

**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, October 3, 2000, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

*Arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

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16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:32 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6 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 7:15 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tad Friedman, Torrance Fire Department Public Information Officer.

Reverend Charles Bullock, Church of the Nazarene, 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 **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**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**

Mayor Hardison announced that the City Council Ad Hoc Legislative Committee met earlier in the afternoon to discuss measures on the November Ballot and would be bringing recommendations to the full Council in 2 weeks.

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.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view October Art on View photographs by Torrance Artist Guild member Debbie O'Grady.

Fire Chief Bongard announced that the monthly test of the Early Warning System would be held on October 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Fire Chief Bongard noted that Mobil would be conducting a complete turnaround of the refinery through November 9, which may entail additional flare activities, additional traffic and equipment. More information is available by calling the Hotline at (310) 505-3158.

Mayor Hardison announced that new phone books were arriving and encouraged citizens with residential service to recycle using the regular curbside recycling bins. She noted that businesses or those living in apartments can recycle by bringing them to the Ken Miller Recreation Center, from October 5 through November 10.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2000-117 RE ETHEL E. UYEMATSU**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-117

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING ETHEL E. UYEMATSU FOR HER
DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-117. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6b. PROCLAMATION RE “GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring Friday, October 6, 2000, as “German-American Day” in the City of Torrance to Resi Lengsfeld, President of the German-American League.

6c. PROCLAMATION RE “CALIFORNIA RIDESHARE WEEK”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 2 through October 6, 2000, as “California Rideshare Week” in the City of Torrance to Kim Fuentes, City of Torrance Transportation Consultant. Ms. Fuentes thanked the Council and City department heads and employees for supporting this program, noting that over 500 employees and 30 local companies participate in the Torrance transportation network.

6d. PROCLAMATION RE “FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 8 through October 14, 2000, as “Fire Prevention Week” in the City of Torrance to Tad Friedman, Torrance Fire Department Information Officer, who announced the annual Fire & Safety Fair on Saturday, October 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at entrance 11 of Del Amo Fashion Center.

6e. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH”

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring October 2000 as “Arts and Humanities Month” in the City of Torrance to Tom Tanza, Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission, who was joined by members of the Commission.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 22, 2000

7b. PURCHASE ORDER RE TORRANCE SEASONS PUBLICATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for an amount not to exceed \$54,751 which includes a 10% contingency of \$4,977.34, to Rodgers & McDonald, Carson, CA to print and deliver the Torrance Seasons Publication.

7c. PUCHASE ORDER RE ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF LUBRICATING OILS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services and Transit Directors that City Council authorize the award of a purchase order in an anticipated amount not to exceed \$28,289.78 to Cosby Oil Company, on behalf of 76 Lubricants Company, to furnish the City’s annual requirement for lubricating oils (effective October 3, 2000 to June 30, 2001).

7d. CONTRACT RE SECURITY SERVICES FOR CITY YARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council award a contract to Wells Fargo Guard Services for a 3-month period, a time necessary for the construction of the new automated gate to be completed, at a cost not to exceed \$21,000.

7e. APPROVAL RE FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 52615

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Tract Map No. 52615, located at 807 - 815 Van Ness Avenue, which substantially conforms to and has met all conditions of approval of Tentative Map, and
- 2) Approve the abandonment of a portion of a street easement on the map, located on the southwest corner of Arlington Avenue and Van Ness Avenue.

7f. PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT RE ZAMPERINI FIELD TAXILANES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Street Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the Zamperini Field, Repave Taxilanes C & D Project (FEAP 173);
- 2) Award a public works agreement to Silvia Construction Inc. in the amount of \$267,601.60 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$13,380.08 for this project;
- 3) Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to said Agreement.

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

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. CITY COUNCIL DARK NIGHT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consider November 7, 2000 as a Council dark night.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to approve November 7, 2000 as a Council dark night. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11b. PERS CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt a Resolution of Intention which will begin the process to amend the City's Contract with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) adding Section 21354 (2% at 55 supplemental formula) and Section 21623.5 (\$5,000 retired death benefit) for local miscellaneous members.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane noted supplemental material available at the meeting, consisting of the Resolution of Intention, Amendment to Contract, Certification of Governing Body and Certification of Compliance. She outlined the contract amendment process, noting that an ordinance must be passed before the amendment takes effect, and indicated that the new benefits would probably go into effect by the end of November.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-124

**A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT**

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-124. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11d. AMENDMENT TO CERTAIN MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt an amended Resolution covering Certain Management employees making certain changes to the organization of the pay grids, adding salary survey language and deleting all references to an obsolete position.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane noted supplemental material consisting of a copy of the Resolution with a corrected pay grid for the Building and Safety Director.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-119

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-108
GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR
CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES**

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-119. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nowatka and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14. 2nd READING ORDINANCES

14a. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 3487**

ORDINANCE NO. 3487

**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 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. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 7:41 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.

15. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Nowatka announced Torrance Historical Society's 2000 Fall Tour of Historic Homes in Downtown Torrance on Saturday & Sunday, October 7 & 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Torrance Woman's Club Rummage Sale at 1422 Engracia Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 7.

Councilmember Nowatka noted that people who are interested in helping decorate the City's rose float could sign up at a meeting held by Torrance Rose Float Association on Thursday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Witkowsky announced Adventures in Art, a program where volunteers teach art projects to Torrance Unified School District students in grades 1 through 8. She indicated that volunteers are welcome and calls could be directed to Kathy English (310) 316-2892.

Mayor Hardison expressed appreciation to Planning Director Gibson for prompt attention given to a matter before her earlier in the day.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:46 p.m., the Council recessed to closed session to continue consideration of matters listed on the meeting agenda. The Council reconvened in open session at 8:29 p.m.; no formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:29 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 10, 2000, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.