

October 10, 2000

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.\* on Tuesday, October 10, 2000, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall.

\*At 5:30 p.m. City Clerk Herbers announced publicly that there was no quorum present and that a quorum was expected at 6:00 p.m.

**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.

**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; 16.c) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; and 16.d) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9 (a), 54956.9 (c) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

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

The invocation was given by Reverend Monsignor Michael Lenihan, St. Lawrence Martyr 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Herbers announced locations for voters to complete and file applications to register for the general election on November 7. She noted that all applications should be postmarked prior to midnight, October 10, 2000.

City Attorney Fellows announced that the Council had authorized by a 7-0 vote in closed session, payment in the amount of \$9,625 to attorney Howard Price for 27 ½ hours of personal time on the matter of Price v. Cramer, U.S.D.C. CV-99-1881. This action is reported to the public pursuant to Government Code section 54951.1 (a)(2).

City Attorney Fellows further reported that in closed session the City Council authorized the City Attorney to send a letter regarding People v. Mooc, California Court of Appeal, 4<sup>th</sup> Appellate District, Div. 3, Case No. G023714 asking the California Supreme Court to grant review and, if review is granted, to join in a Friend of the Court Brief on behalf of affected cities. He further noted that this case dealt with Pitchess Motions and discovery information from police officers' personnel files which widened the type of information to be provided by police departments responding to Pitchess Motions and that the action was requested by the City of Santa Ana and the City of Torrance Police Departments. This action is reported to the public pursuant to Government Code section 54951.1 (a)(2).

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All items on the Consent Calendar were considered routine and were enacted by one motion and one vote. There was no separate discussion of these items.

**7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2000**

**7b. TORRANCE DISASTER COUNCIL 1999-2000 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Torrance Disaster Council that City Council accept and file the Torrance Disaster Council 1999-2000 Annual Report.

**7c. CLAIM FOR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) FUNDING**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute and the Transit Department to submit the annual claim to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for \$3,762,939 in Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding and \$256,282 in State Transit Assistance (STAF) funding for the the Torrance Transit System in FY 2000-2001.

**7d. PURCHASE ORDER RE ALLSTEEL AND AMERICAN OFFICE INTERIORS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to Allsteel in the amount of \$47,983.08 for the purchase of workstations, and to American Office Interiors in the amount of \$11,567.04 for the installation of workstations for the Accounts Payable section, Payroll section, Business License section and Purchasing Division of the Finance Department.

**7e. CONTRACT RE NEC BNS, INC.**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council authorize a contract to NEC BNS, Inc., for the repair and maintenance of the City's telephone and voicemail systems for one (1) year in an amount not-to-exceed \$93,175.

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

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**11a. MOI FOR ENGINEERS AND TPSA**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council concur in principle with a Memorandum of Intent (MOI) for the Engineers and the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur in principle with a Memorandum of Intent (MOI) for the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA). Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur in principle with a Memorandum of Intent (MOI) for Engineers. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**11b. FIRST READING ORDINANCE FOR ADDITION OF TWO CALPERS AMENDMENTS**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt an Ordinance 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 City Manager Keane noted that the second reading would be next week with implementation in November.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3488**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3488. Councilmember Witkowsky seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**12. HEARINGS**

**12a. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF CUP 00-0002 AND MODIFICATION OF CUP MOD00-00006 (CUP77-33) AT 22735 HAWTHORNE BLVD.**

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Director that City Council take the following action on property located in the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan Meadow Park Sub-district at 22735 Hawthorne Boulevard:

Deny the Appeal and adopt Resolutions approving a Conditional Use Permit and a Modification of a previously approved Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a restaurant, including entertainment and the on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages.

CUP00-00020, MOD00-00006 (CUP77-33) RANDY QUAN

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Planning Manager Isomoto presented a brief summary of the material of record noting that the appeal had been filed by a group of adjoining property owners. No changes are proposed to the exterior of the building and parking in excess of requirements is provided. She reported that the matter had been considered by the Planning Commission on August 2, 2000 and that nearby residents had expressed concerns regarding security, hours of operation and noise. The Planning Commission voted 5-2 with Commissioners Mauno and Botello dissenting, to approve the request with the staff recommended conditions and a modification limiting the hours of operation, requiring two security guards, enhanced air-conditioning and the installation of a gate for the trash enclosure.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Messerlian, Planning Manager Isomoto clarified that the building was 170 feet from residential properties.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Witkowsky, Planning Manager Isomoto explained that the dance floor was closest to the rear of the property, but that they had not asked the applicant to change the floor plan because they did not feel it would make a significant difference.

Mayor Hardison explained procedures for public speaking.

Wendy Conway, who filed the appeal, deferred to her neighborhood spokesperson, Joe Rust.

