

September 12, 2000

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Messerlian.

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; 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 7:27 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #310, Bruce Maas, Scoutmaster.

The invocation was given by Paul Buono, South Bay Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former City Treasurer Thomas Rupert. City Treasurer Barnett commented that she had worked with Mr. Rupert and described him as an active and innovative gentleman who was very proud of the City of Torrance.

City Manager Jackson reported that item 7m. had been withdrawn and would be brought back on September 19, 2000.

Mayor Hardison announced that additional information on item 10a. was available at the back of Council Chambers.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Cribbs announced a joint meeting between the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee and the Torrance School District on Wednesday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Third Floor Assembly Room.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-103 RE INTERNATIONAL BUS ROADEO 2000

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING BUS OPERATOR HIMANSHU PATEL AS THE TORRANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2000 INTERNATIONAL BUS ROADEO.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-103. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

Mayor Hardison presented the resolution to Mr. Himanshu Patel and wished him luck at the competition.

6b. PROCLAMATION RE TRY TRANSIT WEEK

Mayor Hardison issued a proclamation declaring the week of September 10 – 16, 2000 as Try Transit Week in the City of Torrance to Transit Director Tom Whittle and Transit Administrator Kim Turner. Mr. Whittle thanked the Commission for the continuous support and noted that they had a public appreciation team and random buses would offer free rides. Mr. Whittle introduced Mr. Tony Stevenson who would be accompanying Mr. Patel to the Bus Roadeo.

6c. PROCLAMATION RE COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY

Mayor Hardison issued two proclamations declaring September 16, 2000 as Coastal Clean Up Day to Ms. Lori Miramonte for Heal the Bay and Mr. Wendell Johnson for the City of Torrance. Ms. Miramonte thanked the Mayor, Council and staff for their support and commented that the event helped raise public awareness that city trash ends up on the beach. She encouraged people who were unable to get to the beach to sweep up trash at the curb, and Mr. Johnson invited the public to come out to Torrance Beach or the Madrona Marsh at 9 a.m. on September 16, 2000.

6d. PROCLAMATION RE CONSTITUTION WEEK

Mayor Hardison issued a proclamation declaring the week of September 17 – 23, 2000 as Constitution Week to Ms. Mary Haag, Regent, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ms. Haag stated that it was a privilege to come before the Council and observed that the Constitution had been minimally amended over the years.

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications for vacancies on the Planning Commission and the Traffic Commission would be accepted in the City Clerk's Office until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20. She added that the City Council would make appointments at the September 26 City Council meeting and that applicants must be residents of Torrance and registered voters.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view photographs by Torrance Artist Guild member Ira Yawnick, as part of Art on View for September.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Nowatka asked that item 7e. be pulled for separate consideration.

Item 7m. was withdrawn.

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 25, 2000

7b. TORRANCE INTERNATIONAL TRADE & VISITORS CENTER 2000/2001

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a one-year agreement with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$85,507 for management of the Torrance International Trade & Visitors Center for 2000/2001.

7c. EL CAMINO TRAINING FUND

Recommendation

Recommendation of Fire Chief that City Council appropriate \$2,672.91 of the El Camino Training Fund to the Department for the purchase of books.

7d. PURCHASE ORDER RE ADVANCED ELECTRONICS OF GARDENA, CA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief and the Information Technology Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to Advanced Electronics of Gardena, CA in the amount of \$32,654.72 for the purchase and installation of Radio Repeater equipment for the Torrance Fire Department

7e. PURCHASE ORDER RE WONDRIES FLEET GROUP OF ALHAMBRA, CA

Item 7e. was considered separately.

7f. TORRANCE ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER LEASE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council authorize the execution of a six-month lease by and between the State of California and the City of Torrance for the Torrance One-Stop Career Center at 1220 Engracia, Torrance, for \$9,172.80.

7g. PRINCIPAL DECISION SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL (PDSI) RE TELESTAFF HIRING SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Fire Chief and the Information Technology Director that City Council award a contract to Principal Decision Systems International (PDSI) for a total of \$40,932 including tax for the purchase of the TELESTAFF Hiring System to automate hiring and staff scheduling processes at the Fire Department.

