

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 24, 2002, in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember McIntyre.

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 16.a) Real Property Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.8.

The Council reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Mayor Dee Hardison.

The invocation was given by Father Alfred Hernandez, Nativity Catholic 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 (absent Councilmember 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 a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Scotto announced a meeting of the City Council Ad Hoc Legislative Committee on October 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the third floor assembly room in City Hall.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Joan Cook, wife of retired police lieutenant David Cook with services held at 2:00 p.m. on September 30th at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2002-102 RE RODNEY EUGENE WHITE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-102

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
HONORING RODNEY EUGENE WHITE UPON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE.**

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt resolution No. 2002-102. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

To be presented at a later date.

6b. **PROCLAMATION RE AMERICA'S WALK FOR DIABETES DAY**

Councilmember Witkowsky read a proclamation declaring Sunday, September 29, 2002 as American Diabetes Association's America's Walk for Diabetes Day in the City of Torrance and asked that every citizen in the community participate in this fund-raising walk to fight diabetes and help find a cure. The proclamation was accepted by Sahar Sedadi, American Diabetes Association District Manager; Valerie Chavez, Walk Ambassador; and Sepideh Sedadi, City of Torrance Planning Department.

Sahar Sedadi invited the City Council to attend the event and encouraged everyone to get more information at www.diabetes.org. Valerie Chavez spoke of her experience with diabetes and encouraged attendance of a free seminar at Torrance Memorial on November 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

6c. **PROCLAMATION RE NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**

Councilmember Lieu read a proclamation declaring the month of October 2002 as National Arts and Humanities Month in the City of Torrance, and invited residents to utilize the facilities and take advantage of the myriad of learning opportunities available at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. The proclamation was accepted by Cultural Arts Commissioners Armstrong and Miller and Chairperson Kohler. Chairperson Kohler

thanked the Mayor and Council noting that there were many fine groups in the City of Torrance and she invited everyone to attend Arts Alive.

6d. PROCLAMATION RE GRAPES OF WRATH MONTH

Councilmember Mauno read a proclamation declaring the month of October 2002 as The Grapes of Wrath Month in the City of Torrance, and urging all community members and organizations to participate in celebratory and educational activities promoting John Steinbeck's classic novel. The proclamation was accepted by Reference Services Supervisor Shawna Thorup and Senior Librarian Hilary Theyer who thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation. Reference Services Supervisor Thorup reported that there would be a series of events throughout the month of October for the Grapes of Wrath and she encouraged visits to the display of Torrance in the 1930s in the foyer of the Katy Geissert Civic Center library. She thanked City Manager Jackson and the Torrance Historical Society.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 13 AND AUGUST 27, 2002

Recommendation

Approval of minutes of August 13 and August 27, 2002.

7b. CONTRACT RE CONSULTANT JOHN POWERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council approve a contract with John Powers, Consultant, in an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000 for the following services: \$20,000 for multidisciplinary programs; \$13,000 for Wild Wednesdays; and \$27,000 for special projects.

7c. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE USA WASTE OF CALIFORNIA, INC. (DBA WASTE MANAGEMENT)

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council approve an amendment to contract services agreement C2002-140 with USA Waste of California, Inc. (dba Waste Management) for transfer station services.

7d. SELF INSURANCE RESERVE APPROPRIATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Finance Director that City Council approve an appropriation of \$900,000 from the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund to pay medical expenses related to two recent workers' compensation cancer claims.

7e. PURCHASE ORDER RE TURFSTAR OF BREA, CA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to Turfstar of Brea, CA, in the amount of \$71,225.69, for the sole source purchase of one (1) Toro GM-580-D hydraulic rotary mower.

7f. REJECTION OF IRRIGATION AND SPRINKLER PART BIDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council reject all bids to furnish irrigation and sprinkler parts (B2002-28).

7g. VOCATIONAL TRAINING AGREEMENT RE PROFESSIONAL CAREER INSTITUTE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council execute a vocational training agreement with Professional Career Institute for an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000 for the period September 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 for computer network training.

7h. VOCATIONAL TRAINING AGREEMENT RE CASA LOMA COLLEGE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Workforce Investment Network (W/N) Board and the Human Resources Director that City Council execute a vocational training agreement with Casa Loma College for an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 for the period of September 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005 for training in the field of nursing.

7i. VOCATIONAL TRAINING AGREEMENT RE PLATT COLLEGE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Workforce Investment Network (W/N) Board and the Human Resources Director that City Council execute a vocational training agreement with Platt College for an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 for the period of September 3, 2002 through June 30, 2005 for computer graphics training.

