

August 1, 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 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2000, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Cribbs.

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 5:30 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(b)(3)(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 7:25 p.m.

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Mayor Hardison announced that the City had received verbal comments from the City of Hermosa Beach about the tax sharing agreement re South Bay BMW dealership that was approved by the City Council on July 11, 2000. As it was necessary for the City Council to take immediate action to determine whether the response period should be extended in order to give the city of Torrance an opportunity to discuss comments raised by the City of Hermosa Beach, the City Manager was requesting to add the item to the agenda for the City Council to provide advice in the public session on how to proceed.

With a two thirds vote being required to add items to a posted agenda, Councilmember Messerlian moved, seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky, to add the item 11B to the agenda according to Government Code 54954.2(b)(2); the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Cribbs).

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Buckley, City Librarian.

Rabbi Yisroel Hecht, Chabad of South Bay, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian 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 (absent Councilmember Cribbs).

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian 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 (absent Councilmember Cribbs).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

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Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Barbara Pfeiffer, an employee in the Employment and Training Division of the Private Industry Council.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hardison announced that a memorial service for former Mayor Katy Geissert would be held on Saturday, August 5, at 3:00 p.m. at Riviera United Methodist Church and noted that there would be a shuttle service between South High School and the church as parking was limited.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. INTRODUCTION OF VISITING STUDENTS

Dr. Marc Benard, Chairman of the Del Amo Rotary Club student exchange program, introduced Julien Bouleau and Jean Charles Letievant, two visiting students from France.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 27, 2000

7b. CONTRACT RE NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) REQUIREMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$33,500 in Drainage Improvement Funds for NPDES compliance.
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a contract with TECS Environmental Compliance Services for assistance in compliance with the National Pollution Discharge

Elimination System (NPDES) Permit requirements. The contract will not exceed a maximum of \$33,500. The effective date of the contract will be July 31, 2000 through July 31, 2001.

7c. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 6, 2000

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council accept and file the Financial Reports for period ending May 6, 2000 (Period 11).

7d. CONTRACTS WITH CONSULTING FIRMS TO PERFORM TRAFFIC ENGINEERING TASKS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council:

- 1) Concur with staff recommendation to extend the time for the existing contracts with the consulting firms of Albert Grover & Associates (C99-059); Meyer, Mohaddes Associates, Inc. (C99-060); and Transtech Engineers, Inc. (C99-061), to allow the completion of the design and management of 1999-2000 Capital Improvements Projects at no additional cost;
- 2) Concur with staff recommendation to re-hire the consulting firms of Albert Grover & Associates; Meyer, Mohaddes Associates, Inc., and Transtech Engineers, Inc., to supplement, assist and support staff in the Transportation Engineering Division of the Planning Department to complete the projects listed in the approved five-year Capital Improvement Program; and,
- 3) Execute contracts with the consulting firms of Albert Grover & Associates; Meyer, Mohaddes Associates, Inc.; and Transtech Engineers, Inc., to perform these services in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 each, for a total not to exceed \$240,000.

7e. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Recommendation

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

- 1) \$5,000 to the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library from Exxon/Mobil Foundation; and
- 2) Painting of a World War II P-38 fighter plane (Valued at \$2,000) to General Services (Torrance Municipal Airport) from Wicks Family.

7f. CONTRACT RE CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY SERVICE ELEVATOR

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize a contract to Oliver & Williams Elevator Company of Los Angeles for an amount of \$33,200 with a contingency of \$5,000 to furnish all labor, materials and equipment required for modernization of the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library service elevator.

7g. AUTHORIZATION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING AGREEMENTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council authorize the execution of employment and training agreements for \$350,000 for Larson Training Centers and \$150,000 each with Brem Industries d.b.a. California Career School, iNetVersity, and the Right Way Computer Training.

7h. 2000 BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and City Manager that City Council authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to file an electronic application for the 2000 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$130,995. Further, they recommend the authorization to accept the Block Grant if awarded and the appropriation and allocation of \$14,555 in Asset Forfeiture funds for the cash match.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7h. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Cribbs).

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. GREENWOOD PARK LEASE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a lease by and between the City of Torrance (City) and the the Torrance Unified School District (District) for a portion of certain real property located at 1520 Greenwood, "Greenwood Park".

