

**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 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2002, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

*Arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

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Agenda Item 17 was considered out of order at this time.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 17a) Conference with Labor Negotiator, and 17b) and 17c) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.9(b).

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Mauno.

Rabbi Yisroel Hecht, Chabad of South Bay, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu 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 Nowatka, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Lieu 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 Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone that the monthly test of the ExxonMobil siren and the Community Alert system would be Wednesday, December 4, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications were being accepted in the City Clerk's office for appointment to the various commissions, with appointments to be made the City Council at its meeting of January 14, 2003.

Mayor Walker asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Deputy Sheriff David Alan Powell, an 18-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who was killed while assisting other deputies responding to a shots-fired call in the City Artesia on November 30. He requested that the Council authorize all City flags to be flown at half-staff on Friday, December 6, the day of the funeral. Councilmember Nowatka, seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky, so moved; hearing no objection, Mayor Walker so ordered.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **PURCHASE ORDER RE UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Finance Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to SoCal Uniform Rental, San Gabriel, CA, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$235,400 to provide uniform rental service for a three (3) year period. (B2002-41)

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item 7a. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **CONTINUATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RE CAROLWOOD/
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 Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Redevelopment Agency met from 6:06 p.m. to 6:12 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16a. Councilmember Lieu reported that he and Councilmember McIntyre had a brief tour of the WiN facility on Engracia, noting the services provided for job seekers and businesses.

16b. Councilmember Mauno expressed condolences to Deputy Powell's family.

16c. Councilmember McIntyre announced that the Torrance Civic Chorale would host "A Festival of Carols" concert December 13 and 14, at 8:00 p.m., in the James Armstrong Theater.

16d. Councilmember Witkowsky wished everyone a Happy 5th night of Hanukkah.

16e. Police Chief Herren announced that Santa Claus would be making his rounds through Torrance neighborhoods with a police escort and that further information could be obtained by contacting Torrance Police Department Community Affairs at 618-5705.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:17 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

***Adjourned in Memory of
Deputy Sheriff David Alan Powell***

Attest:

/s/ Dan Walker

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on January 28, 2003