

May 9, 2000

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a joint session with the Torrance Youth Council at 5:50 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, in the West Annex meeting room 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.

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.

The Youth Council and City Council discussed topics including the ATTIC which recently celebrated its one year anniversary and a Youth Council Teen Advisory Committee to promote the ATTIC currently in development.

A successful teen forum was held at the ATTIC on April 18 with 85 students attending.

A Skateboard Forum is scheduled for May 24 where the Torrance Skate Association will answer questions and solicit suggestions and ideas for development of the new skateboard park.

An update was given on the Teen Information Network website and a report was made on a recent meeting with ASB officers from all Torrance schools encouraging volunteers to assist with Youth Council functions.

It was decided that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee would meet with Youth Council members to discuss strategies including activities and transportation were discussed to increase attendance at the ATTIC.

At 6:55 p.m. City Council recessed

City Council reconvened at 7:06 p.m. in Council Chambers to consider regular business.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #310, Bruce Maass, Scoutmaster.

The invocation was given by Reverend Paul Lance, Seaside Community Church.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

Affidavit of Posting was accepted earlier in the meeting

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.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Chief Bongard announced National Fire Service Day, Saturday, May 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with demonstrations at the SCROC parking lot at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. and open house at all fire stations. He noted that there would be shuttle service from SCROC to Station One and encouraged the public to attend.

Mayor Hardison announced a City Council Budget Workshop on Tuesday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, noting that the City is in a two year budget and some adjustments need to be made in the second year.

Mayor Hardison announced the 41st Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration with a parade on Saturday, May 20 at 2 p.m. and military exhibits at Del Amo Fashion Square on May 19 – May 21.

Mayor Hardison encouraged the public to leave out canned foods for the Postal Service/Letter Carrier Stamp Out Hunger Day on Saturday, May 13. She noted that 58 million pounds of food was collected nationwide last year and 35,000 pounds of food came from Torrance.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view work of Torrance Artist Guild member Kathryn Egli on view in the City Clerk's office for the month of June.

6.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION 2000-47 RE WILLIAM D. OWINGS

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING WILLIAM D. OWINGS FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-47. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented the resolution to William D. Owings. Fire Chief Bongard stated that Mr. Owings had been with the City for 35 years and was a mentor to young firefighters, noting that the mentoring, leadership and devotion to the City was hard to replace. He presented Mr. Owings with his helmet shield, and Mr. Owings stated that he had been proud to be part of the Torrance Fire Department and was impressed with the new firefighters being hired.

6b. PROCLAMATION - BLUE RIBBON WEEK AND CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of May 14 through May 20, 2000 as Blue Ribbon Week in the City of Torrance and further declared May 15, 2000 as California Peace Officer's Memorial Day to Community Services Officer Kristine Golia representing the Torrance Police Department. She asked the public to wear their blue ribbons to display their support for the men and women of law enforcement.

6c. COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council review applications and make appointments to fill vacancies on the Cable Television Advisory Board, Community Services Commission, and Library Commission. The City Clerk further recommends that she administer the Oath of Office to Commissioners present at the meeting.

The City Council made the following appointments by unanimous ballot:

Iva Cahill (term expiring 1/15/2003) and Jim Stadler (term expiring 1/15/2002) were appointed to the Cable Television Advisory Board; Mark Wirth (term expiring 1/15/2003) and Pat Brady (term expiring 1/15/2001) were appointed to the Community Services Commission; and Tara Unverzagt was appointed to the Library Commission.

City Clerk Herbers administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Commissioners except Pat Brady who was not present.

Mayor Hardison encouraged applicants who were not appointed to apply again in the future, noting that there would be more extensive selections in January. She suggested that attending Commission meetings to learn what they were about would make it clear to the Council that they were interested.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2000 AND MARCH 21, 2000

Mayor Hardison made a correction to the minutes of March 14, 2000, stating that at the bottom of page 19 the words “by the Post Office” should be eliminated from the sentence about the 4-way stop at Maple and Monterey.

7b. AGREEMENT - PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES CBM CONSULTING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an agreement with CBM Consulting, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$44,700 to provide project management services for the Engineering Department; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to said agreement.

7c. PURCHASE ORDER RE CALIFORNIA TURF PRODUCTS CO.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize an annual purchase order be issued to California Turf Products Co. of Los Angeles, California in the amount of \$48,000 for the sole-source purchase of Toro brand lawnmower parts

7d. SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize the sale of 12 (twelve) surplus vehicles.

7e. APPROVE TRACT MAP – ANASTASI DEVELOPMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 52407 by Anastasi Development Corporation for 14 condominium units on one lot, located at 2990 235th Street, which substantially conforms to and has met all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

7f. PURCHASE ORDER RE NIXON-EGLI EQUIPMENT COMPANY

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize the award of a sole source purchase order to Nixon-Egli Equipment Company, Santa Fe Springs, California, for the purchase of a Petersen Lightning Loader in the amount of \$89,475.50.

7g. 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 of Santa Fe Springs, California, in the amount of \$47,132.05, for the purchase of an International Straight Truck (also known as a cab and chassis).

7h. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY II

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council appoint Kerry Winters to the position of Deputy City Attorney II.

7i. AGREEMENT RE ERISS.COM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council execute a re-negotiated version of the agreement with ERISS.COM for an amount not to exceed \$85,625 that was previously approved by Council on April 11, 2000.

7j. INSURANCE COVERAGE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve the renewal purchase of the following insurance coverage:

- 1) Property insurance at a premium of \$128,174.
- 2) Boiler and Machinery insurance at a premium of \$6,067.

