

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2000, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall.

Note: The City Council met from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in a joint meeting with the Cultural Arts Commission.

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.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Mills, Transit Administrator.

The invocation was given by Pastor Lance Boloran, Vermont Avenue Baptist Church.

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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced that item 11c was withdrawn as more modifications were needed and he noted that staff was proposing to continue items 12a and 12b.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hardison announced a meeting of the City Council Ad Hoc Legislative Committee on Tuesday, October 3, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Third Floor Council Conference Room to consider the measures on the November 7 ballot.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. PROCLAMATION RE EL CAMINO COLLEGE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

The Mayor presented a proclamation commending and congratulating the El Camino College Radiologic Technology Program upon its 30th anniversary to Donald J. Visintainer, Program Director of the Medical X-Ray Division. Mr. Visintainer thanked the Mayor for her support and introduced students and faculty of El Camino College involved with the program.

Fire Chief Bongard announced that the City of Torrance had received an award from the Chemical Education Foundation for the Torrance Early Warning System.

Mayor Hardison noted that all participants took the program quite seriously and the community had become more educated as a result of the very successful community meetings and school presentations.

6b. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council review applications and appoint Commissioners to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission and the Traffic Commission.

Mayor Hardison noted that though they usually made appointments in January, there were two vacancies which currently needed to be filled. She explained the procedures and announced that Andy Peranelli had asked that his name be removed from the list of applicants for consideration.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved a unanimous ballot appointing Harvey Horwich to the Planning Commission with a term expiring on January 15, 2004. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved a unanimous ballot appointing Ron Ogden to the Traffic Commission with a term expiring on January 15, 2002. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Mayor Hardison stated that Ron Ogden had previously indicated he would not be present at the meeting. City Clerk Herbers administered the oath of office to Mr. Horwich.

Mayor Hardison congratulated Mr. Horwich and encouraged applicants to reapply noting that there would be many more openings in January. City Clerk Herbers

explained that applications would be kept on file and applicants would be notified in November for the January appointments.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 15, 2000

7b. AIRPORT COMMISSION 1999-2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Building and Safety Director and the Airport Commission that City Council accept and file the Airport Commission 1999-2000 Annual Report.

7c. COMMISSION ON AGING 1999-2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and the Commission on Aging that City Council accept and file the Commission on Aging 1999/2000 Annual Report.

7d. SURPLUS GROUNDWATER PUMPING RIGHTS LEASING 2000-2001

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council authorize the Engineering Department to issue bid documents and advertise for leasing 3,000 acre feet of groundwater pumping rights for the balance of fiscal 2000-2001.

7e. CONTRACT RE PEOPLESOFT, INC.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a contract with PeopleSoft, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 to upgrade the City's financial system to version 7.57 for data conversion and data restructuring; and
- 2) Approve a contract with PeopleSoft, Inc. in the amount of \$96,000 for the onsite assistance in converting the City's PeopleSoft financial System onto version 7.57.

7f. 2000-2001 WIA AGREEMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council authorize the execution of the 2000-2001 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) agreement in the amount of \$1,400,000 from the City of Los Angeles.

7g. **PURCHASE ORDER RE LINE MASTER ENGINEERING OF LONG BEACH, CA**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order to Line Master Engineering of Long Beach, California, in the amount of \$37,118.93 for the purchase of a Line Master Engineering stencil paint truck body.

7h. **CONTRACT RE TRANSIT CARE FOR ANTI-GRAFFITI PROGRAM**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a contract with Transit Care to install the 3-Minute Window Anti-Graffiti program on the Torrance Transit System. The cost of the contract is not to exceed \$172,645.20.

7i. **APPLICATION FOR FTA URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM FUNDS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to apply for and the Transit Department to submit an on-line application for an amount not to exceed \$2,043,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program funds to assist in purchasing buses, support equipment and remodeling transit operations.

7j. **PWA AND CONTINGENCY RE CENTRAL COAST SURFACE GRINDING**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Accept the bid and award a standard Public Works Agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to Central Coast Surface Grinding in the amount of \$181,594 for Phase II of the Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Project; and
- 2) Authorize a 10% contingency for this agreement in the amount of \$18,159.40; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute and attest said Agreement. (B2000-26)

7k. **EXXONMOBIL FOUNDATION YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Librarian that City Council appropriate a \$5,000 contribution from the ExxonMobil Foundation for Youth Services Programs throughout the year.

