

**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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Mauno, Nowatka, Scotto, Witkowsky,  
and Mayor Walker.

Absent: Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre.

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Mauno.

Father Iber Ricardo Carballo, Inglesias Restauracion Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

**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 hearing no objections, Mayor Walker so ordered (absent Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre).

**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 hearing no objections, Mayor Walker so ordered (absent Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre).

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Walker 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.

Mayor Walker announced that the Mural Rededication Ceremony of the "Six Los Angeles Artists" by Kent Twitchell will be held on Tuesday, June 11, at 4:00 p.m. at the EDD building located at 1220 Engracia.

Councilmember Scotto noted that there will be a vintage car show at the Open House on June 8 at the City Yard.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6a. RESOLUTION NO. 2002-53 RE DR. ARNOLD C. PLANK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-53**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING DR. ARNOLD C. PLANK FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2002-53. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre).

*To be presented at a later date.*

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 7 AND MAY 14, 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. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR APRIL 2002**

**Recommendation**

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

**7d. LIBRARY COMMISSION REQUEST TO HOLD MEETINGS AT BRANCH LIBRARIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Library Commission** that City Council approve of the Commission convening five regularly-scheduled meetings at the branch libraries rather than at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library to encourage greater public participation.

7e. **ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF DONATIONS TO LIBRARY**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Librarian** that City Council accept and appropriate a \$50,000 donation from the Friends of the Torrance Library and a \$150,000 donation from the Torrance Public Library Foundation to assist with the funding required for the remodel of the upper level of the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

7f. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT RE GREAT PACIFIC EQUIPMENT, INC.**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council approve an amendment to Contract C2001-243 in the amount of \$25,000 with Great Pacific Equipment, Inc. of Anaheim, CA, bringing the total contract amount to \$45,000. This contract authorizes the service and repair of City mobile cranes and aerial equipment through June 30, 2002.

7g. **PURCHASE ORDER RE VACUUM SWEEPERS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** and the **Street Services Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to Nixon-Egli Equipment Company of Santa Fe Springs, California, in the amount of \$295,684.87 for the sole source purchase of two (2) Johnston 605 series vacuum sweepers.

7h. **VOCATIONAL TRAINING AGREEMENT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Workforce Investment Network (WIN) Board** and the **Human Resources Director** that City Council execute a Training Services agreement with Smart Digital Technology Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.

7i. **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES RE FOX & SOHAGI**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Attorney** that City Council approve a second amendment to the fee agreement with the law firm of Fox & Sohagi, LLP for legal services with regard to the Roma Court matter for an additional \$25,000.

7j. **EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN STATES WATER CO.**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council authorize an extension of the agreement with American States Water Company, San Dimas, CA (dba Southern California Water Company) for an additional term of one year, in the amount of \$272,949.96 to provide Utility Billing Services to the City of Torrance. This extension would encompass the period of September 7, 2002 through September 6, 2003.

**7k. AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize Ken Porter Auction to facilitate the sale of fourteen (14) surplus/obsolete vehicles.

**7l. APPROPRIATION OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUNDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council accept and appropriate \$1,000,000 in Workforce Investment Act funds to the Workforce Development Division budget effective November 1, 2001.

**7m. CHANGE ORDER TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT WITH SULLY-MILLER CONTRACTING COMPANY**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Approve a change order in the amount of \$147,913 to Sully-Miller Contracting Company for the Residential Streets Rehabilitation Program, I-5, Phase 2 – North Torrance;
- 2) Authorize the Engineering Director to execute said change order; and
- 3) Authorize the transfer of \$90,000 in Gas Tax Funds from the 190th Street Rehabilitation, T-31 to the I-5 Residential Streets Rehabilitation.

**7n. CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT WITH ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Accept a check in the amount of \$1,425.60 from R. C. Sales, Inc. (“developer”) and appropriate the funds to the Residential Streets Rehabilitation Program, I-5; and
- 2) Authorize a change order in the amount of \$1,425.60 to Contract C2002-056 with All American Asphalt in conjunction with the I-5 Residential Streets Rehabilitation, Phase 1 - Downtown Torrance.