7k. SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH LAUSD AND SCROC - WIA YOUTH FUNDS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council accept \$606,453 in Workforce Investment Act youth funds and appropriate these funds to the Employment and Training Division budget and authorize the execution of service agreements with Los Angeles Unified School District (\$172,679), and Southern California Regional Occupational Center (\$115,120) to provide the Summer Work Component under the Workforce Investment Act. The balance of the funds will support WIA youth committee support, coordination and administration (\$60,645) and WIA Youth Services (\$258,009).

7l. SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH LAUSD AND SCROC - CALWORKS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council accept \$170,455 in CalWORKS funding and appropriate these funds to the Employment and Training budget and authorize the execution of service agreements with Los Angeles Unified School District (\$101,414), and Southern California Regional Occupational Center (\$43,463) to provide summer work for CalWORKS youth. The balance of funds (\$25,578) will be utilized for program administration, outreach, recruitment, eligibility, oversight and technical assistance.

7m. ASSET FORFEITURE VEHICLE FUND RE PRISONER TRANSPORT VEHICLE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and the City Manager that City Council appropriate and allocate \$35,000 from the asset forfeiture vehicle fund to provide for the purchase of a prisoner transport vehicle and associated equipment. Further, issue a purchase order to Peyton Cramer Ford in the amount of \$24,442.97 for the purchase of the vehicle.

7n. PURCHASE ORDER CHANGE ORDER - PARKS MOBIL AND PARS UNION 76

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve a change order to the existing purchase order to Parks Mobil and Pars Union 76 for off-site fueling of gasoline vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, and to extend the terms of service to August 31, 2000.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as amended in Item 7a for minutes of March 14, 2000 and as written in Items 7b through 7n. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote with Councilmembers Nowatka, Scotto and Witkowsky abstaining on item 7a.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS

8a. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SOUTH BAY BALLET 2002 EVENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council provide an official letter of support of the South Bay Ballet 2002 event; guarantee that Cultural Arts Center fees and space reservations currently contracted for will not change; provide a partial waiver of rental and deposit fees; and approve certain in-kind printing contributions in the amount of \$5,500.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett recommended that the City Council support the event and stated that the proposed festival would bring attention to the Cultural Arts Center and heighten public awareness of the quality programs at the Center while benefiting the community economically with the influx of people at restaurants and hotels. He referred to material of record noting that the \$5,500 would be a waiver of rental rate, but not labor costs, and that they would provide some in-kind printing.

Mayor Hardison noted that pages 1-4 of the material of record did not contain the detailed information that they should have in an agreement between themselves and the South Bay Ballet. She requested that the South Bay Ballet acknowledge the numbers back to the City and wanted to see a dual signature situation on the letter of agreement.

Diane Lauridson with the South Bay Ballet expressed her appreciation for the support, time and consideration the City of Torrance had given the South Bay Ballet and

stated that she would be happy to agree to the terms that the City agreed to. She noted that Regional Dance America was a prestigious event consisting of dance classes and educational seminars with two performances each evening and a shining example of how the Cultural Arts Center enhances the community.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the staff recommendation to sign a dual letter of agreement with the South Bay Ballet for Regional Dance America 2002. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. LEASE AGREEMENT RE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a lease agreement by and between the City of Torrance (City) and Children's Discovery Centers (CDC) for the lease of City-owned property at 1520 Greenwood Avenue.

City Manager Sunshine stated that approving the lease agreement would allow the City Council to transition a pilot program into a business agreement with the Discovery Center to provide space for their childcare program.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to concur with the recommendation of the Land Management Team to authorize a lease agreement with Children's Discovery Centers. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Redevelopment Agency reconvened at 8:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. Councilmember Cribbs thanked City Yard Staff for a great open house.

15b. Councilmember Cribbs encouraged attendance at the 36th District Art Exhibit featuring the works of area high school students at the Joslyn Center.

15c. Councilmember Walker asked that the campaign distribution ordinance be revisited to allow municipal candidates additional time to pay off campaign debt by eliminating the June 30 cut off date.

Mayor Hardison asked that the City Attorney bring options back to City Council as an information item before deciding City Council direction with Councilmember Messerlian suggesting Finance and Governmental Operations Committee.

Councilmember Walker felt that there would be an easy way to pay off debt without people carrying over funds, noting that the law was very specific with regards to

filing papers and taking the necessary steps before seeking to raise money and run a campaign. He stated that there was a very short window and the elimination of past debts was difficult for some and could thwart people from attempting to run for office.

Discussion followed on the timing of modifications and that subsequent actions of a City Council committee.

City Clerk Herbers noted that unless action is taken prior to June 30 FPPC regulations require candidates to terminate committees and that there is a difference between the successful and defeated candidates.

Councilmember Witkowsky shared her concerns on the short period of time allowed to retire campaign debt noting that larger elections were more expensive as they forces candidates to reach a larger number of voters.

15d. Mayor Hardison commended staff for the successful open house at the City Yard.

15e. Arthur Plourde, Torrance, commented on the apparent disregard by local businesses of Title 10 for the proper display of the American flag. He noted that he had been working with businesses on a case by case basis to get their flags properly illuminated and asked for the City Council's assistance in honoring the flag. Mayor Hardison stated that they would explore different possibilities to address the situation.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:20 p.m. the Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under items 16.a) Conference with Labor Negotiator; 16.b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation; and 16.c & d) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9 (a), 54956.9 (b) (3) (B) and 54956.9 (b) (1).

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:14 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 5:30 p.m., for a Budget Workshop in the Council Chamber, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.