

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a special meeting (as the original agenda posted on Thursday, June 15, 2000 contained a typographical error by way of an incorrect date on the cover) at 5:34 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 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.

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; 16.c) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; and 16.d) Real Property - Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9 (a), 54956.9 (b)(1)(c) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deane Haddon, Water Commissioner.

The invocation was given by Elder Allen Mitchell, Peace Apostle Church of Carson.

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.

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.

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2000-61 RE POLICE OFFICER RICHARD JOHN ALLEN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER RICHARD JOHN ALLEN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-61. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented the Resolution to Police Officer Allen and noted that she had had the pleasure of working with him in the school district. Police Chief Herren added that he had also worked with Rick and that he would be impossible to replace as he was able to interact with people at all levels and had amassed an incredible amount of experience over the past 33 years.

Police Officer Allen remarked that though there had been many changes over the years, the quality of the officers hired had remained as consistent as the danger of the job. He noted that he was fortunate to work a job he loved in a great city and encouraged everyone to visit the police station.

6b. **RESOLUTION NO. 2000-63 RE STEVE CUMMINS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING STEVE CUMMINS FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-63. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6c. **RESOLUTION NO. 2000-64 RE THOMAS R. MARTIN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING THOMAS R. MARTIN AS THE YEAR 2000 RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE J. WALKER OWENS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-64. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6d. **RESOLUTION NO. 2000-65 RE JANET PAYNE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING JANET PAYNE AS THE YEAR 2000 RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-65. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6e. **RESOLUTION NO. 2000-66 RE RAY FREW**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING RAY FREW AS THE YEAR 2000 RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GEORGE M. WHITTLESEY MEMORIAL AWARD.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-66. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 11, MAY 9, and MAY 16, 2000**

City Clerk Herbers provided corrections for the minutes of May 9, 2000, noting for the record that they would correct the spelling of Councilmember Witkowsky's name.

She added that she had reviewed the tape of the meeting and had made an incorrect statement under Orals regarding FPPC regulations. She clarified that funds held by committees that are not redesignated to a future election before the first semi-annual reporting period after any election become surplus and their use is highly restricted. Officeholders (successful candidates) may use any leftover funds for expenses related to the office sought and won. All committees may remain open and semi-annual filing obligations are in place until the committees are terminated.

7b. **FUNDING APPROVAL RE WATER DEPARTMENT BUSINESS PLAN**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve the development of a business plan for the Torrance Municipal Water Department and authorize funding of \$30,000 to retain supplemental consulting services to assist in preparation of the plan.

7c. **RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS FOR TRACT MAP NO. 52420**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve the release of three subdivision bonds for Tract Map No. 52420 (21 detached condominium units), located at the southwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Plaza Del Amo.

7d. **AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER FOUNDATION**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve an amendment of the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation Agreement to extend the period of the Agreement for a period commencing July 1, 2000 and expiring June 30, 2001.

7e. **PURCHASE ORDER RE DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Systems Director that City Council authorize an annual purchase order in an anticipated amount not to exceed \$120,000 for the purchase of new and replacement computer servers and laptop computers over a period of one year (July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001) to Dell Computer Corporation of Round Rock, TX.

7f. SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM EXCURSIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council approve expenditures for senior citizens program excursions planned for the months of July through December 2000.

7g. PURCHASE ORDER RENEWAL RE ROBERT F. DRIVER CO.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve the renewal purchase of excess liability insurance for the period of July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2001, from Robert F. Driver Co., at a premium of \$246,408. Due to a dividend (credit) of \$28,659, the net premium will be \$217,749.

7h. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH MEDICAL INSTITUTE OF LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY AND WESTERN MEDICAL GROUP

Recommendation

Recommendation of the of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve:

- 1) An amendment extending the contract for medical services with the Medical Institute of Little Company of Mary for one year, beginning July 1, 2000, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000; and
- 2) An amendment extending the contract for medical services with Western Medical Group for one year, beginning July 1, 2000, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written and the minutes of May 9, 2000, as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9a. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-75 RE MOBIL OIL EASEMENT 190th STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to accepting the dedication of an easement from Mobil Oil Corporation pursuant to an Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate from the same in conjunction with the 190th Street Rehabilitation Project from Prairie Avenue to Van Ness Avenue.

