a later date.

Former Councilmember Marcia Cribbs, 2055 Johnson Court, reported on the previous City Council's action on this matter and voiced her opinion that the \$175,000 rent proposed for the 17,000-acre shopping center was an exceptionally good deal and an excellent inducement for any developer who wants to develop this site. She recommended that the Council ask staff to provide information about inducements given to this manager/developer in the past in conjunction with the Rolling Hills Plaza shopping center, as well as a comparison of rents for surrounding properties, when the proposal for the \$48,000 rent reduction is brought forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Scotto stated that he hoped Ms. Cribbs would return when this matter comes before the Council because he would appreciate her input.

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

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The Redevelopment Agency met from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; reconvened at 8:11 p.m.; and adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. City Manager Jackson thanked all the departments for the team effort on the Armed Forces events held over the weekend.

15b. Police Chief Herren agreed with City Manager Jackson's comments regarding the Armed Forces observance which included the 43rd annual parade, noting that the two F-15 jet fly-over was a highlight of the event.

15c. Mr. Gavin Hachiya Wasserman thanked the Council for honoring his mother Fumiko Hachiya Wasserman on receipt of the Joan Dempsey Klein Distinguished Jurist Award. He also commented on the community response to the Armed Forces Parade.

15d. Councilmember Lieu stated that he was pleased the Council was able to honor former Mayor Hardison and former Councilwoman Cribbs for making Torrance a safer, stronger, better city with their many years of service.

15e. Councilmember Lieu commented on the Armed Forces weekend events, commending all City employees involved for making it a tremendous weekend and Captain Paul Besse for a great job.

15f. Councilmember Lieu noted that at the Reveille ceremony two airmen were awarded National Defense Service medals - the first in the country.

15g. Councilmember Lieu also commented on the Ted Tonouye ceremony at the National Guard Armory that concluded a moving weekend.

15h. Councilmember Mauno noted his pleasure in attending the Police Memorial event, the RSVP luncheon, all of the Armed Forces weekend events, and the Ted Tonouye naming ceremony.

15i. Councilmember McIntyre stated that she was pleased that former Councilwoman Marcia Cribbs and former Mayor Hardison were present to accept their well deserved proclamations and expressed her admiration for their many years of service in Torrance.

15j. Councilmember McIntyre also thanked Captain Besse for a wonderful job at the Armed Forces Day Parade, stating that it was a very well organized, stirring event. She commented that the F-15 fly-over was an overwhelming experience but the highlight for her was seeing the World Trade Center flag.

15k. Councilmember Witkowsky noted her agreement with remarks made about the Armed Forces Parade; commented on the display of patriotism throughout the parade route; commended the Police Department for security arrangements; and expressed thanks for the cooperation from the businesses in Torrance. She stated that she enjoyed meeting military personnel at various events, including WWII veterans, and that they greatly appreciated the City's recognition of the armed services.

15l. Councilmember Witkowsky commented on the Beat the Odds reception held at the Attic, stating that the five students who were honored overcame many difficult challenges.

15m. Councilmember Witkowsky thanked Councilmember Mauno for his comments on the RSVP luncheon and the volunteer seniors.

15n. Mayor Pro Tem Scotto extended congratulations and thanks to the retiring Torrance Unified School District employees, noting that Torrance has benefited from their leadership and commitment.

15o. Mayor Pro Tem Scotto noted that on June 11th animal control will be part of the budget hearing item and asked staff to include an estimate of the cost to provide temporary housing in Torrance before transporting animals to the County shelter.

15p. Mayor Pro Tem Scotto echoed remarks about the Armed Forces Day Parade and thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department for a stellar job. He provided background information about the World Trade Center flag that was displayed at the event, noting that after being removed from the World Trade Center, it was raised at a military camp in Kandahar, Afghanistan, before being returned to the U.S.

15q. Councilmember Witkowsky announced that the Armed Forces Day Parade would air on CitiCable on May 22nd at 5:45 p.m.

15r. Councilmember Witkowsky announced a reception for artist Henry Fukihari's workshop at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center on May 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and an open house and slide show on pacific dragonflies, trees and frogs on June 1st at the Nature Center.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:32 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. for the regular meeting in the Council Chambers. Tuesday, May 28, 2002 will be a Council dark night.

***Adjourned in Memory of
Ralph C. Dills and Roger Caukin***

Attest:

/s/ Dan Walker
Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers
Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on June 11, 2002