7j. CHANGES TO AMENDMENT ONE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council accept and ratify the changes made to Amendment One of the City of Los Angeles agreement C2001-054. Those changes were made by the City of Los Angeles after the amendment was approved by Torrance City Council on December 4, 2001.

7k. LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ARTHUR L. VALDEZ AND G. ARLENE VALDEZ

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council approve a lease amendment between the City (Lessor) and Arthur L. Valdez and G. Arleen Valdez (Lessee) to extend the term of the lease for an additional 20 years for property located at 2790 Skypark Drive.

7l. COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS: OCTOBER 8 AND NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consider and approve the following days as Council Dark Nights: October 8, 2002 and November 5, 2002.

7m. PURCHASE ORDER RE ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to ZOLL Medical Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$30,359.05 for two biphasic M-series cardiac defibrillator/monitor packages and two battery chargers as a cooperative purchase with the City of Anaheim.

7n. SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2005

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve the Fiscal Year 2003-2005 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for submission to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

7o. AUTHORIZATION RE KEN PORTER AUCTION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Transit Director that City Council authorize Ken Porter Auction to facilitate the sale of twenty-nine (29) surplus/obsolete vehicles.

7p. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT RE DCSE, INC.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the professional services agreement with DCSE, Inc., in the amount of \$141,004 to update the Geographic Information System (GIS) Sanitary Sewer System Layer, CIP No. I-54; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

7q. **AGREEMENT RE CITY OF GARDENA FOR LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS OF ARTESIA BLVD. BETWEEN HAWTHORNE BLVD. AND VERMONT AVE.**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Artesia Boulevard Rehabilitation Team that City Council authorize and execute an agreement between the City of Torrance and the City of Gardena for implementation of landscape improvements

7r. **CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE TRANSPORTATION STUDIES, INC.**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council authorize an expenditure not-to-exceed \$25,000, and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to consulting services agreement with Transportation Studies, Inc., to provide traffic count services on an as needed basis

7s. **CITY OF TORRANCE – LEAD AGENCY STAFF FOR MAX POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize the City Manager to approve the City of Torrance as the Lead Agency Staff for the Municipal Area Express (MAX) Policy Steering Committee to go forward with the final disposition of the retired MAX buses.

7t. **PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT RE TORRES CONSTRUCTION**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the construction of the Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Program, I-1 Phase 3B, Southeast Torrance, (B2002-37);
- 2) Award a public works agreement to the lowest bidder, Torres Construction (Torres) in the amount of \$244,330 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$12,216.50 for the construction of this project;
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement; and
- 4) Authorize a revision in the Schedule of Streets to be improved yearly under this program as necessitated by reduced budget.

7u. **PROJECT ONE IMPLEMENTATION OF WORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CAPITAL PROJECT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director and the Street Services Director that City Council authorize approximately \$131,000 for the purchase of Maximo software licenses from MRO Software, and \$185,000 for implementation consulting services from KeyCurve, Inc. for Project One implementation of the Work Management System capital project.

7v. **CITY COUNCIL TRAVEL POLICY RE ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council concur with the clarification of the City Council travel policy as it relates to the Armed Forces Day Parade.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to approve items 7a through 7v as written. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

8. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

8a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2002-106 RE PER CAPITA GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for grant funds made available through the Per Capita Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PER CAPITA GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt resolution No. 2002-106. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **CONTINUED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR CAROLWOOD DRIVE AND SINGINGWOOD LANE**

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 Lane.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to continue the state of local emergency for Carolwood Drive and Singingwood Lane. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

11b. **2002 NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council designate Mayor Dan Walker as the voting delegate to represent the City of Torrance at the 2002 National League of Cities' Annual Business Meeting.

Mayor Walker requested that Councilmember Nowatka serve as alternate.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to designate Mayor Walker as the voting delegate to represent the City of Torrance at the 2002 National League of Cities Annual Business Meeting with Councilmember Nowatka serving as alternate. Councilmember Witkowski seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre.)

City Attorney Fellows indicated that a supplemental was available for item 11c.

11c. **ORDINANCE NO. 3522 RE CITY OF TORRANCE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council:

- 1) Adopt amendments to the City's Campaign Contribution Limits Ordinance to increase the maximum contribution a person may make to a candidate for City elective office from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per election;
- 2) Repeal the post-election limits on time to retire campaign debt; and
- 3) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

City Attorney Fellows indicated that Councilmembers Mauno and Witkoswky had a conflict of interest and both Councilmembers exited council chambers.