Engineering Director Burtt noted that last week they had approved a consultant contract and an agreement for Federal funding for the project. Several years ago Mobil Oil and the City entered into an agreement for several pieces of land along 190th Street and two years ago they did Crenshaw and 190th. He stated that this resolution was for the remaining area and with acceptance would proceed with utility work.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF AN EASEMENT FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 190th STREET TO THE WEST OF VAN NESS AVENUE.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-75. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9b. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-76 MOU WITH LACMTA FOR DEL AMO BLVD. EXTENSION

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Del Amo Boulevard Extension from Maple Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Letter of Agreement (LOA) with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for \$13,109,000 in funds for the Del Amo Boulevard Extension.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Engineering Director Burt explained that the MTA was willing to release the money and they were anxious get the matter approved so they could assign their funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) CALL FOR PROJECTS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/ LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE DEL AMO BOULEVARD EXTENSION.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-76. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to authorize the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in the amount of \$13,109,000. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. REVISED WATER SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve:

- 1) Consolidation of the Water Service Technician and Water Meter Repairer classifications into the proposed classification of Water Service Technician I;
- 2) Consolidation of the Senior Water Service Technician and Emergency Water Repair Technician classifications into the proposed classification of Water Service Technician II;
- 3) Consolidation of the Water Service Lead Technician, Water Quality Inspector and the Lead Meter Reader/Repairer classifications into the proposed classification of Water Service Technician III; and
- 4) Current incumbents in the consolidated classifications be allocated to the proposed classifications of Water Service Technician I, II and III.

Senior Human Resources Analyst Lawrence stated that supervisory and management staff recommended that the remaining classifications be consolidated into broader classes to allow more flexibility in making assignments. Employees would have more opportunity for lateral movement and those in the existing classes would be allocated into the new classes.

Mayor Hardison received clarification from Senior Human Resources Analyst Lawrence that none of the incumbents would be harmed in any way.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Cribbs, Senior Human Resources Analyst Lawrence reported that work on the project began in 1997.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to concur with the recommendation of the Human Resources Director and Civil Services Commission. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote was unanimous.

11b. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-77 RE MOU TME-AFSCME WATER SERVICES

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a TME-AFSCME supplemental resolution making salary changes and premium changes relating to the adoption of the Water Classification Plan.

Assistant City Manager Keane clarified that the item was a companion to the previous item and would implement the changes. She noted that the resolution was correct though there was a typographical error on page one of the supplement and the job title should be Water Service Technician I.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-133 SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AFSCME, LOCAL 1117 (TME-AFSME)

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-77. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11c. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-78 RE 1999-2001 OPERATING BUDGET AND RESOLUTION NO. 2000-79 RE 1999-2001 CAPITAL BUDGET

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a resolution appropriating funding for the 2000-2001 fiscal year of the 1999-2001 Operating Budget and adopt a resolution appropriating funding for the 2000-2001 fiscal year of the 1999-2001 Capital Budget.

Staff had nothing further to add other than the supplemental.

City Manager Jackson clarified for Councilmember Scotto that item C on page 3 of the supplemental referred to the fire assessment engine that the City Council had previously approved.

Therese Davis, 918 Acacia Avenue, while not able to stay to the end of the meeting last week, reviewed the tape and expressed concern that not all councilmembers had a chance to review all the bids. Her neighborhood would like to have a block wall built to shield it from the train tracks, but the City is proposing only 80 feet of wall, leaving 40 feet open and she is concerned about safety. She noted that 22 years ago the City had agreed to construct a wall to compensate for the raising of the tracks and she feels the neighborhood has been left on the back burner. She pointed out that the completion date would be two years after the derailment and that safety seemed to be a lower priority than cost, noting that the track was put back into operation quickly but not the wall.

Mayor Hardison explained that there had been only one copy of the proposed design submitted the previous week and that while councilmembers had not been able to examine it thoroughly, it would still have to meet City criteria.

Assistant City Manager Sunshine noted that the budget proposal was to build the wall on the public right of way only. The remaining portion is on personal private property and easements would need to be obtained.

City Attorney Fellows stated that legally the Engineering Department would be concerned about entering on to public property and would need either an easement or grant deed to the private property.

Mayor Hardison stated that she felt they had made a lot of progress in getting the project moved up to 2001 and noted that if the cost is as low as the projection, there might be a way to move it up even sooner.

City Manager Jackson clarified that the wall was not intended to be a safety wall or barrier between the railroad and the neighborhood, but would act as a sound barrier and be an aesthetic improvement.

Ms. Davis stated that the wall would add to safety by restricting access for children.

Michele Wojtalewicz, 911 Acacia Avenue, commented that presently children easily gain access to put pennies on the track and she was not sure that the Council was convinced of the risk to the children. She expressed her appreciation that the project completion date had been moved up from 2005 to 2001, but felt that the neighborhood deserved attention and the wall should be built in its entirety as soon as possible for safety issues as well as cosmetic issues. The wall would raise property values and give the neighborhood more of a residential look rather than industrial and she noted that it was the City's responsibility to provide an attractive, safe, clean environment.

Carl Powers, 915 Acacia Avenue, has lived in his house 17 years and emphasized the need to move the project forward to this year for safety and aesthetics, pointing out that that the project has been planned for so long he had sent a letter to Mayor Geissert on the issue back when she was in office.

