

June 27, 2000

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Messerlian, Nowatka, Scotto, Walker Witkowsky and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

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Agenda Item Agenda Item 16 was considered out of order at this time.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:32 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9 (a), and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:14 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pat Unangst, Employment and Training Manager.

Lura Wallace, First Church of Christian Scientists, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Witkowsky introduced her granddaughters, Stacey and Denise Bernstein.

Mayor Hardison invited the public to the 20th Annual 4th of July Celebration at Wilson Park.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2000-71 RE POLICE SERGEANT ROBERT LAWRENCE KAMMERER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE SERGEANT ROBERT LAWRENCE KAMMERER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-71. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6b. **RESOLUTION NO. 2000-72 RE POLICE SERGEANT RALPH EDWARDS BLOUNT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE SERGEANT RALPH EDWARDS BLOUNT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-72. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6c. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-73 RE POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH PAUL MARTIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-73

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE
OFFICER JOSEPH PAUL MARTIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-73. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

**6d. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-74 RE POLICE LIEUTENANT MICHAEL ALLEN
HERTICA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-74

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE
LIEUTENANT MICHAEL ALLEN HERTICA UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-ONE YEARS
OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-74. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6e. PROCLAMATION RE “PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the month of July 2000 as “Parks and Recreation Month” in the City of Torrance to John McGee, Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman.

6f. PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Recommendation

The Policy Board recommends that City Council appoint and officially swear in Patricia Doherty to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (C/L/T PIC).

Councilmember Cribbs thanked Ms. Doherty for taking on the position of Chair for the coming year, noting that this is particularly challenging time because of new Workforce Investment Act legislation. Ms. Doherty commented on her past 10 years on C/L/T PIC and expressed her appreciation for the support the City provides.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to appoint Patricia Doherty to the Carson/Lomita/ Torrance Private Industry Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR MAY 2000

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for May 2000.

7b. CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING GRANT FOR MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and City Manager that City Council accept, appropriate and allocate a \$200,000 Grant from the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning for the replacement of Mobile Data Computers in police vehicles.

7c. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Recommendation

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

- 1) \$7,700 to the Police Dept., from the Orco Block Company;
- 2) \$2,000 to Parks & Recreation Dept. from Torrance Artists Guild; and
- 3) To Library from Hollywood Riviera Sportman's Club (\$560); Fraternal Order of Eagles (\$500); Ms. Diana Brennan (\$200); Ms. Lisa J. Hempy (\$50); Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Woldt (\$35).

7d. RENEWAL OF POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Directors of Street Services and Human Resources that City Council approve the renewal purchase of Non-Owned Disposal Site Pollution Liability Insurance from United Capitol Underwriters and Clarendon America, through Robert F. Driver Co., the City's insurance broker, at a premium of \$49,608. The policy period will be July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2001.

7e. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR KIOSK MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council authorize the execution of Amendment Two to the Agreement for kiosk maintenance services (C98-272) by adding \$24,965 and extending the agreement to December 31, 2000.

7f. PAYMENT FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTION SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve a payment of invoices to the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder a total of \$111,487.96 for Elections Services at the November 1999 Special Election (Resolution 99-79) in the amount of \$67,829.36 and March 2000 Municipal Election (Resolution 99-115) in the amount of \$5,494.84 (candidates statements) and \$38,163.76 (election services).

7g. PURCHASE ORDER RE EXHAUST SYSTEMS FOR FIRE STATIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$118,558.25 be issued to Air Cleaning Systems, Montclair, CA to furnish and install PlymoVent SourceCapture Exhaust Systems in all six fire stations as a Cooperative purchase with the City of Los Angeles.

7h. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT RE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve a contract extension (C97-267) with David (Cal) Jackson to provide consulting services for a city wide Record Retention Schedule to December 2000 adding a not to exceed amount of \$6,000 for completion of a Records Retention User manual.

7i. JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT FUNDING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council accept and appropriate an additional \$23,029 in JTPA funding from the City of Los Angeles to the 1999-2000 Employment and Training budget, and authorize the execution of Amendment One that adds funds to 1999-2000 Agreement with the City of Los Angeles (C99-241) and extends the agreement term from July 1, 2000 to August 15, 2000.