7l. PURCHASE ORDER RE SYS TECHNOLOGIES, INC OF CYPRESS, CA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued for an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$151,086 for the purchase of new and replacement personal computers through June 30, 2001 to SYS Technologies, Inc. of Cypress, California.

7m. 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, California 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. (B2000-18)

7n. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 2000

Recommendation

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

7o. PURCHASE ORDER RE BLUE DIAMOND MATERIALS OF ANAHEIM, CA

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued to Blue Diamond Materials of Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$603,589.01, for the purchase of asphalt plant mix on an as needed basis. The new purchase order will be for a 21-month term, beginning October 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2002, to coincide with the fiscal year. (B2000-27)

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar items 7a through 7o as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

8a. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-118 RE CHARTER MEMBERSHIP IN ARROYO SECO LIBRARY NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA

Recommendation of the City Librarian that City Council approve a resolution for membership in the Arroyo Seco Library Network of California and authorize the City Librarian to sign the membership application form.

Mayor Hardison received clarification that there was no fee to join and the City would benefit from the program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-118

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CHARTER MEMBERSHIP IN THE
ARROYO SECO LIBRARY NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA**

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-118. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**11a. REPORT OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2000 COUNCIL CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT
AND ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING WITH TORRANCE USD**

Recommendation that City Council, as a whole, receive and file the report of the September 13, 2000 Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee in a joint meeting with the Torrance Unified School District.

Councilmember Cribbs stated that it was an information item only and there were a number of items discussed including: Youth Services Task Force Action Plan; Site Modernization at Fern School and Hull Middle School; Street Widening adjacent to Walteria School; Eucalyptus Trees along Plaza Del Amo; Traffic, Drainage and Landscaping around Towers School. She noted that the joint committee was trying to meet quarterly and that other members included Councilmembers Walker and Scotto. She stated that Councilmember Nowatka served on the committee involved with the Conference on Hate Crimes meeting taking place on September 28, 2000 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center Music Room.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Engineering Director Burt explained the neighbors and the school district did not agree regarding parking. He reported that Torrance Transit had worked with them to relocate routes though there were still many issues which needed to be worked out with the school and its effects on a residential area. He clarified for Mayor Hardison that the school district had attended one community meeting and he expected that they would participate more this year.

Councilmember Scotto commented that he hoped they would address traffic, drainage and landscaping problems around Towers School and Engineering Director Burt reported that data would be collected during the coming week.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to accept and file the report of the September 13, 2000 Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee in a joint meeting with the Torrance Unified School District. Councilmember Walker seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11b. LEASE AMENDMENT RE DANIEL F. SELLECK – 25210 CRENSHAW BLVD.

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a second amendment to a lease by and between the City of Torrance and Daniel F. Selleck for City-owned property located at 25210 Crenshaw Boulevard.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved to approve the second amendment to the lease by and between the City of Torrance and Daniel F. Selleck. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

11c. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-119 RE CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES GROUP

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a supplemental resolution adding and modifying language changes regarding fiscal year 2000-2001 to the Certain Management Employees Group.

Item withdrawn.

11d. RESOLUTION NO. 2000-120 RE MOU WITH TMEO

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Memorandum of Understanding/Resolution with the Torrance Management Employees Organization (TMEO).

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION (TMEO).

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-120. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval

Mayor Hardison noted that the City had entered into MOUs with some of its miscellaneous employees agreeing to make available the 2% at 55 PERS retirement option. She noted that the process for securing the benefit with PERS involved several steps and City Manager Jackson agreed to bring back the necessary documentation to begin the process.

12. HEARINGS

12a. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING RE VACATION OF ALLEY EAST OF ANZA FROM TORRANCE BLVD. SOUTH SERVICE ROAD TO SCOTT STREET

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council continue the Public Hearing to November 14, 2000 on a resolution ordering the vacation of the alley east of Anza Avenue from the Torrance Boulevard south service road to Scott Street.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to continue the hearing regarding the vacation of the alley east of Anza from Torrance Blvd. south service road to Scott Street to November 14, 2000. Councilmember Walker seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

12b. INDEFINITE CONTINUANCE RE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DEL AMO BLVD., WEST OF REDBEAM AVE.

Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council take the following action on property located on the south side of Del Amo Boulevard west of Redbeam Avenue:

- 1) Approve an indefinite continuance pending redesign of a seven unit detached residential condominium development on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the CR zone.
ZON99-00007, CUP99-00032, TTM52429, (EAS99-00014): JCC/REDBEAM, LLC/RICHARD GOULD.

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Jerry Katzen, 20121 Redbeam Ave., asked whether an environmental impact study have been conducted and read the following letter into the record.

“On August 22nd I along with scores of other concerned neighbors attended a city council meeting to discuss the proposed condo project on the south side of Del Amo and Redbeam. The notice submitted in the mail stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider a request for approval of a zone change from CR [Restricted Commercial District] to R-TH [Residential Townhouse District]. However, the City Council meeting of August 22nd didn’t address this issue. During the August 22nd meeting the City Council discussed the number of units to be built, the topography, security gates, and other issues associated with the proposed condo project. The one thing the City Council didn’t address was the purpose of the meeting. That is, consideration of a request for approval of a zone change as stated above. It seems the City Council decided this issue prior to the meeting. Before we discuss aspects of a condo project we should discuss the request for a zone change.

The meeting notice sent out for tonight’s meeting doesn’t refer to a zone change or even discussion about the proposed condo project. It’s for an indefinite continuance to allow the developer more time to submit a redesign of a project that is overwhelmingly rejected by the people who live in the area. Why is the Torrance City Council ignoring the residents of the area who made telephone calls to you voicing disapproval of the condo project, wrote letters to you expressing disapproval of the condo project and attended Planning Commission and City Council

meetings vehemently saying no to the proposed condo project? Why is the City Council favoring the developer over the people who live in the area who have said no to the condo project?

The City Council should hold hearings and vote on the rezoning of the property as stated in the notice for the August 22 meeting. The City Council is talking about the condo project without first deciding if the land will be rezoned.

At the opening of the hearing on August 22 Mayor Hardison stated that the City Council would not respond to questions from the audience. The City Council kept its word. It didn't answer or address our questions or concerns. However, it did answer and address every question or comment made by the developer. It went so far as to reopen the meeting for "public" comment however, the only person allowed to provide comment was the developer. So much for an open and honest meeting.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Torrance City Council, you are supposed to represent the residents of Torrance. You are supposed to make decisions that benefit us. You are supposed to represent us, the voters of Torrance, not the special interest groups such as developers.

Any thought to allow an indefinite continuance is outrageous and not in the best interests of the people.

We've made phone calls, written letters and attended meetings expressing our objection to the proposed condo project. What more do we have to do in order for this City Council to act on our behalf? The City Council should vote in accordance with the will of the people and reject the proposed condo project. The City Council should listen to residents, the voters and rezone the property as R-1, single family residence only."

Planning Manager Isomoto noted that the developer now had control of the property to the west and based on the recommendation of the Council they had met with the developer who is trying to formulate a project to meet the needs of the neighbors. She noted that the development would most likely be R-1 and stated that they would readvertise for a public hearing before the Planning Commission. She noted that when the item came back to the Council they would be considering both parcels, not just one.

Mayor Hardison stated that the Council had answered the questions of the public at the August 22 meeting and she had reopened the hearing to get concurrence from the developer, not to get additional dialogue. She apologized if she did not answer each person's question and was sorry that Mr. Katzen did not feel his needs were met.

MOTION: At 7:45 p.m. Councilmember Walker moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for an indefinite continuance pending redesign of a seven unit detached residential condominium development located in the Hillside Overlay District in the CR Zone with future hearings to be readvertised. Councilmember Walker seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

12c. 25200 LOYTAN STREET

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Director that City Council take the following action on property located at 25200 Loytan Street:

- 1) Adopt a Negative Declaration;
- 2) Adopt an ordinance approving a Zone Change from C-2 (General Commercial District) to R-3 (Limited Multiple Family Residential District);
- 3) Adopt resolutions approving a General Plan Amendment (GPA00-00001) from Local Commercial Land Use to Medium Density Residential Land Use, a Division of Lot to subdivide the 9,604 square foot site, and a Conditional Use Permit for two detached condominium lots; and
- 4) Approve an ordinance Summary for publication.
ZON00-00001, GPA00-00001, DIV00-00008, CUP00-00011 (EAS00-00004):
CETECH ENGINEERING/TOM YUGE

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Planning Manager Isomoto provided a brief presentation summarizing the material of record and noting that the applicant was requesting approval to a series of land use entitlements. She noted that the Planning Commission considered the item and one person spoke in opposition citing the loss of parking. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the project.