Joy Fanning, 804 Beech Avenue, reported that her parents had received a letter 20 years ago when the wall was originally planned but the project was put on hold when funding ran out. She noted that they were in line to get a wall by their house and asked for any support the Council could provide the residents.

Mayor Hardison noted that there were many more pieces of land which needed walls but that they were focusing on a specific project at the moment.

Lucy Doty, 903 Acacia Avenue, urged the Council to move up the construction of the wall as soon as possible and expressed concerns for the safety of her children and for her neighbors.

Alan Wojtalewicz, 911 Acacia Avenue, provided another proposal, offering to build the wall to Torrance specifications. He added that though much of Torrance has tracks, this wall was promised as a result of the raising of the tracks and he expressed appreciation for the City's efforts, noting that they were asking for just 40 feet of wall.

Mayor Hardison requested that staff look at the proposal and noted that if there was a way to add it to the budget without deleting any other items it might be possible. City Manager Jackson stated that they could look at the proposal but would still need to go through the public bidding process and that if the prices brought it down to a lower level, they would consider it and bring the item back.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, City Manager Jackson agreed to do a preliminary design and look at actual bids to give a definite idea of the costs within a 6-month period.

Mayor Hardison asked the audience to please tell other residents that the item had been moved from 2005 to 2001 and directed staff to investigate moving the item up even sooner.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE CITY MANAGER'S 2000-2001 CITY BUDGET AND ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET BALANCES.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-78. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE CITY MANAGER'S 2000-2001 CAPITAL BUDGET.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-79. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11d. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-80 RE REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS-COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and Civil Service Commission that City Council:

- 1) Approve the revised class specification of Communications Supervisor/Radio and retitle the classification as Communications Supervisor – Wireless;
- 2) Approve the revised class specification of Communications Coordinator and retitle the classification as Communications Supervisor – Telecommunications; and
- 3) Adopt an amendment to the resolution governing employees represented by the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association to implement the recommended salary ranges.

Senior Human Resources Analyst Lawrence noted that they have changed the name to Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association and pointed out a typographical error on page one of the material of record which should read 1/3 of the 16 classifications will be updated after the action tonight.

She noted that title changes would reflect the industry standard and the duty statement reflecting current responsibilities and minimum specifications would be modified. Proposed salary ranges are similar to positions in comparable agencies and are in alignment with other positions in the City.

Mayor Hardison commented that the study began in 1998.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to concur with the staff recommendation. Councilmember Messerlian seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION (TPSA).

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-80. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11e. PROPOSED LEASE WITH CHAGAL COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation of the City Attorney and the City Manager for the City Council to take final action regarding approval of the proposed lease between Chagal Communications, Inc. (Lessee), and the City of Torrance to allow continued operation of the KFOX radio transmitter on a portion of City owned property located on Calle de Arboles at Paseo de Pablo (APN#7532-024-900).

Mayor Hardison indicated three sets of supplemental information were available in the back of the room. Mayor Hardison announced that Councilmembers Messerlian and Scotto would be leaving Chambers and would not consider the matter for previously stated reasons..

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison regarding liability exposure, City Attorney Fellows stated that regardless of whether the City would be threatened by Chagal, he thought Chagal would be able to convince a court to let them stay on the site and continue operation as long as the suit would be going on and estimated that could take five years or more and any litigation would entail significant expenditure from the City. He cited other lawsuits, which were quite expensive and time consuming and noted that any litigation could reasonably entail \$500,000 or more. He stated that staff recommended approving a five-year lease with a two-year option period and suggested adding a provision to the lease, a new paragraph 34a, containing a covenant not to sue:

LESSEE will never directly or indirectly institute any legal, equitable, administrative or other action, complaint, or proceeding against CITY, or in any other matter assert any further claim or demand against CITY, arising from or pertaining to the circumstances giving rise to this Lease, LESEE's claim dated June 14, 2000, or the City Council's adoption of this Lease.

This covenant is binding upon LESSEE's successors in interest.

Assistant City Manager Sunshine noted that the staff recommendation included a five-year lease with a two-year extension if the Lessee has an application into the FCC for a new site. That would allow them time to construct a new tower. Included in the

lease is a requirement to place \$25,000 in an interest bearing account in case the problems are not resolved. He added that they had removed the tower requirements, but the annual meetings for resolution of resident complaints in 30 days remained, with a notification of residents within 1000 feet when changes are made.

Michael Olecki, a representative of Chagal Communications, addressed the Council to emphasize that they were present to compromise and continue a beneficial relationship with the residents and the City.