Former Mayor Hardison expressed hope that the four councilmembers would carefully deliberate the issue and noted that the City Council had worked hard in 1994 to devise a fair ordinance that would stand the test of time. She commented that going back to ask for money to pay back campaign debts could place councilmembers in an awkward position and expressed concern about accepting contributions from groups from other states.

Former Mayor Hardison requested that the item be held since effects of pending legislation are not known, questioned the need to raise the limit from \$1,000 per

contributor and cited concerns that there is no ending date from when the campaign ends and when to stop raising funds. She asserted that new rules should be applied to the future rather than applied retroactively and she suggested extending the time period rather than making it unlimited.

Former Mayor Hardison Dee noted concerns with regard to money raised by Mayor Walker to pay off his debt, the majority of which came from outside of Torrance.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Walker, former Mayor Hardison indicated that a realistic increase of the time frame to pay off debts would be acceptable but she did not support an unlimited time period.

Mayor Walker expressed pride at winning the election and raising a lot of money and he noted that he had not repaid himself \$8,500 for the express purpose of being able to raise the issue and vote on it. He asserted that certain provisions enacted in 1994 with regard to campaign restrictions had failed and he supported the public's right to know with regard to where contributions come from.

Mayor Walker agreed to leave the limit at \$1,000 but felt that the time frame to pay back debt was just too short.

Former Councilmember Messerlian indicated that he was present because he felt responsible for the ordinance before the Council which was approved unanimously in 1994. He reiterated three challenges that he had placed before the City Council five months before which were: make a commitment to producing 50-60 units of affordable senior housing by the middle of 2004; examine the hillside ordinance process; and look at the campaign finance ordinance to improve it and strengthen it to level the playing field so that citizens from every walk of life have the opportunity to serve the community not because they have personal fortune and the ability to raise money but because they are eager.

Former Councilmember Messerlian asserted that the elimination of an ending date, the door is open for perpetual fundraising and, by raising the limit, an opportunity for the preponderance of special interests is created. He indicated that many people had spent a lot of time and effort to come up with the modest ordinance that is in place and the only agenda was to come up with an ordinance that leveled the playing field for every citizen in the community.

Former Councilmember Messerlian urged the Council to not raise the level from \$1,000 to \$2,000 but rather to leave it the way it is and he suggested that a reasonable time period to erase debts without creating perpetual fundraising would be 12 months.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to keep the contribution limit at \$1,000 with any existing Council person who has a open campaign committee has 12 months from today to raise funds and in the future they will have 18 months to retire the debt. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion.

The City Council discussed the method for calculating the months with City Attorney Fellows noting that contributions could be accepted through the last day of the 17th month following the month in which the election occurs and also noting that with the second reading of the ordinance, the time period will extend to September 2003. Donations for elections occurring prior to November 1, 2002 may be accepted until September 30, 2003.

MOTION: The motion was clarified to state that the time limit on post-election fundraising would be raised to seventeen (17) months following an election, provided that contributions received do not exceed net debts and that the contributions do not otherwise exceed the applicable contribution limit for the election effective November 1, 2002. A roll call vote reflected unanimous approval absent Councilmembers Mauno, McIntyre and Witkowsky.

ORDINANCE NO. 3522

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
AMENDING THE CITY'S CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS
EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOLLOWING AN ELECTION DURING
WHICH DEBT INCURRED DURING THE ELECTION MAY BE
REPAID.**

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3522 as amended. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval. (absent Councilmembers Mauno, McIntyre and Witkowsky.)

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved approval of the ordinance summary. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Mauno, McIntyre and Witkowsky.

Mayor Walker thanked the City Attorney, the City Manager, former Mayor Hardison and former Councilmember Messerlian for their part in the process.

Councilmembers Mauno and Witkowsky returned to Council Chambers.

12. HEARINGS

12a. RESOLUTION NO. 2002-107 AND ORDINANCE NO. 3523 RE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS

Recommendation of the Building & Safety Director that City Council:

- 1) Hold the first public hearing to adopt an Ordinance amending the Torrance Municipal Code to incorporate by reference the California Building Standards Code with local amendments;
- 2) Approve a Resolution of findings for local amendments; and
- 3) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

Building Regulations Administrator Segovia reported that the state updated all building codes approximately every 3 years and they are mandated to enforce the codes. He explained that the state allows the City of Torrance to amend the codes to be more restrictive, which the City has elected to do based on local conditions. There are a total of 83 amendments to address local seismic issues for the City of Torrance.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Mauno, Building Regulations Administrator Segovia indicated that the State Building Code is based on the Uniform Building Code.