7j. EXTENSION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING AGREEMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council extend Agreements for employment and training services to June 30, 2001 with Brem Industries dba California Career Schools, Computer Education Institute, Educorp/Nova Institute, iNetVersity, New Horizons, and the Right Way Computer Training.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7j. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Commenting on Item 7f, Councilmember Walker stated that he was pleased to see that the costs for the March 2000 election were substantially lower than those

originally projected. Mayor Hardison noted that the City received a 46 percent discount on March election costs, a discount that probably will not be available for future elections.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

8a. PURCHASE ORDER RE GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL REQUIREMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director, the Transit Director and the Fire Chief that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order in an anticipated amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 annually, to Southern Counties Oil Company of Orange, California (dba Total Energy Products), to furnish the City's anticipated gasoline and diesel fuel requirements for a five (5) year period (7/1/00-6/30/05).

General Services Director Tilden reported that after the posting of the agenda but prior to the release of materials, staff recommended that the purchase be limited to one-year rather than a five-year contract because alternative fuel sources were being explored which might affect the amount of fuel purchased.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to authorize the award of a purchase order for gasoline and diesel fuel requirements for a one-year period. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FY 2000-01

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council adopt a Resolution to establish the Statement of Investment Policy for FY 2000-01.

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material available at the meeting.

City Treasurer Barnett presented the staff report (per written material of record). She advised that she was recommending an increase in the maximum percentage allowed for investments in federal agency securities from 40 percent to 45 percent and noted that the Investment Advisory Committee had concurred with the recommendation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-01 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN GUIDELINES

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to adopt Resolution No. 2000-86. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11b. CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE FROM CHAGAL COMMUNICATIONS TO RODRIGUEZ COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize the Mayor to Execute and the City Clerk to Attest to an Assignment, Acceptance of Assignment, and Consent to Assignment of Lease by and between the City of Torrance and Chagal Communications, Inc., a California Corporation to Rodriguez Communications, LLC.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine presented the staff report (per written material of record). Noting that this assignment was part of a two-phase transfer of the lease, he explained that because Rodriguez Communications is a brand new corporation with limited resources, Chagal Communications, Inc. would continue to be responsible for all of the Lessee's duties and obligations, including non-monetary performance, until such time as the assignment to Spanish Broadcasting Systems is completed.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmembers Messerlian and Scotto abstaining.

Mr. Sunshine thanked City Attorney Fellows and Deputy City Attorney Whitham for their assistance in the preparation of the documents.

12. HEARINGS

12a. CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Hold the Public Hearing on the proposed levy of assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal Year 2000-2001; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 and ordering the improvements in connection with the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time and place for a hearing on this matter, and City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing had been properly advertised.

Transportation Engineer Sedadi presented the staff report (per written material of record).

In response to Councilmember Scotto's inquiry, a representative of David Tassig and Associates, project engineer, provided clarification of how the assessment rates were calculated for the Non-Residential and Undeveloped Land Use Classifications.

Mr. Newton Young, 22637 Hickory Avenue, requested a breakdown of Southern California Edison costs for the Lighting District.

Traffic Engineer Sedadi indicated that the requested breakdown of Edison costs was available from the monthly billing statements. City Manager Jackson noted that the City in effect rents poles from Edison inclusive of power usage and that the billing is based on a special rate structure used only for street lights.

Mr. Young questioned whether an annual public hearing is required to levy this assessment, relating his understanding that Proposition 218 does not mandate such a hearing. City Manager Jackson explained that in order to include the assessments on County tax bills, the City Council must hold a public hearing, evaluate the assessments, and transmit that information to the County.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to concur with the levy of assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal Year 2000-2001. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 AND ORDERING IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972, PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIII D OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to adopt Resolution No. 2000-87. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

14a. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3482

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, 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: RICHARD GOULD

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3482. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Redevelopment Agency met from 7:58 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.

15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Witkowsky commented on the recent Fire Department controlled burn.

Councilmember Witkowsky advised the public that driver's licenses for the permanently disabled are available from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Councilmember Messerlian announced that a fundraiser for the Torrance Symphony would be held on Friday, June 30, 2000, at 8:00 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:02 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to consider matters listed on the meeting agenda. The Council reconvened in open session at 9:14 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter heard in closed session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:14 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting to commence at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.