Joe Rust, 3827 Jason Circle, noted that he was speaking on behalf on the neighbors to eliminate repetition and keep things brief. He stated that they were requesting a reduction of operating hours and denial of dance and entertainment permits, adding that there were many preschool aged children in the area. He noted that the residents realize that Torrance is a balanced community and they feel it important to balance the residents' needs with those of Mr. Quan. He expressed concern with the high level of existing noise in the neighborhood generated by the airport and ambulances and stated that noise from the kitchen and from patrons smoking outside would further disturb residents.

Mr. Rust indicated that residents were concerned that Sully's would be a nightclub catering to a drinking crowd and observed that there was a restaurant located closer to their homes operated by Thomas Kang, which the residents did not object to, as it had limited hours and no live music.

Mr. Rust requested that there be no live entertainment and that the hours of operation be limited. He commented that he had met with Mr. Quan who seemed eager to work with the residents and Mayor Hardison clarified that there had not been a joint meeting between Mr. Quan and the neighbors.

Lee Rabun, CLR Enterprises, Inc., 7060 Hollywood Blvd. #1001, Los Angeles, representing the applicant, offered background information about the project explaining that Mr. Quan had incorporated with the intent to create an Irish restaurant and tavern.

Mr. Rabun pointed out that the dance floor was small, with a maximum of 16 people being allowed to dance in that space and from Sunday through Wednesday, the dance floor would have tables and chairs for normal dining. He emphasized that Sully's would be a family establishment not a nightclub.

Mr. Rabun asserted that there would be no spillover parking into the neighborhood since the parking is more than adequate and pointed out that parking would be restricted to the spaces closest to Hawthorne Blvd. which should help minimize noise.

Mayor Hardison observed that they tried to work with businesses so that they did not impact neighborhoods, but they could not start limiting parking spots as the lot is used by other businesses, though she acknowledged that people would most likely park as close to the door as possible.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Messerlian regarding the distance between the property line and the residents, Mr. Rabun stated that the alley and the wall were buffers and clarified that the wall was 6 feet tall at one end and dropped down to 4 ½ feet at the other end.

Mr. Rabun addressed an earlier question from Councilmember Witkowsky regarding the layout of the restaurant, noting that since the Quans were using their life savings and refinancing their home to open the restaurant, money was not available to redesign it.

Mr. Rabun reported that Mr. Quan had knocked on doors and talked to neighbors and would adhere to all conditions without a problem. He added that Mr. Quan planned to hire off-duty Los Angeles police officers and firemen as security guards who could help monitor smokers and keep them towards Hawthorne Blvd.

Councilmember Messerlian received clarification for the record that there would be no entertainment or dancing from Sunday through Wednesday and that tables would be positioned on the dance floor at lunchtime and weekday evenings. Mr. Rabun commented that none of the conditions related to entertainment or dancing

City Attorney Fellows noted that there might not be any wording regarding hours of operation since the License Review Board and approvals for Conditional Use Permits intersect. He added that entertainment had to go to the License Review Board and Mayor Hardison suggested that further discussion would therefore be premature.

Planning Director Gibson stated that he was hesitant to condition the entertainment aspect of it too much as it is a two-step process and once approved by the City Council it will go to the License Review Board.

Councilmember Walker felt that the City Council rather than a 3-member staff group should be looking at the hours of entertainment and the impact on the neighborhood. In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Walker, Mr. Rabun stated that a midnight closing time would be a deal killer.

Councilmember Messerlian observed that, absent a review by the License Review Board, what they were considering was a restaurant with alcoholic beverages. He received clarification that meal service would continue after entertainment began at 9 p.m. and Mr. Rabun reiterated that they wanted to operate a supper club.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Nowatka as to whether they would have a jukebox, Mr. Rabun responded that there would be satellite music and that they would accept a condition that there be no DJ after the live entertainment and asked that conditions be tightened up to make it clear for everyone.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, City Attorney Fellows explained that legally they could act on an entertainment scenario, or they could add a condition that any application for entertainment be referred to the License Review Board for consideration.

Planning Director Gibson noted that they viewed it as a general land use entitlement for entertainment and that the License Review Board would impose restrictions from there.

City Attorney Fellows noted that the License Review Board would accept overall restricted hours of operations for the use and not approve entertainment hours that differed from what Council suggested.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Planning Manager Isomoto explained that there was no vehicular access in the alley, but it had a set back and though someone could go back there, there was no reason for them to do so.

Scott Conway, 3847 Jason Circle, reported that he lives in a two-story house with the bedrooms on the second floor so the buffer of the alley would not impact them. He added that he had no problem with daytime operations, but expressed reservations about entertainment after 9 p.m.