He observed that on December 14, 1999 the Council had approved a 30-year lease and that dropping to a seven-year lease was a significant change for them and their purchaser. He remarked that they understood that they had to move and were willing to compromise and accept the seven-year lease, noting that no one from the community had come forward in December and that since residents had come forward in May, the situation had snowballed.

Mr. Olecki pointed out that Chagal had always been a good corporate citizen and fixed everything that was brought before them, as the lease requires them to comply with FCC requirements. He remarked that they had entered into commitments based upon the belief that they had a lease and are now trying to work out a compromise with the buyers who are inflexible at seven years. He reported that they were willing to relocate to the KNX tower as per City Manager Jackson's suggestion, but that it had proven unfeasible.

Mr. Olecki remarked that Chagal had conceded significant aspects over time in the lease and that there were provisions to protect the residents over the long term. He asserted that they had gone well beyond what the FCC required and had posted signs with a contact phone number, put information in the newspaper and Mr. Henry had fixed problems which were in fact caused by KNX.

He commented that he liked the idea of the \$25,000 fund in the abstract because they have already agreed to fix any problems, but that City administration of the fund would most likely be a problem. He pointed out that the fund would be an unnecessary backup since Mr. Henry took care of resident problems, but agreed to provide the fund if it was insisted upon.

Mr. Olecki cited the complicated and time consuming issues involved with moving a station and suggested that the seven-year lease term was good for everyone involved. He urged the Council to approve the lease with the covenant not to sue attachment and without the \$25,000 fund requirement because of logistics.

Mr. Olecki provided communications from the FCC preempting local governments in issues of radiation and RF, and suggested to Council that, as the FCC preempts it, it was speculative and should not be considered as it was not an issue.

City Attorney Fellows noted that if they did change the lease to seven years, that would affect other items. He added that the notice list was from the most recent list by the assessor and that people could be added to the list.

Ed Beverly, 5626 Edgemere, stated that his household devices were being compromised by the station's increased output, acknowledged that the station had a good community purpose and suggested relocating the tower to Madrona Marsh.

James Ryu, 19522 Donora Avenue, acknowledged resident concerns, but recommended that Council renew the lease as Chagal had tried to mitigate problems. He stated that Hye Kyong Yoon, In Cheol Kang, Sang Ho Choi, Chang Sik Park, Young Ae Rhee and Kyung Min Kang who were present, also supported the renewal.

William Tomcsanyi, 4344 Spencer Street, acknowledged that KFOX provided a good service and was a good corporate citizen and recommended renewing the lease. He asked the City Council to resolve the matter quickly as there were business repercussions to delaying the decision noting that he has an Internet startup company which is relying on capital from the sale of the station.

Donald Heflinger 5618 Ruby Street, called attention to page 10 of supplement 1, and questioned whether the lease, which was in the Hillside Overlay District, was being legally adhered to during the period of April 17, 1998 through March 23, 1999 when KFOX was broadcasting with the new antenna before the permit was issued. He added that the Planning Commission was responsible for holding a hearing but did not and he expressed reservations about how well lease issues would be enforced in the future.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Planning Director Gibson explained that staff had determined that the improvement to the tower did not trigger the Hillside Overlay Process and issues such as privacy and the blockage of view and light were not involved. Mayor Hardison received clarification that it was the Planning Staff, not the Commission which made that determination.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Building and Safety Manager Isomoto clarified that the department had been notified of the situation from community complaints and that by the time they were able to investigate, the tower had been installed. The applicant was notified in May 1998 and though the process was begun at that time, the application took ten months to complete. There were many issues involved including the Fire Department, propane, etc., and the permit was not issued until March 1999, with the actual approval being in May 1999.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison about whether the permit was needed to satisfy FCC regulations, City Attorney Fellows clarified that the station had received FCC approval before they built the tower and the permit they were referring to was a local permit which was issued to make sure the tower met structural guidelines.

Councilmember Walker responded to Mr. Beverly's earlier suggestion regarding installing the tower in Madrona Marsh, noting that commercial usage was not allowed and the land would revert to the previous owner if such use occurred.

Dr. Lee Heflinger, 5001 Paseo de Pablo, asserted that to grant the extension of the lease would be to condemn the residents to KFOX forever as the extension would give KFOX time to think of new legal maneuvers. He asserted that Mr. Henry's logs were deceptive and noted that though the log made it seem that Mr. Heflinger had no problems, in fact he had been fixing his own complaints as he is a physicist. He commented that most of the residents were resigned to the constant interference.

Maureen Dearda, 5110 Calle de Arboles, noted that she had not seen a requirement to vacate in the contract and asked for that language to be included if an agreement could be arrived at.

City Attorney Fellows explained that in the seven-year lease attachment, paragraph 19 on page 29 stated "at the expiration of the term LESSEE will surrender the premises with the broadcasting tower removed." City Attorney Fellows noted that it was difficult for the present Council to bind future Councils and the agreement was as far as they had the legal power to go, but he felt that the record would be quite clear.

