

May 16, 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 7:25 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 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 Boy Scout Troop 203, Scoutmaster Robert Morgan.

Pastor E. Lorne Jack, South Bay Alliance Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

**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 Nowatka and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**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 Nowatka and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson announced that Item 11a (Lease Agreement with Chagal Communications, Inc.) was being deferred to May 23, 2000 due to notification difficulties.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Hardison announced the Armed Forces Day Celebration and Parade on Saturday, May 20, 2000, at 2 p.m., with the Coast Guard as the honored service, and

noted that Military exhibits will be on display at Del Amo Fashion Center May 19 – May 21, 2000.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6a. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-48 RE 41<sup>ST</sup> ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-48**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING MAY 19 THROUGH MAY 21 FOR OBSERVANCE OF THE 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-48. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented the Resolution to Police Captain Paul Besse who encouraged the public to attend the Armed Forces Day Parade on May 20, 2000.

**6b. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-49 RE REAR ADMIRAL DAVID S. BELZ**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-49**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO REAR ADMIRAL DAVID S. BELZ, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, FOR SERVING AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AND OBSERVANCE**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-49. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

*To be presented at a later date.*

**6c. PROCLAMATION RE “VETERAN APPRECIATION MONTH”**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the month of May 2000 as “Veteran Appreciation Month” in the City of Torrance to Angel Gonzales, Veterans representative.

**6d. PROCLAMATION RE “FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY”**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring Wednesday, May 12, 2000, at “Fibromyalgia Awareness Day” in the City of Torrance to Rose Ann Green, Fibromyalgia support group leader. Ms. Green invited interested parties to attend support group meetings at Torrance Memorial Hospital on the third Saturday of each month and educational programs at Torrance Memorial and Sam Levy adult school.

Attorney Wayne Flick of Latham Watkins announced that the United States Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit affirmed the 1998 decision of a Federal judge awarding the City of Torrance attorney fees in the amount of \$1.7 million from the United States Department of Justice. He noted that the court found there was no basis for the suit to have been brought against the City for its hiring practices in the Police and Fire Departments. He discussed the potential for appeal, voicing his opinion that the Justice Department was unlikely to prevail, and estimated that the City would receive the money by early 2001.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION TO “BEAT THE ODDS” HONOREES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Youth Council that City Council approve a \$5,000 donation from the Youth Council Donation Fund to five “*Beat the Odds*” honorees and authorize the Finance Director to issue the warrants.

7b. **APPROVAL OF YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION TO COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Youth Council that City Council approve a \$500 donation from the Youth Council Donation Fund to Torrance Coordinating Council.

7c. **CLASSIFICATION OF PURCHASES OF GROUND WATER, RECLAIMED WATER AND PUMPING ASSESSMENT FEES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager and the Finance Director that City Council authorize the City Manager to process payment for ground water, reclaimed water and water jumping access rights in the same manner as telephone and electricity invoices.

7d. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FOR APRIL AND MAY 2000**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council accept the following donations submitted to the City of Torrance for the specified purposes:

- 1) \$1000 to Police Department from Councilwoman Maureen O'Donnell for employee patio;
- 2) \$2000 to Parks & Recreation Department from Mattell, Inc. sponsor “An Artistic Discovery”; and
- 3) \$2000 to Parks & Recreation Department from Torrance Artists Guild for improvements to the Joslyn Gallery facility.

7e. **EXTENSION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a three month service agreement extension (July 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000) with Administrative Services Cooperative in the amount of \$155,000 to provide service for the Torrance Senior Ride Program. (C96-085)

**MOTION:** Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **LEASE WITH CHAGAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a lease by and between the City of Torrance and Chagal Communications, Inc., for a portion of City-owned property located on Calle de Arboles at Paseo de Pablo (APN#7532-024-900). The subject property is approximately 1999 square feet.

Mayor Hardison announced that this item was being continued for one week due to notification difficulties but invited anyone wishing to be heard on this matter to come forward. There being no requests to speak, the Mayor ordered the item continued to May 23, 2000.

11b. **RESOLUTION NO. 2000-54 RE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXPANSION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council take action on a Resolution of support for efforts of South Bay Task Force urging our elected officials to mitigate the negative impacts of overflight noise and of the Los Angeles International Airport expansion.

City Manager Jackson reported that the City of Torrance had been asked to join in a Resolution with the South Bay Task Force to formally notify legislators of concerns about the increase in overflight noise and the impact of the Los Angeles International Airport expansion on South Bay communities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-54**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE SOUTH BAY TASK FORCE IN URGING STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO MITIGATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF OVERFLIGHT NOISE AND OF LOS ANGELES AIRPORT EXPANSION**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-54. 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 7:51 p.m. to 7:53 p.m.

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## **15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Jackson thanked staff, including the Central Services Division of General Services, for efforts on bringing the budget documents to the City Council.

Police Captain Rhilinger invited the public to attend a police dress inspection at 8:00 a.m., as well as a memorial service for police officers slain in the line of duty at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 17, 2000.

Fire Chief Bongard thanked his staff and departments, including Transit, Street Services, Parks & Recreation and City Cable, for efforts on Fire Service Day events of Saturday, May 13, 2000.

Councilmember Cribbs commented on the Senior Faire and thanked the Fire Department for an enjoyable day.

Councilmember Scotto commented on the enthusiasm of the members of the Fire Department and noted the great job they do.

Councilmember Scotto announced the premature birth of his grandson the previous week.

Councilmember Walker discussed the possibility of an employee car show.

Councilmember Walker announced his candidacy for Mayor in the 2002 municipal election.

Councilmember Witkowsky noted her appreciation of the work done by the firefighters.

Mayor Hardison commented on the many worthwhile events held over the weekend.

Bennett Rheingold, representing Frank Bizjak of 425 Via de las Estrellas, asked for City Council reconsideration of its decision on PRE99-00017. The City Council made no response.

## **16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:08 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.9 (b)(3)(A), the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 8:57 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:57 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, May 23, 2000, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.