Mr. Conway observed that Houlihan's, another Irish restaurant and bar nearby had become a trouble spot for the City of Torrance which he felt was indicative of the crowd an Irish bar would attract. He felt that regardless of Mr. Quan's good intentions, he would not be able to control the people who might show up at his business who may not be concerned with the neighborhood. He further expressed concerns over what would transpire if Mr. Quan sold the restaurant in the future.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Planning Director Gibson indicated that a change of ownership would require a license review, but there would be no further land use entitlement review unless the business were dark for 30 days. He added that city-wide, there were a number of establishments that sold alcohol and had a broad closing time but, generally speaking, most of the restaurants didn't stay open to the 2 a.m. limitation.

City Attorney Fellows observed that it was the practice of the License Review Board to be fairly specific when it came to instrumentation and live music, but the Council could set broad parameters which could be made more specific by the License Review Board.

Councilmember Nowatka received clarification that having the security guards outside in the evening hours was a condition that was part of the CUP and would travel to a new owner.

Randy Quan expressed concerns that they were misconstruing the type of business he was trying to open. He pointed out that Texas Loosey's and Runaway Bay were allowed to stay open until 2 a.m., though they chose not to and he was confused as to why he was being restricted when they were not. He explained that he was losing money for each day that they were not open and noted that if another appeal was filed he would lose his home. He asked that the process be moved forward and that the Council grant him what the Planning Commission had agreed to. He assured the Council that any problems would be addressed immediately.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Mr. Quan explained that originally he wanted to have the ability to be open nightly to 2 a.m., though he would only

have entertainment three nights a week, but he had scaled back the original proposal in consideration of resident concerns. He had been considering karaoke and noted that if the Council approved his request, but the License Review Board denied dancing or entertainment he would be investing money into a business that he did not want.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison regarding Mr. Quan's awareness of necessary procedures, Planning Manager Isomoto noted that they were in the Planning Commission minutes.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Witkowsky, Mr. Quan noted that if they closed at midnight they would lose patrons who would not come in because they want to stay later, as well as restaurant workers looking for a place to unwind after work. He stated that though they would not be focusing entirely on liquor sales, the profit margin for liquor was very important and he added that they planned to get involved in the community and have a different crowd in during the day.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Messerlian, Planning Director Gibson reported that a liquor license had been applied for and was pending the CUP, and they had not received any correspondence from the ABC that there was an overconcentration in that area.

Mark Ishii, 3807 Jason Circle, expressed reservations about security and his opposition to entertainment being allowed on Thursday nights. Mayor Hardison suggested that Mr. Ishii approach the owner of the center to limit access to the back of the property and noted that the issue had come up with other centers

Marshall Leff, 3803 Jason Circle, reported that he contacted the management company for the mall after someone had thrown a bottle over the 5 ½ ft wall and broken something on his patio. He reported that he had been told that they were not able to keep a gate up on the north entrance because people kept breaking it. He commented that the other gates were never kept locked and Mayor Hardison asked staff to check into the CUP to see if there was some way to get the management company to take care of the gates.

**MOTION:** At 8:37 p.m. Councilmember Walker moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Scotto seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Councilmember Scotto indicated that he did not want to see the restaurant open that late. Mayor Hardison noted that they did not have the material to look at types of entertainment and City Attorney Fellows stated that they could limit operating hours and hours of entertainment.

Councilmember Messerlian acknowledged the desire of the applicant to open and operate the restaurant in a profitable way, but also empathized with the neighbors. He expressed reservations about neighbors' concerns being respected and felt it would be a policing problem if the conditions of approval were not adhered to. He clarified that he did not have a problem with the restaurant or the liquor license, but was not comfortable with the extended hours or entertainment.



Councilmember Walker reported that he had received clarification from the City Attorney that he could vote on the issue as he lives slightly outside the 300-ft. radius. He noted that he had previously leased an office in that center for 6 months and he did not think any reasonable business operation would impact past the commercial buildings.

Councilmember Walker commented that he wanted to avoid getting locked into a scenario regardless of good intentions, but stated that he would support entertainment if the hours were modified. He added that if the applicants were successful and did not create a problem they could ask to get their hours extended and noted that he did not think there was any correlation between the proposed restaurant and Houlihan's.

Councilmember Witkowsky agreed with Councilmember Walker and commended Mr. Quan's enthusiasm in going through the process. She acknowledged the concerns of the neighbors, but noted that it is a commercial street with an acceptable business. She added that she supported a midnight closing time every day of the week, but expressed concerns about problems with the neighbors.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved to support Sunday through Thursday until 11 p.m., and Friday and Saturday until midnight with entertainment on Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved to approve the restaurant with alcohol service and the entertainment issue to be dealt with at the License Review Board. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Councilmember Messerlian stated that the resolutions pertained only to alcohol and the restaurant and not entertainment which is subject to the license review process.

