

April 25, 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 25, 2000, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Messerlian, Nowatka, Scotto, Walker, Witkowsky 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 Toni Warner, Community Relations, Virco Manufacturing.

The invocation was given by Reverend Joanne Satterburg, First United Methodist Church.

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**3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs 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 Messerlian and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs 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 Messerlian and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Les Hulstein, an eleven-year Southern California Edison employee who succumbed to injuries stemming from a work related accident earlier in the month.

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson asked to withdraw the minutes of March 14, 2000.

Item 13a. was considered out of order at this time.

Following advice from City Attorney Fellows, the City Council returned the appeal for denial of a business license (Item 13a) back to the License Review Board for a hearing as soon as possible. Martin Weniz, an attorney representing the applicant, had no objections.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Walker moved to return the appeal for a denial of a business license (Item 13a) back to the License Review Board for a hearing as soon as possible. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications were being accepted for vacancies on the Cable Television Advisory Board, the Community Services Commission and the Library Commission. Applications are due by May 3 with appointments to be made by the City Council on May 9, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Cribbs announced a gathering to celebrate the life of long time City Commission and School Board member Mary Cooper on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Lisa's Bon Appetit from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6a. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS TO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Mayor Hardison recognized Police Officers Steven Bock, Sean Tanabe, James Barr and Brett Andersen, for their heroic efforts in saving the life of a hanging victim and noted that the recipients had been honored at the Medal of Valor Awards a couple of weeks ago, but that the City also wanted to publicly recognize them.

Item 6d was heard out of order.

**6d. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS TO OUTGOING CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Mayor Hardison presented Community Service Awards to outgoing commissioners:

Community Services Commissioners Peter Warner, Paul Nowatka, and Dennis Kobata\*; Cultural Arts Commissioner Peggy Dowell; Cable TV Advisory Board members John Wong\* and Cliff Numark\*; Environmental Quality Commissioner Douglas Stenhouse\*; Library Commissioners Sara Ann Thomas and Judi Gerber; Parks and Recreation Commissioner Janet Payne; Planning Commissioner Sandi Monda\*; Traffic Commissioners Dick Cahill and Kyle Maetani\*; Water Commissioners Doyle Wolfgang and Amirbhai Mahida.

\* not present

**6b. LATHROP K. LEISHMAN TROPHY PRESENTATION**

Torrance Rose Float Association president Mary Hoffman presented the Lathrop K. Leishman photo trophy for the most beautiful float by a non-commercial sponsor to the City of Torrance for its 2000 Tournament of Roses Float Entry "Celebration of Spring." Mayor Hardison thanked designer Raul Rodriguez, and builder Tim Estes and all the the volunteers for their hard work on the float.

**6c. AD HOC ROSE FLOAT COMMITTEE DESIGN**

Councilmember Walker reported that the Committee met and the Torrance Rose Float Association had recommended that the City Council approve the design of "Teddy Bears, an American Original" for the City's float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2001; and approve entering into an agreement between the City of Torrance and Fiesta Parade Floats for the design, construction, display and operation of the Torrance Float in the 2001 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

Mary Hoffman introduced Raul Rodriguez, Tim Estes and Jim Hynd of Fiesta Parade Floats and noted that they are happy to be working with them for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year. Tim Estes stated that it was a pleasure to work with a City that puts forth such a great deal of community effort and Raul Rodriguez expressed his pleasure at being associated with the City of Torrance again.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Walker moved to accept the design of "Teddy Bears, an American Original" for the City's float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2001; and retain Fiesta Parade Floats for the design. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**6d. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Covered previously.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 29, 2000 AND MARCH 14, 2000**

**7b. PURCHASE ORDER RE WESTRUX INTERNATIONAL**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order to Westrux International, Santa Fe Springs, California, in the amount of \$142,026.10 for the purchase of an International 3-axle dump truck and an International 5-yard dump truck and body.

**7c. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council accept and file the Torrance Rose Float Association's Annual Report for 1999-2000 (2000 Float).

**7d. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION - ACCOUNTANT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the revised class specification for Accountant.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar noting withdrawal of minutes March 14, 2000 as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote with Councilmembers Nowatka, Scotto and Witkowsky abstaining on item 7a.

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**11a. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY I RECOMMENDATION**

City Attorney Fellows introduced Sarah Martoccia and recommended that she serve as a courtroom deputy in the criminal prosecution division.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Walker moved to appoint Sarah Martoccia to the position of Deputy City Attorney I. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**12. HEARINGS**

**12a. BJA BLOCK GRANT LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and the City Manager that City Council review the meeting minutes of the 1999 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Block Grant Local Advisory Board and, after holding a public hearing for comment regarding the proposed use of block grant funds, act as follows:

1. Appropriate and allocate \$17,694 from the Federal Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture account to provide for the matching cash funds; and
2. Approve and allocate the 1999 grant award and matching funds to the programs as recommended.

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing.

Police Chief Herren provided a summary per written material of record and clarified that the current radio consoles were designed in the 1970s and are not compatible with the state of the art computer systems that will soon be in use.

Mayor Hardison thanked the Police Chief, Captain Besse and the committee for recognizing needs in the community and for funding those projects.

**MOTION:** At 7:50 p.m. Councilmember Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and the Police Chief; Funding will be directed to radio room workstations, recruitment, reduced lethal beanbag rounds, park lighting improvements, an alarm system at the ATTIC and Community Affairs materials. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**13. APPEALS**

**13a. KING'S HEALTH CENTER**

Covered previously in the meeting.

**14. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING ORDINANCES**

**14a. CALIFORNIA EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

City Attorney Fellows noted any member of the Council was free to vote on the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 3841 authorizing an amendment to the Contract between the City Council of the City of Torrance and the Board of Administration of the California Employees' Retirement System.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved to adopt ordinance 3481. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Redevelopment Agency reconvened at 7:55 p.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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**15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**15a.** Councilmember Nowatka invited the public to attend the Police Fire Charity football game at West High School on Saturday, April 29.

**15b.** Councilmember Nowatka asked Staff to provide him with information on the Chevron property at the corner of Madrona and Sepulveda.

**15c.** Councilmember Nowatka remarked on the amount of debris at Madrona Marsh.

**15d.** Mayor Hardison announced that the Excellence in Arts Awards, hosted by the Cultural Arts Commission, would be held on April 30.

**15e.** Mayor Hardison recognized students from Mrs. Pat Wright's government class at Torrance High School, thanked them for coming and expressed hope they had learned something about government.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under item 16.a) Conference with Labor Negotiator; pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:24 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 2, 2000 at 5:30 p.m., for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

***\*\* Adjourned in memory of \*\*  
Les Hulstein***