

June 6, 2000

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2000, in the 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.

*Councilmember Messerlian departed City Hall at 6:40 p.m.

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 items 16.a) Conference with Labor Negotiator; 16.b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation and 16.c) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6 54956.9 (a) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:23 p.m., absent Councilmember Messerlian.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Ewing-Warner, the adult leader with the Kashiwa Sister City Program.

The invocation was given by Pastor Gary Leary, Branch of Life Foursquare.

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 voice vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

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 voice vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson stated that item 12c regarding Time Warner was a request for a continuation of the hearing for 45 days and indicated that Councilmembers should pick a date.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Cribbs announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee would meet with the Youth Council to discuss The ATTIC on Thursday, June 8, 2000 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Third Floor Assembly Room.

Mayor Hardison announced that the second budget hearing would be heard on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m., or as Council business permits, in City Council Chambers.

Councilmember Walker requested that modification of the campaign contribution limits be considered. Mayor Hardison stated that it would be sent to the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee with a meeting to be scheduled.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view the works of Torrance Artist Guild member Rose Balloy during the month of June and called the public's attention to the Torrance Artist Guild show at the Josyln Gallery.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. PRESENTATION OF 2000 DIAMOND AWARD

Mayor Hardison and Kim Fuentes with the City of Torrance RideShare program accepted the 2000 Diamond Award from Brenda Stevenson of Southern California RideShare who noted that the City was honored with of its commitment to promoting the program.

6b. CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO 2000 TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL DRUMLINE

Mayor Hardison presented a certificate of congratulations for the 2000 Torrance High School Drumline to Mr. Carlos Anwandter, Band Director and Mr. Karl Arrieta, Band Instructor.

6c. INTRODUCTION OF TORRANCE SISTER CITY EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Mayor Hardison introduced Ernie Jacobs, Torrance Sister City Association President who noted that the students would be leaving in July for a three-week visit to Kashiwa, Japan.

Mayor Hardison presented City pins to students Anna Chan; Yoshiko Hedges; Edward Marques; Cheri Moriwaki; Kristin Namimoto; Karl Takabayashi; Jonathan Tingey; Shoji Ueki; and adult leader Stephanie Ewing-Warner, wishing them all a safe and exciting journey and noting that she knew they would represent Torrance well.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 11, APRIL 18, APRIL 25 and MAY 2, 2000**

7b. **PURCHASE ORDER RE O.C. TANNER – EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve a Purchase Order with O.C. Tanner for an amount not to exceed \$31,000 for the purchase of employee service awards.

7c. **CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER RE SIDEWALK REPAIR HARDY AND HARPER**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council approve Contract Change Order No. 1 with Hardy and Harper Inc., in the amount of \$189,300 to repair additional sidewalk tripping hazards for the Citywide Sidewalk Ramping/Grinding Project (CIP #155). (Contract #C99-251)

7d. **PURCHASE ORDER RE L & B PIPE AND SUPPLY CO.**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize a Purchase Order to L & B Pipe and Supply Co. of Torrance, CA and Smardan Supply Co. of Gardena, CA in a combined amount not to exceed \$35,000 for the purchase of the City's annual requirement of plumbing supply and repair parts on an "as needed basis." The new purchase orders will be for a 12-month term, beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001, to coincide with the fiscal year.

7e. **PURCHASE ORDER PEERLESS AUTOMOTIVE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize a Purchase Order to Peerless Automotive of Torrance, CA in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and Torrance Auto Parts Inc. of Torrance, CA in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the purchase of the City's annual requirement of automotive supply and repair parts on an "as needed basis." The new purchase orders will be for a 13-month term, beginning June 7, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001, to coincide with the fiscal year.

7f. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BERRYMAN & HENIGAR**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Berryman & Henigar in the amount of \$81,097 to provide design, construction, management and inspection services for the Earl/Maricopa Relief Sewer Project; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest said Agreement.

7g. **CHANGE ORDERS TO RELOCATE WATERLINE AT WILSON PARK GYMNASIUM**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council authorize Change Orders to Public Works Agreement C99-172 in the amount of \$12,500 for the relocation of the existing 8-inch waterline at Wilson Park Gymnasium and replacement of two gate valves at Madrid Avenue.