Mayor Walker opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

MOTION: At 7:48 Councilmember Scotto moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF UNIQUE GEOLOGIC, TOPOGRAPHIC AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE JUSTIFYING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Resolution No. 2002-107. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 3523

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, 2, 3, AND 9 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 1, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 81.2.1 AND 81.2.3 THROUGH 81.2.40, AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 81.2.1 AND 81.2.3 THROUGH 81.2.62, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND 2 OF CHAPTER 2, AND BY ENACTING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 3, AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 83.2.1 THROUGH 83.2.5 AND 83.2.7 THROUGH 83.2.8 AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 83.2.1 THROUGH 83.2.5 AND 83.2.7 THROUGH 83.2.8, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 9, AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 89.2.2 THROUGH 89.2.3, AND BY ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 89.2.2 AND 89.2.3, ALL OF WHICH ADOPT OR AMEND THE 2001 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE VOLUMES 1, 2, AND 3 WITH APPENDICES, THE 2001 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, THE 2001 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE WITH APPENDICES, AND THE 2001 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE WITH APPENDICES.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3523. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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

12b. ORDINANCE NO. 3524 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2002-108 RE LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE FIRE CODE

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council:

- 1) Hold the first public hearing to adopt an Ordinance amending the Torrance Municipal Code which references the California Fire Code, 2001 Edition, and adopt the Uniform Fire Code, 2000 Edition with local amendments to those codes, adopt the Uniform Fire Code Standards, 1997 Edition, as amended by the Uniform Fire Code Standards, 2000 Edition;
- 2) Approve a Resolution of findings for the local amendments to the State Fire Code; and
- 3) Approve an ordinance summary for publication.

Mayor Walker opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

It was noted that typically the codes do not change greatly and local amendments are largely the same changes seen in previous years with several new changes that the Fire Chief feels are necessary for the safety of residents.

MOTION: At 8:07 p.m. Councilmember Scotto moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF UNIQUE GEOLOGIC, TOPOGRAPHIC, AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE JUSTIFYING AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE 2001 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, INCLUDING CERTAIN APPENDICES.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Resolution No. 2002-108. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 3524

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2 WHICH INCLUDE BY REFERENCE THAT PORTION OF THE STATE BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, KNOWN AS THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, 2001 EDITION PUBLISHED BY THE WESTERN FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AND THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION WITH ERRATA, TOGETHER WITH THOSE PORTIONS OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 2000 EDITION, INCLUDING APPENDIX CHAPTERS I-A, I-B, I-C, II-A, III-A, AND III-D, THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE STANDARDS, 1997 EDITION, PUBLISHED BY THE WESTERN FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AS AMENDED BY THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE STANDARDS, 2000 EDITION, NOT INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, AS MODIFIED AND AMENDED ARE ADOPTED AND ARE HEREBY COLLECTIVELY DECLARED TO BE THE TORRANCE FIRE CODE.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3524. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to approve the ordinance summary for publication. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

12c. SOUTHWOOD TRAFFIC CALMING - SPEED LIMITS AND OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING ALTERNATIVES

Recommendation of the Planning Director and the Police Chief that City Council concur with staff's recommendation to:

- 1) Amend Section 61.10.1 of The Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) to add "Subsection j" which adds Ocean Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard to the list of locations within the City with a maximum speed limit of twenty five (25) miles per hour;
- 2) Amend Section 61.10.3 "Subsection g" of the TMC to read Torrance Boulevard between Hawthorne Boulevard to east City limit with a maximum speed limit of thirty five (35) miles per hour; and
- 3) Amend Section 61.10.4 of the TMC to add "Subsections l and m" which adds Torrance Boulevard between west City limit and Hawthorne Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard between west City limit and Hawthorne Boulevard to the list of locations with the maximum speed of forty (40) miles per hour.
- 4) Council consideration of other traffic calming alternatives. Ordinance.

Mayor Walker opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Transportation Planner Semaan presented a history of Southwood Traffic calming efforts noting that a year ago City Council had asked staff to implement traffic calming measures in the Southwood Homeowners Association area.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Scotto regarding the possibility of closing Ocean Boulevard, Transportation Manager Semaan explained that the least intrusive solution for the neighborhood was always considered first. Councilmember Scotto expressed support for median and light proposals and the crosswalk on Carson.

Sandi Monda, 21506 Talisman, expressed pleasure that the Engineering and Traffic (E&T) survey had been completed for Ocean Avenue and requested further mitigations to alleviate cut-through and speeding traffic on Ocean. She asked for a concentrated effort to enforce the 25-mph speed limit on Ocean Avenue and questioned whether a radar enforcement notice would be added to existing signs.

