

October 1, 2002

**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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2002, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Witkowsky.

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.

Reverend Joanne Satterburg, First United Methodist 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 McIntyre, and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**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 McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone that ExxonMobil would be doing the monthly testing of the emergency system on Wednesday, October 2, at 11:30 a.m.

Councilmember Scotto announced an Ad Hoc Legislative Committee meeting on Monday, October 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Assembly Room.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kathy Jenno, Information Technology Director.

City Manager Jackson expressed sadness at the passing of Kathy Jenno, noting her many accomplishments, and stated that she would be sorely missed.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6a. RESOLUTION NO. 2002-109 RE JAMES MULLOWNEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-109**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING JAMES P. MULLOWNEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2002-109. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**6b. PROCLAMATION RE "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"**

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 6 through October 12, 2002, as "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Torrance to Fire Chief Bongard. Chief Bongard provided information about the history of Fire Prevention Week; noted that engine companies will be visiting fifth grade classes throughout the City during the month of October offering a basic first aid training program; and invited everyone to attend the Safety Fair co-sponsored with the Police Department to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2002 at Del Amo Fashion Center.

**6c. PROCLAMATION RE "FAMILY HISTORY MONTH"**

Mayor Walker presented a proclamation declaring the month of October 2002 as "Family History Month" in the City of Torrance to South Bay Cities Genealogical Society President Janice R. Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler accepted with appreciation and invited those interested to attend a family history workshop to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Library Meeting Room.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7a. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 2002**

**Recommendation**

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

**7b. LEASE WITH FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION RE LOCATION OF VISUAL APPROACH SLOPE INDICATORS AT ZAMPERINI FIELD**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Land Management Team** that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to leases by and between the City of Torrance and the Federal Aviation Administration for Lease Number: DTFA08-02-L-21650 and DTFA08-02-L-21649 for the location of Visual Approach Slope Indicators at Zamperini Field/Torrance Municipal Airport.

7c. **AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Human Resources Director** that City Council execute a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) contract agreement from the Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services (DCSS). This contract is in the amount of \$121,100 for the period of July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 to provide employment and training to Adults and Dislocated Workers.

7d. **CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROAD WORKS, INC.**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) Approve a contract services agreement in the amount of \$30,000 with Road Works, Inc. for crack sealing various streets; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement.

7e. **PURCHASE ORDER RE ROTARY TRUCK HOIST**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Transit Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order to Peterson Hydraulics Inc. of Gardena, CA, in the amount of \$110,969.07, to furnish and install one (1) Rotary Model 75/30 F-CF truck hoist.

7f. **CONTRACT FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** that City Council authorize the City of Torrance to enter into an agreement with the State of California to provide various telecommunication services (voice, data, and Internet) through its CalNet Integrated Service agreement with Pacific Bell and MCI Worldcom. This action would be considered a Cooperative Purchase as outlined in the City's Municipal Code (section 22.3.15).

The **Information Technology Director** further recommends that the day to day contract management be assigned to City and Work Investment Network (WiN) staff.

*City Manager's Note: Although MCI has filed for bankruptcy this contract is not affected because CIT is not contracting with MCI for long distance service.*

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7f. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lieu and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **CONTINUATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOOD DRIVE/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.

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

11b. **TERMINATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE TOMLEE AVENUE AREA**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a resolution terminating the state of local emergency, proclaimed August 13, 2002, for properties located in the area of the 20900 block of Tomlee Avenue.

Assistant City Manager Giordano advised that staff was recommending that the state of local emergency be terminated as the properties involved in the Tomlee Avenue explosion have entered the long-term recovery phase, noting that security services will end on October 2.

Mr. Donald Betsworth, 20927 Tomlee Avenue, reported that people are ignoring the posted signs and driving into the area even though they do not live there and requested increased police patrols in the Tomlee Avenue area to protect vacant homes from break-ins.

Ms. Nancy Ozolins, 20903 Tomlee Avenue, expressed appreciation for the assistance the City has provided to residents since the explosion. She asked that the Council consider retaining the security guard during evening hours, explaining that she has several valuable items in her backyard; that the rear of her home is not secured; and that her property will not be fenced in until structural reports are finalized in approximately 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Ralph Losorelli, 20856 Christine Avenue, voiced concerns that with decreasing daylight hours and Halloween approaching, homes in the area could be the target of vandalism.

Responding to Mayor Walker's inquiry regarding increased patrols, Police Chief Herren stated that, while the department does not have the manpower to park a police unit at the location, it would be possible to increase patrols in the area and advised that officers would be very assertive in following up on reports of suspicious activity to ensure that people in the area have a legitimate reason to be there. He noted that the City currently contracts with a private security firm to provide one security guard for a 12-hour shift during nighttime hours at a cost of \$2100 per week.

Councilmember Scotto proposed that security be continued for two weeks, reducing the shift to eight hours, to allow the City and residents an opportunity to explore other options.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved to continue the state of local emergency for two weeks and to authorize an additional appropriation of funds for reduced evening security service.

**15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**15a. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3522**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3522  
AS AMENDED**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION ORDINANCE, EXTENDING THE TIME PERIOD FOLLOWING AN ELECTION DURING WHICH DEBT INCURRED DURING THE ELECTION MAY BE REPAID

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3522 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lieu and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmembers Mauno and McIntyre abstaining (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**15b. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3523**

**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 for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3523. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**15c. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3524**

**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 for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3524. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

**15d. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3525**

**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 for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3525. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McIntyre and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Witkowsky).

The Redevelopment Agency met from 6:34 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.

**16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine encouraged everyone to attend the 4th Annual Employee Variety Show on Saturday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m., noting that all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Roy Gould on display in the office of the City Clerk during the month of October.

City Clerk Herbers announced that November 5, 2002 election information is available on the Torrance website [www.tornet.com](http://www.tornet.com) as well as the Los Angeles County Registrar's site at [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net).

Councilmember Lieu reported on the Armed Forces Day Committee's trip to Washington DC to make arrangements for the 2003 Armed Forces Day event, stating that he was very impressed by the preliminary work done by the police department.

Councilmember Nowatka echoed Councilmember Lieu's comments on their recent trip to the Pentagon and noted that it was an educational experience.

Councilmember Scotto echoed the remarks of Councilmember Lieu and Nowatka; commented on the educational aspect of the trip; and noted that hearing the stories of the people in the Pentagon during the 9/11 attack was a moving experience.

Mayor Walker commended Arun Bhumitra, CEO of Arjay Telecommunications, for representing the U. S. Government, his industry, and Torrance at a recent government delegation in Geneva and Brussels.

Mayor Walker thanked Councilman Scotto serving as Mayor Pro Tem.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 15, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Tuesday, October 8, 2002, will be a Council dark night.

***Adjourned in Memory of  
Katherine Jenno***

Attest:

/s/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on November 19, 2002