City Attorney Fellows suggested that an alternative would be to add a condition that prior to having entertainment they must have a permit and any entertainment so authorized must be limited to operating hours dictated by the Council which would ensure that they would go through the entertainment permit process.

Councilmember Cribbs stated that they had the opportunity to limit the entertainment hours now, but not what kind of entertainment and she did not want to put the applicants through the process again.

Councilmember Messerlian wanted to determine whether dancing and entertainment would be allowed or not so that residents would be brought back.

Councilmember Cribbs commented that they were not prepared to discuss exactly what would be allowed in terms of entertainment and noted that she preferred to have the License Review Board hold the extensive hearing.

Councilmember Walker expressed reservations about trying to determine the specifics of the entertainment but noted that they would monitor resident noise levels.

Councilmember Nowatka asserted that noise and security were the issues, not the type of entertainment and felt that security would keep the noise down and make the area more secure than it is now.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs moved amend condition #4 to limit the hours of operation from 11:00 a.m. to midnight daily, entertainment limited to Friday and Saturday; and the entertainment issues to be sent to the License Review Board for action. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed 4-3 with Councilmembers Messerlian, Nowatka and Scotto dissenting.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, City Attorney Fellows stated that the Council had the power to be as explicit as they wanted to be in terms of the type of entertainment, but he noted that they did not have the full record in front of them as the Planning Commission had not been focusing on entertainment.

Councilmember Walker indicated that he would like to see how live entertainment worked out on the weekends and if it was successful it could be expanded to weekdays.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Hardison, Planning Director Gibson noted that depending on the hour, an earlier opening time could be modified administratively.

Councilmember Witkowsky asserted that the restaurant owner should determine the type of entertainment so long as noise levels for homeowners were taken into consideration.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Scotto, Building and Safety Manager Isomoto reported that the noise ordinance dictated levels between 40-45 decibels at the property line for night time hours and if the ordinance was exceeded complaints could be filed and action taken.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Scotto moved to allow entertainment on Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight and Councilmember Walker seconded the motion. Councilmember Witkowsky suggested changing the start time to 7 p.m. and Councilmember Cribbs felt that the restaurateur should decide what time to begin the entertainment. Councilmember Scotto withdrew his motion.

Mayor Hardison clarified that if the Council took no further action, the matter would go to the License Review Board which meets on weekday mornings and Councilmember Cribbs suggested holding the License Review Board hearing in the evening so that residents could attend.

City Manager Jackson noted that they could use the same notification for residents and City Clerk Herbers clarified that it would be possible to hold an adjourned regular meeting in the evening.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs moved to deny the Appeal and approve the Conditional Use Permit. Councilmember Nowatka seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2000-126**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A RESTAURANT, INCLUDING**

**ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ON-SITE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, IN AN EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HAWTHORNE BLVD. CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, MEADOW PARK SUB-DISTRICT ZONE AT 22735 HAWTHORNE BLVD. CUP00-00020: RANDY QUAN AS AMENDED.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Witkowsky moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-126 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by a 4-3 majority roll call vote with Councilmembers Messerlian, Nowatka and Scotto dissenting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-127**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A MODIFICATION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CUP 77-33 TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A RESTAURANT, INCLUDING ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ON-SITE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, IN AN EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HAWTHORNE BLVD. CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, MEADOW PARK SUB-DISTRICT ZONE AT 22735 HAWTHORNE BLVD. MOD00-00006: RANDY QUAN AS AMENDED.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-127 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by a 4-3 majority roll call vote with Councilmembers Messerlian, Nowatka and Scotto dissenting.

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The Torrance Redevelopment Agency met from 9:21 p.m. to 9:22 p.m.

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**15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**15a.** City Manager Jackson stated that the private school on Palos Verdes Blvd. was still experiencing problems with traffic and asked that the matter be sent to the Traffic Commission to investigate before forwarding to the City Council for possible action. He noted that communications would be shared with the Council as a whole.

**15b.** Councilmember Scotto announced that 4,000 residences would shortly receive the new automated 64-gallon curbside recycling bins.

**15c.** Building and Safety Manager Isomoto reported that as a part of the new permitting system, applicants could log on to the City's website and find out the current status of their project as it moves through the system. He noted that it was the first step in the process and they hope to have smaller permits done online by the end of the year

with records for other departments available soon which would open things up to the average citizen.

**15d.** Mayor Hardison thanked Councilwoman Cribbs for her services as Mayor pro tem for the past six months and welcomed Councilmember Messerlian as the current Mayor pro tem. She further expressed her appreciation for their work in the community on her behalf.

**15e** Joni Gang, P.O. Box 7000-1194, Redondo Beach, announced a \$500 reward for information on the person who recently abandoned a dog in South Torrance noting that information could be given to the Carson animal shelter at 310/523-9566.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 17, 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.