7h. **AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES RE DIAL-A-LIFT SERVICES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to an amendment to contract C98-153 with LaidLaw Transit Services, Inc. for the operation of the Torrance Dial-A-Lift (DAL) at a cost not to exceed \$270,898 for the period from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

7i. **AGREEMENT BETWEEN TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE RE STATE FUNDING**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council approve an agreement between the Torrance Police Department and El Camino Community College District, whereby the Department is entitled to a portion of State funding received by the District for police officer students enrolled in the District's courses of instruction.

7j. **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT - NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Systems Director that City Council authorize an amendment to the current contract (C99-182) with NexTel Communications to eliminate the not-to-exceed amount and to renew the contract for one additional year with no specified not-to-exceed amount.

7k. **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT - AIRTOUCH COMMUNICATIONS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Systems Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize an amendment to the current contract (C99-153) with AirTouch eliminating the not-to-exceed amount;
- 2) Renew the contract with AirTouch for the optional second year with no specified not-to-exceed amount.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call, absent Councilmember Messerlian, with Councilmember Scotto

abstaining from approval of the April 11, 2000 minutes due to his absence from that meeting.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. LEASE BETWEEN CITY OF TORRANCE AND CHAGAL COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation of the Land Management Team for the City Council to consider the following options:

- 1) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a lease by and between Chagal Communications, Inc. and the City of Torrance for a portion of City-owned property located on Calle de Arboles at Paseo de Pablo (APN #7532-024-900);
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a lease by and between Chagal Communications, Inc. and the City of Torrance for a portion of City-owned property located on Calle de Arboles at Paseo de Pablo with a broadcast wattage cap of 3000 watts (APN #7532-024-900);
- 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a one-year lease from today's date by and between Chagal Communications, Inc. and the City of Torrance for a portion of City-owned property located on Calle de Arboles at Paseo de Pablo (APN #7532-024-900);
- 4) Deny the lease request by Chagal Communications for a portion of City-owned property located on Calle de Arboles at Paseo de Pablo (APN #7532-024-900).

City Attorney Fellows announced that Councilmember Scotto would abstain from consideration of the matter as he owns property 2500 feet from subject property. Councilmember Scotto exited Council Chambers at 7:43 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Sunshine stated that a resident had reported problems with bleed at the May 16 City Council meeting and Council had agreed to hold the item for 30 days, but shortly thereafter Chagal contacted staff and requested action at the next available Council meeting due to time constraints.

Assistant City Manager Sunshine provided a brief review of events noting that prior to May, 1998 KFOX had broadcast at 3000 watts, which they subsequently increased to 6000 watts and noted that coincided with the installation of a new antenna 20 feet higher than the previous one. In response to concerns expressed by Greg Mather at the May 23, 2000 City Council meeting, staff visited his home and witnessed the problems firsthand. Because of ongoing concerns, staff the options noted in the recommendation but recommended implementing a one-year extension to allow Chagal time to either address and resolve resident issues or relocate.

Ted Porter, representing Chagal Communications, clarified that construction of the tower began on April 14, 1998, but the change in wattage did not occur until May 28, 1998. They received a complaint from the Mathers on April 27 and their concerns were addressed on May 4. After the tower went into communication at 6000 watts, there was no other communication from the community for a year until Time Warner had problems with an open cable.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Mr. Porter noted that the tower was licensed to operate on May 26, 1998 but did not begin operations until May 28, 1998.

Assistant City Manager Sunshine added that the City had been notified that wattage was increased from 3000 to 6000 on May 26, 1998, after the new antenna was put in on April 17, 1998.

Jack Siegal, President of Chagal Communications, stated that the height of the tower was increased in order to change the pattern of the signal emission to send more of the power out at a higher elevation and decrease emission to adjacent properties. He added that they started operating with the new antenna on April 17, 1998 and on May 28, 1998 they received FCC permission to increase the power and began at that time to broadcast at 6000 watts.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison as to whether neighbor complaints were due to the increased antenna height or the increased wattage, Mr. Siegal responded that the neighbors were upset because of the construction, not the emissions because they had decreased.

Neal Pollack, 5006 Calle de Arboles, stated that he has had problems since June 5, 1998 when he moved into his house which is directly in front of the antenna. He suggested making a requirement of the lease to proactively increase communication between the parties and suggested that providing independent measurements taken by a third party consultant might put fears about health issues to rest.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Mr. Pollack responded that his initial interference problems had been resolved but that he has new equipment now and therefore has new problems.

Kaki Mather, 5014 Calle de Arboles, asked for the Council's help in resolving the situation and reported that she had spoken to eleven of her neighbors who had problems and did not know who to contact for resolution. She provided the names, addresses and phone numbers of those people she had spoken with and offered to talk to more neighbors.