7h. CONTRACT RE REGINA KLENJOSKI – LEARNING CENTER FOR ARTS EXCELLENCE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council approve a contract with Regina Klenjoski in the amount of \$34,825 to provide dance classes and programs for the City in conjunction with the Cultural Services Division and the Learning Center for Arts Excellence.

7i. LIBRARY COMMISSION 1999/2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Librarian and Library Commission that City Council accept and file the Library Commission 1999/2000 Annual Report.

7j. CONTRACT RE WATER MAIN, LARGE METER AND VAULT REPLACEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Construction of Water Main Replacement on 182nd Street, on Crenshaw Boulevard, and on Artesia Boulevard; the Large Meter and Vault Replacements; and the Citywide Fire Hydrant Relocation;
- 2) Award the contract to Vasilj Construction Company of San Dimas, California, in the amount of \$1,846,265 for the construction of Water Main Replacement on 182nd Street, on Crenshaw Boulevard, and on Artesia Boulevard; the Large Meter and Vault Replacements; and the Citywide Fire Hydrant Relocation;
- 3) Waive a minor irregularity in the Contractor's Bid Proposal;
- 4) Authorize a \$40,000 Budget Transfer from fund for C.I.P. (S-1) to C.I.P. (I-15);
- 5) Authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$92,313; and
- 6) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said Agreement. (Bid #B2000-20)

7k. TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER MUSIC ROOM RENTAL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager and the General Services Director that City Council waive the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Music Room rental and labor fees in the amount of \$205 for the joint meeting between the City of Torrance and State of California Attorney General's Office.

7l. WHEELER METER MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Accept the proposal submitted by Wheeler Meter Maintenance for large meter testing and repair program for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 and award a contract to this firm in the amount of \$65,300;
- 2) Reject all other proposals; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest said contract. (Bid #B2000-10)

Item 7m. was withdrawn.

7m. SULLY MILLER CONTRACTING CO. PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Ocean Avenue Project (I-8) on file in the City Clerk's Office;
- 2) Award a Public Works Agreement to Sully-Miller Contracting Co. in the amount of \$1,105,444 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$55,272 for this project;

- 3) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to said Agreement; and
- 4) Appropriate an additional \$392,284 for this project from funds previously allocated to the completed CMP Replacement project (I-9). (Bid #B2000-22)

7n. AGREEMENT RE CBM CONSULTING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an Agreement with CBM Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$96,600 to provide Project Management Services for the Engineering Department for the 190th Street Improvement (Prairie Ave. to Van Ness Ave.), Residential Streets Rehabilitation Program, Sewer Master Plan, and the Sewer Rehabilitation, Phase 1; and
- 2) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to said Agreement.

7o. PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT RE CALIFORNIA PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE COMPANY, INC.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services, Engineering, Planning, and General Services Directors that City Council:

- 1) Accept the bid and award a standard Public Works Agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to California Pavement Maintenance Company, Inc., for the 1999-2000 Residential Slurry Seal Project, schedules A, B C, and D in the amount of \$384,040.14;
- 2) Authorize a 5% contingency for this agreement in the amount of \$19,200; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest said Agreement. (Bid #B2000-19)

7p. CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT RE WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. OF ANAHEIM, CA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council authorize a Contract Services Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. of Anaheim, CA in the amount not to exceed \$420,000 to furnish all labor, materials and equipment required for tree and/or stump removal, tree planting and tree trimming on an "as needed basis" in various locations throughout the City of Torrance for a period of three (3) years. (Bid #B2000-21)

7q. PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED RECYCLING TRUCKS FROM SOUTHCOAST PETERBILT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director and the General Services Director that City Council approve:

- 1) The purchase of nine (9) new automated recycling trucks from Southcoast Peterbilt at a total cost of \$1,690,500:

- a. Four (4) trucks will be purchased by the Fleet Services Division of the General Services Department as part of their regular vehicle replacement program;
 - b. Five (5) trucks will be purchased by the Street Services Department as part of the implementation of the Citywide Residential Curbside Automated Recycling Program; and
- 2) An appropriation of \$537,000 from the Sanitation Enterprise Funds, for the additional funds needed to complete the Street Services Department purchase.