Lee Eloe, 5010 Calle de Arboles, corrected statements on Mr. Henry's log noting that they have constant buzzing on their phone and the eucalyptus tree was a dirty tree which put debris in his yard all the time.

Michael Olecki, representing Chagal Communications, noted that Mr. Siegel had previously stated that the permit issue was a mistake with no intention to deceive and they corrected it as soon as possible. He emphasized that a flat seven-year lease was imperative for the new owners and suggested that instead of the five plus two lease, the Council consider a seven minus two lease. He explained that it was psychological, but that a seven-year lease that becomes five years unless they have made arrangements to move would satisfy their prospective buyers.

He referred to Councilmember Cribbs' suggestion that the lease contain a rapid escalation of rent in the two-year extension period and asked that the rent remain constant in the final two years, noting that \$1,000 per month was the going rate for similar stations.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, City Attorney Fellows stated that seven minus two was the same thing as a five plus two lease, noting that they could write the lease either way if it helped the political palatability for the buyer. In either case the tenant should be out in five years and the additional two years is allowed to comply with the FCC.

Councilmember Walker commented that City Attorney Fellows had stated that the City could renew the lease for five years or spend five years fighting a lawsuit and that he had no problem with the City Attorney drafting the documents to show a seven minus two lease. He observed that the City had gone from a position of truly not knowing the concerns of the community to the present and has come around from a 30-year agreement to seven years and out.

Councilmember Cribbs stated that she did not mind the seven years, but felt that the extra two years should carry a penalty and that is why she suggested the \$15,000 per month rent. She agreed with City Attorney Fellows that attachment B should be the basis of the agreement as it had a more complete notice and definitely encouraged the covenant not to sue and binding the Lessee's successor. She asserted that it was disingenuous of Chagal to build the tower as it is easier to ask forgiveness than to ask for permission. Councilmember Cribbs noted that she did not have a problem with the \$25,000 fund.

Councilmember Witkowsky felt comfortable in supporting the lease in attachment B as it shows a way out for residents and she believed that KFOX would hold annual meetings. She added that the safety features that the City Attorney put in the lease were the best they could do for the citizens without creating a burden by taking money away from other projects to fight a lawsuit.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the approval of the lease in attachment B adding new language with not to sue clauses allowing the City Attorney to make scrivener's changes necessary to reflect language for a seven minus two lease. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion. Mayor Hardison clarified that the \$25,000 fund would be included and Councilmember Nowatka was against the rent increase to \$15,000 per month in the last two years. Motion failed.

Mayor Hardison observed that residents through the years have had problems with KFOX and though Chagal was responsive, she felt strongly that it was time for the station to find a new home. She stated that the City was committed to help the new owner relocate and that it was to their benefit to relocate as soon as possible. She would have preferred to vote for a shorter time frame but wanted to avoid litigation as the City could conceivably not prevail. She supported the seven minus two lease concept and stated her preference that the rent increase for the two year extension.

Councilmember Walker noted that he agreed with the suggestion by Councilmember Cribbs for the monetary incentive in the last two years.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to incorporate all the provisions of Councilmember Nowatka's motion, and add the \$15,000 per month provision for the final two years of the contract. Councilmember Walker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Councilmembers Cribbs, Walker, Witkowsky and Mayor Hardison: Yes, Councilmember Nowatka: No. Councilmembers Messerlian and Scotto: Abstain.

City Attorney Fellows agreed to incorporate the changes and provide it back to Council as an informational item which would also be available to the public.

Mayor Hardison called a recess from 9:22 p.m. to 9:37 p.m.

12. HEARINGS

12a. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-81 VACATION OF STREET MADRONA AVE

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve and adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of the east side of Madrona Avenue between Carson and Antonio Streets, reserving an access easement over the area quitclaimed to the City and reserving a blanket easement within the vacated areas for public utility purposes.

At 9:37 p.m. Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing.

Engineering Director Burt explained that they had come back several times to clean up right of way issues for the improvement of Madrona Avenue. In response to an

inquiry from Councilmember Scotto, Engineering Director Burt explained that right of way issues were not done all at once as they were very time consuming.