Mrs. Mather expressed her gratitude for Mr. Henry's assistance, her frustrations with having so many problems with electronics in her home and her concern about safety issues. She noted that the situation brings the value of their home down and though she was unaware of the station when she moved in, they would have to disclose the problem when selling their home.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Hardison, Mrs. Mather explained that when the height of the antenna was increased, her appliances went crazy: the garage door kept going up and down and the TV would not turn off.

Scott Gobble, 5209 Calle de Arboles, stated that he, too, had been unaware of the radio station when he moved in to the neighborhood 10 years ago and found it difficult to figure out who to contact for resolution of his many problems. He has referred a number of his neighbors, who were unaware of the station and experiencing related problems, to Mr. Henry.

Mr. Gobble suggested that if the lease was renewed, conditions be inserted requiring that repairs be completed within 30 days and a letter be sent out once a year to residents within 1000 feet of the station, alerting them to potential problems and providing a contact number for problem resolution.

Greg Mather, 5014 Calle de Arboles, pointed out that KFOX had increased the height of the tower without a permit and expressed his strong desire that the station be moved out of their residential area into a commercial area where it belongs.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison regarding permit requirements, Assistant City Manager Sunshine explained that the FCC granted the overall permit but the initial construction was begun without a City permit and halted until the permit was issued.

Pat Brunton 5010 Paseo de Pablo, expressed concerns about health, noting that she had lived in her house since 1956 and had seen a higher than average number of cancer deaths in the neighborhood. She stated that she had dealt with interference problems for over 40 years and wanted to know how much revenue the lease raised for the City. Assistant City Manager Sunshine responded that the lease was for \$12,000 per year and Ms. Brunton offered to raise that amount of money for the City if the station would move.

Dr. Lee Heflinger, 5001 Paseo De Pablo, stated that he is a physicist and the tower has been a constant problem for him since it was installed in 1956 as he builds many things at home that are affected by it.

Stella Bullock, 5005 Paseo de Pablo, asked that the antenna be moved and noted that Lyle Henry was cooperative but that he provided only temporary fixes and nothing worked long term. Ms. Bullock stated that she would like to remodel and add a second story on to her home, but has concerns about doing that because of the station.

Gary LaTourette, 5202 Calle de Arboles, reported that he bought his house on April 30, 1998 and did not know what caused the constant hum in the back of the house, or numerous other problems until Scott Gobble told him about the proximity of the station. He commented that the new owners might not be interested in taking care of neighbors' problems and cited concerns about the effect of the transmission on the health of residents.

Ted Porter, representing Chagal Communications, noted they were not aware that residents were still having problems and acknowledged that communications should be improved though he felt that communication worked both ways. He stated that the new owners would have the same responsibility to neighbors that Chagal did and observed that though staff indicated that residents had been notified about the December meeting, there was no response at that time and now people are coming out with concerns leaving Chagal little time to remedy problems.

Mr. Porter asserted that they have not run into any problem that they couldn't resolve adding that the FCC regulated the tower and, if in fact the communication disturbances were not taken care of, the license would be pulled. He stated that this

was not an issue of relocating the tower somewhere else, but an opportunity to resolve problems.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Mr. Porter explained that two years ago when the antenna height was increased, overall problems decreased but perhaps were concentrated on the Mathers.

Mayor Hardison asked whether tests had been done to substantiate the claim that the height increase had decreased emissions noting that she had driven through the area and had heard interference. Councilmember Cribbs indicated that she had also driven through the area, heard a lot of interference and was unable to receive a wide range of radio stations on her car radio.

Lyle Henry, 2474 Silver Ridge Avenue, Silverlake, a certified professional broadcast engineer working as an independent contractor and consultant with KFOX since 1978, stated that he had heard he would be kept on by the new owners and was sure that they would be equally diligent in responding to neighbors' concerns. He reported that he had measured the actual energy coming from the antenna in the past and found that energy levels were far below what was permitted by the government. Mr. Henry provided a report to the Bruntons last year and the level at their house was 6/10 of 1% of what was permitted.

In response to inquiries from Mayor Hardison, Mr. Henry provided diagrams illustrating that the new tower emitted less signal at lower elevations and stated that some equipment would always have problems, like the newer plastic equipment which picks up the signal easier. He stated that they had not been aware the modification required a permit, but got one as soon as they were notified that they needed to. Mr. Henry remarked that Chagal had not been previously contacted by some of the people who spoke at the meeting and therefore had been unaware of their concerns and added that Mrs. Brunton had commented that she had fewer problems with her phones since the installation of the new antenna.