Tom Yuge, 1821 West 213th Street, noted that the property was underutilized and they had had difficulty securing tenants for it and he believed that this was a good use. He added that they had originally wanted three units, but after meeting with staff and discussing parking issues, among other things, they decided on the current plan.

MOTION: At 7:58 p.m. Councilmember Scotto moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Planning Manager Isomoto noted if the FAR exceeded .65, a loss of 93-sq. ft. total, they would change it. She noted that there would need to be a reason and Mayor Hardison stated that she was comfortable with them handling the matter administratively.

Councilmember Messerlian said it was a well-drawn plan and he would be pleased to approve it.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to adopt a negative declaration. Councilmember Messerlian seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 3487

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25200 LOYTAN STREET FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO R-3 (LIMITED MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT). ZON00-00001: CETECH ENGINEERING/TOM YUGE.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3487. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 34 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW A CHANGE IN THE GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION FROM LOCAL COMMERCIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-3 ZONE (SUBJECT TO FINAL READING OF PENDING ORDINANCE) AT 25200 LOYTAN STREET. GPA00-00001 (EAS00-0004): CETECH ENGINEERING/TOM YUGE

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution 2000-121. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-122

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 TWO-UNIT CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE C-2 ZONE (SUBJECT TO FINAL READING OF PENDING ORDINANCE) AT 25200 LOYTAN STREET. CUP00-00011 (EAS00-0004): CETECH ENGINEERING

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution 2000-122. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A DIVISION OF LOT ALLOWING ONE LOT TO BE SUBDIVIDED FOR A TWO-UNIT CONDOMINIUM ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-3 ZONE (SUBJECT TO FINAL READING OF PENDING ORDINANCE) AT 25200 LOYTAN STREET. DIV00-00008 - CETECH ENGINEERING/TOM YUGE

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution 2000-123. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs approved the publication of a summary ordinance. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

14. 2nd READING ORDINANCES

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 3486 amending Chapter 4 of Division 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code, relating to the operation of the civil service system of the City of Torrance. The City Clerk recommends that City Council approve publication of a summary of the ordinance.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3486. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval with the exception of Councilmember Messerlian who abstained as he was not present at the previous meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to approve the publication of a summary ordinance. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval with the exception of Councilmember Messerlian who abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 7:59 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. Fire Chief Bongard noted that Mobil would conduct a complete turnaround of the refinery from October 1 through November 9, which might entail additional flare activities, additional traffic and equipment. He noted that more information was available by calling the Hotline at (310) 505-3158.

15b. City Clerk Herbers noted that the voter registration deadline for the November 7 Presidential election was October 10 and that voter registration forms were available in the City Clerk's office.

15c. Councilmember Nowatka announced the Torrance Historical Society's 2000 Fall Tour of Historic Homes in Downtown Torrance, Saturday and Sunday October 7 & 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

15d. Councilmember Nowatka proudly announced the birth of his fourth grandson and sixth grandchild, 9 lb. 10 oz. Dillon Thomas Matis.

15e. Councilmember Nowatka announced that State Attorney General Lockyer would host a Regional Forum on Hate Crime at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Music Room on September 28 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

15f. Mayor Hardison announced Friends of Madrona Marsh programs at the Madrona Marsh Preserve: "Observe Fall Bird Migration" Tuesday, October 3 and speaker Bob Shanman from "Wild Birds Unlimited" Wednesday, October 11.

15g. Community Relations Officer Ghio announced the kickoff of the Artesia Boulevard rehabilitation project with the installation of the first transformer vault at the corner of Artesia and Crenshaw on Thursday, September 28.

15h. Community Relations Officer Ghio also announced the State of the City Address "Fields of Dreams" featuring Mayor Hardison at the Torrance Marriott on Wednesday, October 18 at noon. Reservations are due by October 11.

At 8:09 p.m. the Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matter listed under item 16.a) Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to California government code section 54957.6.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:58 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 3, 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.