Ms. Monda expressed hope that Councilmembers and staff had read email and viewed the video tape submitted by Andrea Riley which covers a proposition to increase the speed limit to 40 mph, the need to extend the red curb on Torrance Avenue along the service road west, as well as two other problem areas in Southwood.

Ms. Monda distributed copies of the notice for public hearing which indicated that speed limit ordinances would be considered but did not reference a new traffic calming device or any recommendations to be made. She requested that Southwood residents, especially those west of Anza, be notified to express their opinions regarding the proposed median and islands on Torrance and Carson.

Donna Spreitzer, 21930 Ocean Avenue, President of the Southwood Homeowners Association, requested that the item be continued so that residents could express their

opinions about medians and other traffic calming alternatives proposed but not included on the notice of public hearing.

Robert Meister, Anza Avenue, opposed restricting left turns on to Ocean Boulevard.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Walker, Transportation Manager Semaan explained that with the exception of the median and potential closures, all items had been previously considered by the Traffic Commission as well as concerns about left turn movements.

Sandi Monda hoped that City Council would request police enforcement as soon as possible and requested that staff consider several additional requests from the Southwood Homeowners Association.

City Manager Jackson asserted that opportunities had been given to citizens to discuss the items and Fire and Police had discussed barriers and he recommended moving ahead on speed issues but not other alternatives.

MOTION: At 8:29 p.m. Councilmember Scotto moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilmember McIntyre).

ORDINANCE NO. 3525

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 61.10.1, 61.10.3, AND 61.10.4 OF DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3525. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval absent Councilmember McIntyre).

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to have the Traffic Commission review proposed changes including conceptual changes to medians on Carson and Ocean and a pedestrian signal on Carson adjacent to Jefferson Middle School as well as the following items requested for consideration by the Southwood Homeowners Association: two more stop signs at Talisman and Lenore for east and westbound traffic; moving the stop sign at Ocean and Carson for southbound traffic so that it is located before the access road rather than after; examine the feasibility of installing speed humps along Ocean Avenue, between Torrance Boulevard and Carson; request the Council speak with Torrance Unified School District with regard to organized drop off and pick up procedures for Jefferson Middle School; re-synchronization of lights at Earl Street and Torrance Boulevard and the northbound Anza to westbound Torrance left turn signal; and installation of 25 mph speed limit signs for north and southbound traffic on Ocean Avenue between Lenore and Carson. Councilmember Lieu seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

In response to an inquiry from City Manager Jackson, Councilmember Scotto asserted that everyone should have input on the crosswalk signal.

15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

15a. ORDINANCE NO. 3521 RE HAWTHORNE BLVD. CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN

ORDINANCE NO. 3521

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN (HBCSP) ZONE (CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 45 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE (TMC), THE PLANNING AND LAND USE CODE) TO ADD NEW DESIGN GUIDELINES IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO EXISTING RESIDENCES FROM ANY NEW BUILDING IN THE DEL AMO BUSINESS DISTRICT (DABD); AND, TO MODIFY THE FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 36 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TMC) WITH RESPECT TO NEW DESIGN GUIDELINES.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3521 Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 8:33 p.m. to 8:34 p.m.

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16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. Councilmember Lieu inquired about a request for speed limit enforcement in the Southwood area and Police Chief Herren indicated that Lieutenant Smith was aware of the requests and concerns and would follow up.

16b. Councilmember Lieu thanked Ray Frew and Bob Shaffer for their efforts in connection with the YMCA dedication

16c. Mr. Lieu expressed appreciation to Mike Cotton and Ruth Vogel for their work organizing the Riviera Homeowners Association Picnic in the Park which he enjoyed.

16d. Councilmember Mauno echoed Councilmember Lieu's comments regarding the YMCA event noting that they both serve on the Board for the YMCA which serves 30,000 people in the South Bay.

16e. Councilmember Nowatka indicated that he had also attended the YMCA dedication.

16f. Councilmember Nowatka reported attending Coastal Clean-up Day and thanked organizers of the event.

16g. Councilmember Nowatka invited everyone to attend Arts Alive at the Cultural Arts Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 28 and 29, 2002.

16h. Councilmember Witkowsky indicated that she had also attended Coastal Cleanup Day and was pleased with the turnout.

16i. Councilmember Witkowsky questioned whether the signal at Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard was functioning properly and City Manager Jackson indicated that the intersection was under the jurisdiction of CalTrans but he would look into the matter.

16j. Councilmember Witkowsky requested help with recycling efforts in the Torrance Unified School District and City Manager Jackson agreed to follow-up on the matter.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:41 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 1, 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.

*Adjourned in memory of
Joan Cook*

Attest:

/s/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on December 17, 2002