Mr. Henry stated that Chagal was concerned about their neighbors and has always tried to remedy problems right away, but does not appreciate being held accountable for problems they have not created. In 1998, Time Warner had a leak in their cable that took a long time to fix and caused KFOX to get into homes way beyond a distance they could have transmitted to.

Councilmember Nowatka commented that the residents seemed to like Mr. Henry very much and asked whether a reduction in wattage would have much effect. Mr. Henry responded that there would be little effect and the FCC, not the City Council, governs that wattage.

In response to Councilmember Walker's assertion that it was not the City's obligation to perpetuate a health threat or nuisance, Mr. Porter stated that it was not a health risk and that inconveniences could be resolved with communication. He added that studies regarding health risks had proved inconclusive risks and Councilmember Walker remarked that inconclusive was not very comforting and did not promote a lot of confidence.

Councilmember Walker declared that it was a big inconvenience to have to send out Mr. Henry everytime someone changes TVs or appliances just because he has the technical ability to solve their problems. He looked for the benefit to the City of Torrance and felt that \$12,000 was not much.

Mr. Porter stated that there were benefits in having a station like KFOX in the county and that the station could have an alert system for the community.

Councilmember Witkowsky commented that it was the obligation of the seller and real estate agent to disclose the presence of the radio station to the buyer.

Mr. Henry stated that in order for signal intensity to be a problem, even up to the government standard, one would have to be in front of the lobe of the antenna.

Mr. Seigel, President of Chagal Communications, stated that the signal was the equivalent of six 1000-watt light bulbs and added that the proposed KFOX lease required them to respond to and resolve any complaints for the whole tenure of the lease. He commented that someone had erased the phone number that was on the gate leading into the property, but that a number would be posted again and that number would also be listed in the phone book.

Mr. Seigel emphasized the importance of the emergency broadcast system and offered to raise the antenna another 12 feet, which would mean a significant reduction in interference, if the Council would like him to do that.

Councilmember Walker remarked that he knew Ted Porter to be an honorable man, but felt he could not agree with perpetuating an inconvenience and moved to deny the lease.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Assistant City Manager Sunshine stated that it was staff's belief that they could condition the lease to require that Chagal apply to reduce their wattage, but Mayor Hardison wasn't sure whether the wattage would really affect a change.

Mayor Hardison was interested in seeing whether increasing the height of the antenna would help and her sense was that they were not going to solve the problems. She noted that it would have been better for the residents to have made their concerns known in December, but perhaps they had not been aware. She stated that she was in favor of a one-year lease to see if raising the antenna would help and if it did not, perhaps they could relocate.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Cribbs regarding an emergency alert system, City Manger Jackson explained that the City has a low wattage station in place and added that cable TV could also be used for that purpose.

Councilmember Cribbs was not opposed to a year's extension in order to raise the antenna height but stated that if these issues were not resolved they would have to relocate. She felt that a one-year extension on the lease would give Chagal a chance to complete their sale and would protect residents.

Councilmember Nowatka stated that he supported Option 3, but expressed concerns that Chagal would keep using filters to address the problems. He asserted that there had to be drastic measures taken to alleviate the problems and would like to see more than one sign posted on the property with an 800 or local phone number and e-mail addresses.

Councilmember Walker remarked that perpetuating the situation for a year did not serve to solve the problem and that the simplest solution was to not renew. He commented that the City was under no obligation to renew the lease and he saw no benefit to the community to continue the lease for another week or month let alone another year.

Councilmember Witkowsky requested that if they agreed upon Option 3 there be timelines to ensure that certain changes were made.

Mr. Porter, representing Chagal Communications, requested a recess to consult with counsel.

Mayor Hardison called a recess from 9:25 p.m. to 9:42 p.m.

City Attorney Fellows asked for a one-week continuance so that they could continue discussions with Chagal Communications.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for a one-week continuance for consideration of renewal of the Chagal Lease. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, with Councilmember Scotto abstaining and absent Councilmember Messerlian.

Councilmember Walker clarified that his response to the request was in no way a conflict with his previous comments and that it would take powerful evidence to the contrary to change his mind.

Mayor Hardison agreed with Councilmember Walker stating that they were prepared to vote this evening but that she felt they needed to follow the advice of the City Attorney. She thanked the public for coming, noting that they would not re-advertise but they were welcome to come back next week.