MOTION: At 9:38 p.m. Councilmember Walker moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING A VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE EAST SIDE OF MADRONA AVENUE BETWEEN CARSON AND ANTONIO STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-81. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12b. ZONE CHANGE, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR 3825 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY: RICHARD GOULD EAS99-00001; ZON99-00001, GPA99-00001, TTM52845, CUP99-00006

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Negative Declaration (EAS99-00001);
- 2) Adopt an ordinance approving a Zone Change (ZON99-00001) from HBCSP (Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, Walteria Sub-District) to R-3 (Multiple Family Residential);
- 3) Adopt a resolution approving a General Plan Amendment (GPA99-00001) from General Commercial Land Use to Medium-High Density Residential Land Use for the northerly portion of the subject property, a Tentative Tract (TTM52845) to subdivide the 1.13 acre site into two parcels, and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP99-00006) for six condominium units on the northerly parcel at 3825 Pacific Coast Highway; and
- 4) Approve an Ordinance Summary for publication.
ORDINANCE and RESOLUTIONS, ZON99-00001, GPA99-00001, CUP99-00006, TM52845 (EAS99-00001): RICHARD GOULD

At 9:40 p.m. Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing and noted that there was supplemental material available.

Kurt Nelson, representing Richard Gould, accepted all the conditions, but noted that they had no control over the Southern lot which would stay with Mr. Weeks and therefore could not accept conditions regarding that lot.

Planning Manager Isomoto stated that Mr. Nelson was correct and noted that they had specifically deleted the conditions which were not before the Council tonight.

In response to an inquiry by Councilmember Cribbs, Mr. Nelson could not explain the discrepancy between the address on the item and the address on the information provided.

Mr. Nelson agreed to a condition suggested by Mayor Hardison limiting posting of signs.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Messerlian regarding the existing driveway on Pacific Coast Highway, Planning Manager Isomoto noted that the current owner had stated that he might put the item on the market and she wanted to wait until their property was on the market to incorporate the changes.

Engineering Director Burt explained that when people want to subdivide property they use the opportunity to upgrade driveways on principal arterials like Pacific Coast Highway and the City inserts those conditions which are appropriate for the development.

Mr. Nelson noted that their project on the northern lot would take access from the elbow of Los Cadones and 240th Street and Engineering Director Burt agreed that if the improvement of the commercial driveway was a condition for recording the map, they be allowed to bond for that.

Councilmember Nowatka suggested that complying with the sign ordinance should be a condition of developments and a copy of the ordinance be provided. Mayor Hardison agreed and noted that she had mentioned that same concern under Orals previously.

Mayor Hardison expressed concerns about higher density and asked staff for a stronger statement as to why they recommend ratios higher than the .60 and how the project would compare in height to buildings near by.

Planning Director Gibson noted that this project was different than most and that the units looked tall, but would be lowered in relationship to the street elevation so they would likely be shorter or comparable to nearby buildings. He noted that they, too, were concerned with building boxes and avoiding a bland look and depend on the Planning Commission to ensure that does not happen.

MOTION: At 9:58 p.m. Councilmember Walker moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to adopt a Negative Declaration (EAS99-00001). Councilmember Walker seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-3482

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3825 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY FROM HBCSP (HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN) TO R-3 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT). ZON99-00001

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-3482. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA99-00001) AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 34 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-3 ZONE AT 3825 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY. GPA99-00001, (EAS99-00001): RICHARD GOULD

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-82. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX UNIT CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-3 ZONE (SUBJECT TO FINAL READING OF PENDING ORDINANCE) AT 3825 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (CUP99-00006): RICHARD GOULD

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-83 with the provision that any signs advertising the sale of units shall not be affixed to or placed on any traffic control units or City trees. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A TENTATIVE TRACT MAP TO ALLOW ONE LOT TO BE SUBDIVIDED INTO TWO LOTS, THE NORTHERLY MOST LOT TO BE USED FOR RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3825 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TTM52845-RICHARD GOULD

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-84. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmember Nowatka asked that the City code be referenced in terms of signage as it is quite specific and Planning Manager Isomoto agreed to append the City code in the future.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to approve the ordinance summary for publication. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

13. APPEALS

13a. APPEAL RE THE WEST END RACQUET CLUB DANCE PERMIT REQUEST

Recommendation of the License Review Board that City Council deny the West End Racquet Club appeal and concur with the decision of the Board to deny West End's request for a Dance Permit and modification of their existing Entertainment Permit to include a disc jockey and amplified sound.

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing at 10:03 p.m..

Diana Katnic, 4343 Spencer Street, representing the West End Racquet Club noted that the club had been a part of the community for over 25 years and that in order to change with the times they had expanded their services to rent out banquet rooms.

She noted that the Club was located in an area of mixed usage and they did not want to provide a party venue, but would like to use the venue for specific family oriented occasions. They feel they can provide a service to the community and the City of Torrance and would limit capacity, enforce strict guidelines for DJs, add extra parking security and escort rowdy guests to cars.

Ms. Katnic reported that the Spencer Townhomes were built in 1990 and the Pacific Verde Townhomes began construction in 1997 with the final phase in late 1998. The West End first became aware that there were noise issues in 1997 and attended an organized neighborhood meeting and addressed every issue.