Land Management Team Chairman Sunshine reported that Torrance Unified School District's lease for the Greenwood site had recently expired and staff was recommending a new two-year lease with an annual increase of 3 percent.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Cribbs).

11b. EXTENSION OF RESPONSE PERIOD FOR SALES TAX SHARING AGREEMENT

[Item 11b added per City Council action – August 1, 2000]

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Authorize an extension of the response period by the City of Hermosa Beach to the City of Torrance to August 31, 2000 regarding the Sales Tax Sharing Agreement sent to Hermosa Beach in accordance with Government Code Section 53084; and

- 2) Move the public hearing date originally set for September 12, 2000 to September 26, 2000 in accordance with Government Code Section 53084 for the purpose of approving the financial assistance package for the relocation of the South Bay BMW dealership.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine reported that the City of Hermosa Beach had requested additional information regarding the Sales Tax Sharing Agreement, which was formally submitted on July 12, 2000, and that staff was recommending extending the review period through the end of August to allow the dialogue between the two cities to continue and rescheduling the public hearing for September 26, 2000.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Cribbs).

12. HEARINGS

12a. HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT (UUD#14)

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing to modify existing Underground Utility District (UDD) No. 14 on Hawthorne Boulevard between Del Amo Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard;
- 2) Accept the Engineer's Report; and
- 3) Adopt a Resolution.

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

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry, Engineering Director Burt reported that no written protests had been filed with the Engineering Department.

Mayor Hardison noted that the Engineer's Report had been received and was part of the official record.

Offering an explanation of supplemental material, Engineering Director Burt advised that staff was recommending that City Electrical Permit Fees be waived for 28 properties in conjunction with the project and noted that the fees amount to approximately \$1,500.

Mayor Hardison invited anyone wishing to speak for or against the modification of Underground Utility District No. 14 to come forward. There being no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Cribbs).

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MODIFYING UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 14 ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND 300 FEET NORTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-98. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Cribbs).

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved to approve the waiver of City Electrical Permit Fees for Southern California Edison Co. (SCE) in conjunction with UUD#14. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Cribbs).

14. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

14a. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3485

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PUMPKIN AND CHRISTMAS TREE SALES LOTS AND TEMPORARY PARKING LOT EVENTS

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3485. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Cribbs).

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The Redevelopment Agency met at 7:46 p.m. and continued in joint session with the City Council. The Agency recessed to closed session at 7:56 p.m. and adjourned at 9:35 p.m., with Member Scotto absent from 9:00 p.m. due to abstention on an item.

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15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Division Fire Chief Thompson reported that Mobil would be doing maintenance work on the flare system over the next three weeks and that burning of excess gases may be more visible, noting that it is not dangerous but necessary for the proper functioning of the unit.

Division Fire Chief Thompson also announced a Mobil community warning signal test on August 3 and 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cultural Services Administrator Myers announced several Parks and Recreation events: Wild Wednesdays; Artful Thursdays; Jesus Christ Superstar; Torrance Symphony Concert at Wilson Park on Sunday, August 6; Art by the Beach at Miramar Park on Sunday, August 6; and the Aquacade at the Plunge on August 18-19.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view the South African wild animal photographs of Torrance Artist Guild member Mary Jane Sesto as part of the City Clerk's continuing Art on View Program. It was noted that Ms. Sesto was the recipient of an Excellence in Arts award from the City of Torrance.

Councilmember Messerlian announced the Chamber of Commerce Annual Food and Wine Festival on Saturday, August 5, at Honda with a performance by the Torrance Symphony.

Councilmember Nowatka noted the participation of the Engineering staff in the City's production of Jesus Christ Superstar.

Councilmember Witkowsky announced the Second Annual Employee Talent Show on Saturday, August 19, to benefit the American Cancer Society.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:56 p.m., the City Council recessed to closed session to continue discussion of matters listed on the meeting agenda. The Council reconvened in open session at 9:35 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter heard in closed session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 15, 2000, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers (Tuesday, August 8, will be a Council dark night).

***Adjourned in memory of
Barbara Pfeiffer***