Councilmember Scotto returned to Council Chambers at 9:45 p.m.

12. HEARINGS

12a. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET REVISIONS – 2ND YEAR 1999-2001 OPERATING BUDGET

City Manager Jackson stated that they were in the second year of a two year budget and referred to material of record which was intended to be a planning document across the two years with minor modifications and changes in the second year.

Councilmember Cribbs received clarification from General Services Director Tilden on rates for non-profit organizations, noting that the subsidy was not available for the meeting hall.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, General Services Director Tilden stated that if reservations had been made in the year prior, the old rate applied, but that next year they would have to pay at the new rate. He acknowledged that they might have to look at the criteria on how the dollars are used, noting that there were more groups than there were hours available for the meeting room.

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing at 9:55 p.m.

Mike Hansen, 1701 Crenshaw Blvd., with the Torrance Fire Fighters Association spoke in support of upgrading the engine at Station 2 to an assessment engine due to an increased need in the paramedic level in that part of the City. He asserted that the best level of service would be to house another paramedic unit at Station 2, but acknowledged that would be expensive and money was not available in the City budget to pay for it.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Fire Chief Bongard stated that costs for another paramedic unit were around \$400,000 to \$900,000 and since money was not available, he supported going with an assessment engine.

Mr. Hansen explained that an assessment engine is a paramedic assigned to an engine company and has a certain limited scope of practice that governs what he is allowed to do. A paramedic unit responds with 2 people and is only limited by the scope of practice set by the State. An assessment agent has to stop and wait for a paramedic unit because, though he has the same level of training, he is limited because he is only one person.

Fire Chief Bongard noted that an assessment engine would require a paramedic on the engines at all times and would be an improvement on the service they were able to currently provide.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Fire Chief Bongard explained that they could build on the assessment engine in the future by putting an additional paramedic unit in the area, possibly by taking an existing firefighter and upgrading his skills to paramedic. He added that to put a rescue unit in service would require six additional bodies or six people to be redirected and first-year start-up costs would be \$900,000 with ongoing costs of about \$660,000. Assessment engine start-up costs would be \$30,000 with ongoing costs of about \$20,000 per year.

Fire Chief Bongard clarified for Councilmember Cribbs that any time there was transportation of patients, ambulances were called and normally there were emergency medical technicians in the ambulance, not paramedics. Councilmember Cribbs asked if in the next couple of years they could work toward having paramedics and Fire Chief Bongard noted that they were in the process of remodeling the station to accommodate the additional personnel.

Councilmember Witkowsky expressed concern that trains limit paramedic and fire access to the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard and asked that something be placed on the agenda in the future when they look at extra funds.

City Manager Jackson acknowledged her concerns and noted that in long-range capital projects they were looking at a new station at Van Ness and Del Amo. Fire Chief Bongard reported that a new fire station was part of their budget books for 2005.

City Manager Jackson reported that the Del Amo overpass project would open more access and would tie into the fire station at Del Amo and Hawthorne.

Councilmember Walker asserted that the extra paramedic unit should be their first priority and expressed confidence that City Manager Jackson would find a way to accommodate that in the budget.

Mike Hansen, with The Torrance Firefighters Association, agreed that some kind of plan needed to be set because paramedic requests would only increase and felt that an assessment engine was the first step, but was a temporary approach to provide a service immediately at a minimal cost.

Alfred Hansen, 2550 Pacific Coast Highway #15, Skyline Mobil Park, left a card in support of adding another rescue unit.

Tim Cummings, of the Torrance Firefighters Association stated that an assessment engine was a Band-Aid approach and expressed support for a full paramedic unit.

Bud Schimidt, 22714 A Nadine Circle, New Horizons Mobil Park, noted that his group was part of the paramedic workload increase and added his support to the increase in protection. He thanked the Torrance Fire and Police Departments on behalf of the other residents for the great service and cooperation over the last year and a half.

Venora Lee, 2611 W. 232nd Street, Friends of Madrona Marsh, indicated interest in committing unused Proposition A funds to the Marsh and expressed her appreciation for the addition of the Center Manager and the talents of Joanne Webb. She commented that more funding and staff time was needed for restoration and would speed up the completion date to be in sync with the opening of the building. She was gratified that Parks and Recreation Director Barnett had suggested other avenues available to complete the tasks and stated that they would keep using volunteers to preserve the wetlands.

Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, Friends of the Madrona Marsh, spoke to Madrona Marsh issues including mowing and staffing and provided pictures of the asphalt road north of the creek, which volunteers have worked on and asked for help to complete it. She invited everyone to come on Monday nights and every second Saturday and Wednesday to help make the preserve the best it can be.

Ruben Ordaz, 2231 Del Amo Blvd., reported that church land was coming up for sale in his area and he would like to see it made into a park.

Salazar Ybarra, 2411 Del Amo Blvd., expressed his hope that the City would buy the church land and make it into a park and asserted that the park would be an upgrade to the community.

MOTION: At 10:32 p.m. Councilmember Walker moved to close the first public hearing on the budget and continue the second budget hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a voice vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

12b. RESOLUTION NO. 2000- 62 RE NEW ARCHIVING FEE

Recommendation of the Building and Safety Director that City Council authorize an increase of the construction plans archiving fee to \$2.05 to establish a \$0.30 per sheet fee for small plans and adopt a resolution establishing new archiving fees.

Building and Safety Director Isomoto briefly summarized the item noting that all cities in the State were required to keep a copy of all official contractual plans and the City was allowed to collect an offsetting fee. The current fee to put copies of plans on microfilm and archive them is \$1.10 per sheet. The Council approved a change in the method of archiving from microfilm to CD-ROM and a contract with an outside company has been established to provide the imaging services for the City. A cost increase to \$2.05 per sheet would directly offset the costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING AN ARCHIVING FEE.

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing at 10:32 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-62. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12c. PUBLIC HEARING RE PARAGON COMMUNICATIONS D.B.A. TIME WARNER COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST TO TRANSFER CONTROL TO AOL/TIME WARNER

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council continue the advertised public hearing of a request to transfer control of Paragon Communications D.B.A. Time Warner Communications to AOL/Time Warner to a date uncertain due to a 45-day extension for review of the request.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved that the public hearing be opened and continued to July 18, 2000. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

In response to a suggestion by Mayor Hardison, Cable Television Administrator Smith indicated that the hearing would be re-advertised.

12d. CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FUNDING

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council convene a public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding. Further, receive input from staff on programs of interest to the Chief of Police and Council as well as the public on the use of the grant funds. At the close of the hearing, appropriate and allocate the funds along with current and future interest to the approved programs.

Police Chief Herren noted that they had been awarded a COPS grant in the amount of \$323,760 to strengthen their effort and they had developed a list of items to do that.

MOTION: At 10:38 p.m. Councilmember Walker moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved to concur with staff recommendations to allocate funds to the following projects: Renovation of the Police Communications Center; Police Personnel Office Renovation; Imaging Software for the Police Records Management System; Workstations for Police Computer Operations Personnel; Digital Aerial Photography; Police Department Forensic Computer Lab; and Dispute Resolution. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

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The Redevelopment Agency convened at 10:39 p.m. and adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. Fire Chief Bongard announced that a communication test of the Alert Radio System would be conducted on Wednesday, June 7.

15b. Councilmember Cribbs asked staff to look into the specifics of the proposed sale of diocesan property in the Pueblo.

15c. Councilmember Nowatka commented that four years seemed a long time to wait for a police command vehicle and asked what staff could do to bring it forward.

15d. Councilmember Witkowsky announced that she had attended a Los Angeles County Division meeting of the League of California Cities where the League had taken positions on the 2000 Conference resolutions: Support for State Backed Liability Insurance for Brownfields Cleanups; Support School Gardens; Senior Daycare Services; Legislative Changes in the Current State Recycling Law; Increased Traffic Fines in School Zones and Support of Local Government Authority to Address Educational Facility Needs.

15e. Councilmember Witkowsky announced and encouraged citizens to attend Licensing and Rabies Clinics held by the Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Control on Friday, June 9. from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Torrance Park, and on Friday, June 23, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at McMasters Park. At Councilmember Witkowsky's request, City Manager Jackson agreed to look into posting dog and cat licensing applications on the Torrance website.

15f. City Clerk Herbers clarified for Councilmember Witkowsky that the Torrance Airport Association was not included in the Roster of Public Officials because that roster was prepared with government information rather than public groups.

15g. Mayor Hardison thanked Councilmembers Nowatka and Witkowsky for attending the League of California Cities meeting and bringing back information.

At 10:55 p.m. the City Council recessed back to closed session to continue the Executive Session.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:47 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at 5:30 p.m., for an executive session in the Council Chamber, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.