The West End sustained significant financial losses in attempts to address concerns. They contracted private acoustic consultants and made substantial structural changes in an effort to sound proof the facility, purchased a sound decibel meter to

monitor noise levels, events were canceled which were scheduled to end after 11:30 p.m., security was hired for the parking lot and they provided a pager number for resident complaints

In 1998, the West End applied for an expansion of their existing entertainment permit for guitar and electric piano from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to include a DJ and dancing and though they were denied, they were able to obtain permits for five, one-day events and held nine additional events in 1999 which did not require a DJ. Letters were sent to residents asking if they had been disturbed or had any input and they received no response.

Ms. Katnic noted that they are well aware their neighbors feel they are unresponsive, but feels that focusing on past events discounts the efforts they have made. The Club has made a good faith effort to respect the right of the neighbors to live in a peaceful and safe environment.

The West End Racquet Club asked the Council to grant a one-year conditional use permit from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays. Ms. Katnic suggested the City monitor the situation noting that they would provide advance notice of all events and be open to inspection.

Assistant City Manager Giordano reported that Ms. Katnic had presented the same information and that neighbors objected to changes in the permit stating that entertainment was inappropriate for a sports club. Additionally, a representative from the Homeowners Association noted that they had used amplified music which was not allowed with their permit and the Board voted 3-0 to deny the request.

Ms. Katnic acknowledged the mistake of using of amplified music explaining that at an employee Christmas party, personal CDs were put into the sound equipment. The CDs were played from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and she noted they were not aware that if the sound equipment was used for a non-business event they were in violation.

Jason Jem, 4489 Spencer Street, representing the Board of Directors of the Pacific Verdes Homeowners Association, reported that his neighbor Mrs. Cha asked him to read a letter for her in which she thanked the licensing Board and City Council for their prudent decision to deny the permit and reported that she has had peaceful nights since then.

Speaking for himself, Mr. Jem provided a brief history of the relationship with the Club and their meetings, asserting that the West End had been trying to chip away at the original licensing and business purpose. He cited comments by Planning Commissioner Shelbourne in 1981 indicating that the West End had deviated so much from the original use that anything other than an athletic club should probably be denied and if it were allowed to expand, matters would only get worse.

Mr. Jem stated that in the last two years they had met with the licensing board, there had been three meetings with community affairs officers, two arbitration hearings and the West End had failed to live up to the stipulations of each of the meetings. He commented that 20 years ago Planning Commissioner Shelbourne predicted this would be a problem and noted that the staff was good at running a sports club but not an entertainment facility. He asked that the City Council not expand the business license

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Mr. Jem responded that the compromise to allow the low-key events was good, but noted that when residents call to complain, officers don't know about the stipulations against the West End not to have amplified music.

Councilmember Nowatka clarified that Mr. Jem was speaking officially for the members of the Homeowners Association.

Diana Tomcsanyi, 4344 Spencer Street, respectfully requested that the City not approve any kind of modification to the West End Racquet Club business permit and expressed concerns about a health and tennis club becoming a nightclub in a residential area.

Curt Kamada, 4258 Spencer Street, reported that he had attended all license review board meetings since 1998 and was impressed with the package that the City put out which he felt covered most of his concerns. He pointed out that the 14 events the club held in 1999 were not a good representation as they did not have amplified music.

Mr. Kamada observed that the City Council had discussed The West End Racquet Club application for a dance permit on four occasions in 1981 as they had quite a bit of concern about the modification and noted that there were noise complaints in 1981 and Pacific Verdes and Spencer Estates were not there at that time.

Councilmember Messerlian received clarification from staff on the chronology of events: in 1975 the original permit was approved, in 1981 the permit was modified to allow the dance floor and sale of alcoholic beverages and Planning Manager Isomoto noted that in June 1998 they first came to the License Review Board for the modification of the amplified entertainment permit.

Bill Tomcsanyi, 4344 Spencer Street, representing the Board of Directors of the Spencer Estates Homeowners Association, is a member of the club but sees no value in extending the permit. He implored the Council not to modify exiting permits noting that the West End had been unsuccessful in their attempts to control the crowds.

Karen Beverly, 5626 Edgemere Drive, reported that she had attended events at the Club and found them to be considerate of the neighbors and hoped that the Club would be allowed to provide the service.

Mayor Hardison noted that there was a supplemental and that she had received some form letters asking for the expansion of the permit.

Assistant City Manager Giordano clarified that the club had a permit for piano and guitar, but had never had a permit for amplified sound.

Diana Katnic, representing the West End Racquet Club, referred to comments made by Mr. Jem that the Club was not within the ordinance in terms of decibel levels and stated that they had hired professional acoustic consultants who measured an actual event on February 13, 2000 and they were well within the levels.

