

April 4, 2000

**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 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2000, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, Messerlian, O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

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 Devin Lee, son of Councilmember Don Lee.

Captain Don Gilger, The Salvation Army, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Lee 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 Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee 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 Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE OUTGOING CITY COUNCIL

15. OTHER

15a. PERS AMENDMENT RE ONE-YEAR FINAL COMPENSATION AND PRE-RETIREMENT OPTIONAL DEATH BENEFIT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution of Intention approving a contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Torrance adding Section 20042 (One Year Final Compensation) for those hired on and after August 23, 1981 and Section 21548 (Pre-retirement optional Settlement 2 Death Benefit) for local miscellaneous members; and
- 2) Adopt the first reading Ordinance amending the City's contract with CalPERS.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane noted that the Council had approved these two amendments in concept in January and that they were now being brought forward for formal adoption.

In response to Councilmember Walker's inquiry, Ms. Keane confirmed that other options are being considered and that the adoption of these amendments does not preclude the City from adding benefits in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-37

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIRMENT SYSTEM TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-37. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3481

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3481. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

15b. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3480

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2850 MONTEREY STREET FROM M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) AND P-1 (PLANTING AND PARKING) TO PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT)

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3480. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

15c. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF MARCH 7, 2000

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council adopt Resolution No. 2000-39 declaring the results of the Municipal Election consolidated on the Los Angeles County Primary Election held on March 7, 2000.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time and place to make official the results of the General Municipal Election and noted that Resolution No. 99-115, adopted by the City Council on October 19, 1999, authorized the canvass to be conducted by the Los Angeles County Registrar.

City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the Los Angeles County Registrar conducted the canvass of the returns of the General Municipal Election held on March 7, 2000, as directed by the City Council, and that the results of the voting in each precinct and in the City as a whole had been accurately enumerated in the Certificate of Canvass embodied in Exhibit A of the proposed resolution declaring the results of the election.

Mayor Hardison asked if there were any challenges or protests to be lodged regarding the results of votes cast; seeing no one come forward, she declared the official canvass of the returns of the March 7, 2000, General Municipal Election completed.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 2000-39.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-39

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 7, 2000,
DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS
AS PROVIDED BY LAW**

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Announcing the results of the March 7, 2000, General Municipal Election, Mayor Hardison reported that Frank Scotto, received 13,749 votes; Hope Witkowsky, received 11,222 votes; and Paul Nowatka, received 11,029 votes; and that each had been elected for a full term of four years on the City Council.

City Clerk Herbers administered the oath of office to the new Councilmembers and presented each with a certificate of election.

15d. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Outgoing Councilmembers Horwich, O'Donnell and Lee commented on their terms in office.

Mayor Hardison and Councilmembers Cribbs, Walker and Messerlian shared comments for outgoing Councilmembers.

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A recess was called at 7:42 p.m. for a short reception.

The Council reconvened in regular session at 8:05 p.m., with newly installed members Nowatka, Scotto, and Witkowsky on the dais. The new Councilmembers thanked their supporters and introduced family members present in the audience.

REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE INCOMING CITY COUNCIL

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Walker announced that the Ad Hoc Rose Float Committee would be meeting shortly.

Mayor Hardison thanked Councilmember Walker for serving as Mayor pro tem for the past seven months and announced that Councilmember Cribbs would be serving as Mayor pro tem for the next six months.

Mayor Hardison spoke of the importance of the census and noted that forms were due and could still be mailed.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-40 RE SAM SMITH

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
SAM SMITH UPON HIS RETIRMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-40. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented Resolution No. 2000-40 to Sam Smith, who accepted with appreciation. Engineering Director Burt commented on Mr. Smith's long and varied career with the City and offered best wishes for his retirement.

6b. PROCLAMATION RE “EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the month of April 2000 as “Earthquake Preparedness Month” in the City of Torrance to Herb Kahn, member of the Disaster Council.

6c. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 9 through April 15, 2000, as “National Library Week” in the City of Torrance to Judi Gerber, Library Commission Chairperson. Ms. Gerber noted that in recognition of National Library Week and National Poetry Month, members of the community would be reading selections of their favorite poems on CitiCABLE.

6d. PRESENTATION OF MISAC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mitch Cochran, Information Systems Manager for the City of Monrovia and President of MISAC, Municipal Information Systems Association of Southern California, presented the MISAC Award of Excellence to Katherine Jenno, ISD Director.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. MONTH-TO-MONTH LEASE RE ROBINSON HELICOPTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a month-to-month lease by and between the City of Torrance (City) and Barbara K. Robinson (Lessee) for City-owned property located at Zamperini Field/Torrance Municipal Airport more specifically described as Parcel 21 and the southeasterly sixteen feet (16’) of parcel 20 of Official Map No. 2 as per map filed in Book 5 pages 44 through 51, inclusive, records of said county. Said property includes 107, 328.5 sq. ft. or 2.4639 acres.

7b. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2000

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file monthly investment report for February 2000.

7c. 1999 NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY GRANT RECIPIENTS’ REPORTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council accept and file the Narrative and Financial Reports of completed projects from Behavioral Health Services, Inc., Community Helpline, Inc., Enrichment Through Employment, Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment, Inc., Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, My Handi-Capable Reporter, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, and South Bay Post-Polio Support Group for grants received from the City’s 1999 Grant Program for Non-Profit Social Service Agencies.

7d. CONTRACT RE VISION SOFTWARE INCORPORATED

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and City Manager that City Council approve a contract with Vision Software Incorporated for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS), and Mobile Data Computer (MDC) software modules.

7e. PURCHASE ORDER RE ASPHALT SEALING MACHINE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued to Absolute Asphalt of Fontana, California, in an amount not to exceed \$28,686.25, for the cooperative purchase of a Crafcoc SS125D Asphalt Crack Sealing Machine.

7f. PURCHASE ORDER RE BRUSH CHIPPERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued to Vermeer-California Inc. of Fontana, California, in the amount of \$47,164.09, for the sole source purchase of two Vermeer 1000 Brush Chippers (FEAP 154). The Brush Chipper project appropriation of \$60,000 will have a remaining balance of \$12,835 which is recommended to be appropriated in equal amounts of \$6,417 towards a pickup truck project (FEAP 153) and a Lighting Loader project (FEAP 156).

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7f. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9a. DEDICATION OF 202ND STREET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Accept an Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate 202nd Street west of Western Avenue;
- 2) Name the street as 202nd Street; and
- 3) Adopt a Resolution of acceptance and street naming.

Engineering Director Burtt presented the staff report (per written material of record).

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-44

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK
TO ACCEPT AN IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION FOR STREET
PURPOSES WEST OF WESTERN AVENUE AND NORTH OF DEL AMO
BOULEVARD AND NAMING THE STREET AS 202ND STREET**

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-44. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 8:46 p.m. to 8:47 p.m.

15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Jackson welcomed the new Councilmembers.

Councilmember Scotto thanked former Mayor Armstrong.

Mr. Alan Lee, President of AFSCME, Local 1117, thanked outgoing Councilmembers for being accessible to union representatives and welcomed new Councilmembers. He briefly commented on the progress of ongoing discussions regarding the revision of class specifications for clerical employees.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:49 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Library Commission in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room, with the executive session commencing at 6:30 p.m., and the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.