7r. PURCHASE ORDER RE FIELDWORKS, INC., EDEN PRAIRIE, MN

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Information Technology Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued, for an amount not to exceed \$201,035.40, to Fieldworks, Inc., Eden Prairie, MN, for the sole-source purchase of mobile data computers and spare parts, to be installed in the Police Department's marked patrol vehicles.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar items 7a through 7d, 7f through 7 l, and 7n through 7r as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

Item 7e. was considered separately at this time.

7e. PURCHASE ORDER RE WONDRIES FLEET GROUP OF ALHAMBRA, CA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Chief of Police that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued in the amount of \$116,790.93 to Wondries Fleet Group of Alhambra, CA, for the purchase of five (5) Ford Police Department Certified Interceptors. This purchase price does not include any future equipment or installation costs necessary to complete the police vehicle packages. (Bid #B2000-18)

Councilmember Nowatka observed that the staff recommendation was to select the lowest bidder, but pointed out that the second lowest bidder was located in the City of Torrance. He asked that staff look into the matter further and City Attorney Fellows noted that they would need to continue the matter to September 26, 2000 in order to have enough time to investigate. City Manager Jackson explained that they had used the 1% criteria and asked if they should consider other factors.

Mayor Hardison stated that they had been consistent with the sales tax and noted that if they were going to look at other factors, the overall policy should be changed.

Councilmember Cribbs concurred with Mayor Hardison and noted that a lot of work went into making the requests for proposal and it was not fair to change the criteria after bids had been submitted.

City Manager Jackson clarified that the bids would remain the same, but offsets would be reexamined which might result in a different bottom line.

Councilmember Cribbs acknowledged that anyone internal received that benefit, but felt that everyone ought to know what the criteria was and felt that it was unfair to change the rules in the middle of things. She stated that she did not have a problem deferring the item for two weeks, but felt that all the bidders should be aware of the criteria up front.

City Attorney Fellows stated that staff would look at policy questions and discuss the matter with Finance and the City Manager, and commented that legally they might not be able to make changes at this point.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved to defer the item to September 26, 2000. Councilmember Walker seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

10a. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-104 RE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY AND INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council adopt a resolution releasing the City's allocation of the FY1999-2000 Juvenile Accountability and Incentive Block Grant Funds to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.

Chief Herren reported that the item was similar to grants received in previous years and that releasing funds would send them to the Inglewood Juvenile Court which serves Torrance. He believed it was the best use of funds as they were not able to apply the funds to the juvenile diversion program in Torrance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELEASING ALLOCATION OF JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY AND INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-104. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE AND CONSENT RE CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 25210 CRENSHAW BLVD.

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to an Estoppel Certificate and Consent to Assign the Lease for City-owned property located at 25210 Crenshaw Boulevard from Daniel Selleck (Selleck) to Rolling Hills Plaza, LLC (RHP).

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

11b. LEASES RE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the following leases by and between the City of Torrance and the Federal Aviation Administration:

- Lease Number: DTFA08-L-18813; VASI Runway 29L
- Lease Number: DTFA08-98-L-18815; REIL Runway 29L
- Lease Number: DTFA08-98-L-18645; Middle Marker (MM) Runway 29R
- Lease Number: DTFA08-98-L-18808; Glide Slope (GS), RWY 29R
- Lease Number: DTFA08-98-L-18814; Centerfield Weather Equipment (CWE)

For a term commencing October 1, 1998, and ending September 30, 2000, which may be renewed from year to year, with a final extension date no later than September 30, 2018.

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

11c. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-105 RE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS OF THE 2000-2001 FISCAL YEAR OF THE 1999-2001 OPERATING BUDGET

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a resolution amending the appropriations for 2000-2001 Fiscal Year of the 1999-2001 Operating Budget.

City Manager Jackson noted that the supplemental had amended the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-105

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 (AS AMENDED.)