She noted that five out of the 14 events in 1999 had amplified sound as allowed in the one-day permits and that they had been successful at controlling patrons in the parking lot for each of those events. She acknowledged that until December 1998 they thought the only issue was the music and had focused their efforts there. At the neighborhood meeting they became aware of the parking lot issues which they subsequently focused upon. She reiterated that they did not want to be a nightclub, but would like to provide family oriented celebrations like wedding receptions.

Ms. Katnic responded to comments that sports clubs should not have banquet rooms noting that all of the major tennis clubs, golf clubs and country clubs have banquet facilities which helps generate business for the club. The functions they would like to hold are not nightclub events as they would only last until 10 p.m.

Councilmember Witkowsky noted that though the West End Racquet Club had hosted events for non-profit organizations, she was voting for a denial based on what she had heard as she knows what it is like to live next to continued noise all the time. She felt that being unaware of the problems was not an excuse and she wanted to protect the peace and quiet of the residents.

Councilmember Walker commented that he had made the motion to deny the increase in the permits last time and looks to all that has taken place since that time as being quite positive. He acknowledged neighbors' concerns, but noted that the Club had made the necessary modifications, and the drastically reduced hours were not conducive to anything but the most staid of occupancy. He stated that he was comfortable in granting the appeal as they had passed the first test.

Councilmember Walker suggested granting the license with the hours requested through the end of the year and felt that with their monitoring and the neighbors watching closely and the facility understanding what was required, they could have a very problem-free situation.

Responding to a comment from one of the speakers who indicated that there was no value in having the facility performing those functions, Councilmember Walker observed that there was value in having another facility in the community for weddings as they are not the easiest thing in the world to find. He added that part of the value was being able to stay in business for so many years and sometimes it was the banquet facility that supported the continuation of the tennis aspects. He did not feel that it would harm the neighbors.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Messerlian, Councilmember Walker stated that after the six-month period, the matter would again come before the City Council. Councilmember Messerlian expressed concerns that the Club would abide by the rules for six months, get the expanded permit and then not comply.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Assistant City Manager Giordano responded that the License Review Board had not considered a trial period and the possibility of limiting the hours. She acknowledged that West End had gone a long way to meeting resident concerns, but cited the employee party when the DJ sound system was used to play CDs which was not an approved use and expressed concerns that the employees would not enforce the rigorous conditions.

MOTION: At 10:53 p.m. Councilmember Cribbs moved to close the hearing. Councilmember Messerlian seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved to approve the appeal by the West End Racquet Club limiting the permit to a six-month trial period (through the end of the year) with restricted hours of Friday and Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. with written notice to the City of planned events. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Councilmembers Cribbs, Nowatka, Scotto, Walker and Mayor Hardison: Yes. Councilmembers Messerlian and Witkowsky: No.

Mayor Hardison cited the willingness of the West End to give the City a list of amplified and non-amplified events and noted that they had required that of the Torrance Women's Club so that other individuals could go and make judgments for themselves. She noted that the City Council would reconsider the matter in six months but at that time if there were more complaints and the Club had not been in compliance, she would not be willing to give additional opportunities

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 11:01 p.m. to 11:02 p.m.

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15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. Councilmember Cribbs commented that the Library Summer Reading Program looked exciting and expressed hope that youngsters would take part.

15b. Councilmember Messerlian noted that the Mobil siren/alert calling system reached Gardena residents and Fire Chief Bongard asked for additional information to provide a follow-up.

15c. Councilmember Messerlian announced that tickets were available for the Torrance Symphony fundraising event on Friday, June 30 at the Armstrong Theater.

15d. Councilmember Scotto thanked the Torrance Fire Department Station #1 for the dinner.

15e. In response to concerns raised by Councilmember Scotto about the fact that no one was available to answer phones during the Mobil siren/alert, Street Services Director Bell noted that they had been in meetings over the past week about things they needed to correct.

15f. Councilmember Witkowsky suggested a program to address needs of seniors who have come forward asking for additional transportation. She asked staff to explore the cost of providing a small shuttle bus which would make a continual loop around the City from the various commercial, residential senior centers and medical centers to commercial areas. Mayor Hardison noted that the plan dovetailed into Councilmember Scotto's suggestion about taxicab vouchers and suggested they get all the information

together before deciding. City Manager Jackson agreed to bring it back as an informational item.

15g. Councilmember Witkowsky reminded the viewing audience that on June 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. there would be a pet vaccination and licensing clinic at McMaster Park.

15h. Mayor Hardison commented that she had also enjoyed the dinner at the Fire Station #1 and noted that they had won their dinner as part of the Torrance Education Foundation Auction in April.

At 11:13 p.m. the City Council recessed to closed session to continue deliberation on matters listed on the Executive Session.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:26 a.m., Wednesday, June 21, 2000, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 27, 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.