**7o. APPROPRIATION OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT YOUTH FUNDS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Workforce Investment Network (W/N) Board** and the **Human Resources Director** that City Council:

- 1) Accept and appropriate \$523,405 in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) youth funds to the Workforce Development Division budget;
- 2) Authorize the execution of Workforce Investment Act service agreements with Joint Efforts Inc. (\$86,820) to run a year round older-youth program; and Southern California Regional Occupational Center (\$94,098) and Los Angeles Unified School District (\$141,147) to run a year round younger-

youth program which includes the Summer Work Experience Component;  
and;

- 3) Direct Workforce Development Division staff to run a year round older-youth program for ten (10) at-risk youth and provide overall program management, youth counseling services, and Teen Employment Network (TEN) Committee Support.

7p. **CHANGE ORDER TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT WITH STEINY AND COMPANY, INC.**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Approve a Settlement Change Order in the amount of \$5,396 to Public Works agreement C2000-036 with Steiny and Company, Inc. in conjunction with the construction of the Traffic Signal for Carson Street at Abalone Avenue;
- 2) Authorize the Planning Director to execute said change order; and
- 3) Authorize settlement expenditure in the amount of \$3,360.78 through S-26 of the 5-Year Capital Improvement for a total contract cost of \$84,896.78.

7q. **AMENDMENT TO FEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH RUTAN & TUCKER**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Attorney** that City Council approve the execution of an amendment accepting Rutan & Tucker, LLP's increase in billing rates.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7q. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmember Nowatka abstaining on Item 7a (absent Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre).

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **MODIFICATION OF MOUs FOR TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION, ENGINEERS, AND TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt supplemental Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and Resolutions for the following groups adding the 4% increase for the third year of the respective contracts:

- Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA)
- Engineers
- Torrance Fiscal Employees Association (TFEA)

**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 Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-55**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-128 SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2002-55. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-56**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-129 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2002-56. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-57**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-130 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2002-57. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre).

**11b. SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF HAWTHORNE RE SERVICES FOR DISLOCATED AEROSPACE WORKERS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Workforce Investment Network (W/N) Board** and the **Human Resources Director** that City Council:

- 1) Approve an agreement to receive \$966,750 from the City of Hawthorne, Administrative Entity for the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) to provide services to dislocated aerospace workers and dislocated airline, tourism and hospitality workers;
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to said agreement; and
- 3) Accept and appropriate said funds to the Workforce Development Division (WDD) budget.

Employment and Training Manager Unangst reported that the Work Investment Network (W~~I~~N) Board was recently awarded a regional grant to assist aerospace workers and individuals affected by the September 11 disaster in the South Bay area.

Councilmember Witkowsky commended staff for their efforts to secure this grant.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nowatka moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Lieu and McIntyre).

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The Redevelopment Agency met from 6:10 p.m. to 6:11 p.m.

## **15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**15a.** City Manager Jackson reminded everyone that the monthly warning system for ExxonMobil and the Radio Alert Network would be tested on Wednesday, June 5.

**15b.** Deputy City Clerk Robinson 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 Torrnet.com and are due by 5:30 p.m. on June 5.

**15c.** Deputy City Clerk Robinson invited staff and public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Douglas Castleman in the City Clerk's office through the end of June.

**15d.** Councilmember Mauno stated that he, Councilmember Lieu and City Clerk Herbers were pleased to attend the recent Ray Bradbury book signing and speech. He added that Ray Bradbury has visited Torrance for the last 53 years.

**15e.** Councilmember Mauno also attended the Oodles of Noodles festival along with Councilmember Lieu and commented on the wonderful food and delightful entertainment.

**15f.** Councilmember Nowatka announced that he had represented Mayor Walker at the Arts Council Awards held at Alpine Village where 11 student finalists were recognized for their artistic talent and that he enjoyed being a judge in the contest.

**15g.** Councilmember Nowatka commented on his recent trip to China sponsored by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

**15h.** Councilmember Scotto commented on the well-attended Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce event when Copy Club adopted Seaside Elementary School.

**15i.** Councilmember Witkowsky stated she had represented Mayor Walker at the Jobfest at the Teen ATTIC, which included 18 employers, and thanked staff for making it an outstanding event.

**15j.** Mayor Walker asked staff to explore options for displaying photos of past public officials in the Council Chamber area and to bring back possible layout concepts, a timeline and appropriate budget.

**15k.** Mayor Walker thanked Mayor pro tem Scotto for an excellent job conducting the previous City Council meeting in his absence.

**15l.** Alan Lee, President of AFSCME, Local 1117, stated that he still looked forward to working with the Employee Relations Committee and highlighted some current employee issues for the City Council.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 11, 2002, 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  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Approved on June 25, 2002