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-105 as amended. Councilmember Walker seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

11d. **RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEE GROUPS**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt the following resolutions and memorandums of understanding (MOUS) for the following employees groups:

- 1) Certain Management Employees, effective 8/27/2000;

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 99-73 AND ADOPTING A NEW PROCEDURE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-108. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

- 2) Certain Full Time Salaried & Hourly Employees, effective 8/27/2000;

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE CERTAIN FULL TIME SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD STARTING AUGUST 27, 2000.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-109. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

- 3) Hourly Unrepresented Employees, effective 8/27/2000;

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE HOURLY UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD STARTING AUGUST 27, 2000.

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-110. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

- 4) Torrance Police Officers' Association (TPOA) 3-year contract; effective 8/13/2000;

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (TPOA).

MOTION: Councilmember Nowatka moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-111. Councilmember Walker seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

- 5) Crossing Guard Employees, 2-year contract, effective 9/10/2000;

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-112. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

- 6) Torrance Professional Parks and Recreation Employees' Organization (TPPREO), 2-year contract, effective 9/10/2000; and

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARK AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION (TPPREO) FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2000 TO JUNE 30, 2002.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-113. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

- 7) Torrance Recurrent Recreation Employees' Organization (TRREO), 2-year contract, effective 9/10/2000.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to concur in principle with the memorandum of intent for the Torrance Recurrent Recreation Employees Organization (TRREO). Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

12. HEARINGS

12a. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-106 RE VACATION OF STREET EASEMENT, EAST SIDE OF CRENSHAW, NORTH OF SEPULVEDA BLVD.

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve and adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of the street easement on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard north of Sepulveda Boulevard.

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Engineering Director Burtt noted that the item was a piece of excess right of way left over as a result of the improvement of the intersection of Crenshaw and Sepulveda and Mayor Hardison observed that the property was in escrow.

MOTION: At 8:13 p.m. Councilmember Walker moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a voice vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE STREET EASEMENT ON THE EAST SIDE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD NORTH OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-106. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval, absent Councilmember Messerlian.

12b. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-107 RE VACATION OF ALLEY EAST OF ANZA AVENUE FROM TORRANCE BLVD. SOUTH SERVICE ROAD TO SCOTT STREET

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve and adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of the alley east of Anza Avenue from the Torrance Boulevard south service road to Scott Street and reserving a blanket easement within the vacated areas for public utility purposes.

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing at 8:16 p.m.

Senior Division Engineer Perkins provided background on the item noting that the two residents immediately east of the alley had complained of ongoing problems in the alley including littering, loitering, drug use and vandalism. The proposed vacation of the alley would incorporate the area into their driveway, make it look like a private alley and close off circulation. The service road and approaches would be modified to look like a driveway rather than a public alley and the garages would remain unchanged. He

noted that they had received responses in concurrence with the recommendation from the adjacent property owners.

William Hassoldt, 21210 Anza Avenue, with Kinder Garden PreSchools, expressed concern that the closure would eliminate access to the rear of his property which is necessary for the care and maintenance of his facility. He asked how he would be affected if all easement rights were given away and how access would be restricted. Mr. Hassoldt expressed empathy for the residents experiencing problems and observed that he had installed security lights in the rear of his property and has never had a problem.

Senior Division Engineer Perkins stated that he had not been aware of Mr. Hassoldt's concerns and explained that there were measures that could be incorporated into the resolution to serve as an easement for an adjacent property owner to insure their rights. He recommended the item be continued until September 26, 2000.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to continue the hearing to September 26, 2000. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 8:20 p.m. to 8:24 p.m.

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15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. Councilmember Nowatka announced that the California Attorney General's Office would host a Regional Forum on Hate Crime at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Music Room on September 28, 2000 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

15b. Councilmember Witkowsky congratulated the Torrance Firefighters who participated in and won the Stein Holding Contest at the OktoberFest fund-raiser.

15c. Elizabeth Rosinsky, 5002 Melody Drive, commented on conditions at the Los Angeles County Carson shelter.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Covered previously in the meeting.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 19, 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.

***** Adjourned in memory of Former City Treasurer Thomas Rupert *****