

March 10, 1998

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian, Nakano, O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

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

2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Boy Scout Troop #310, Bruce Maass, Scoutmaster, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reverend Dean Mayeda, Hope Chapel Gateway gave the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Archie Snow, former Redondo Beach City Councilman, and Mr. Elvis Lee Nash, son of Dr. Elizabeth Nash, SCROC Superintendent.

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3. **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to receive and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee 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 Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

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None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

Tuesday, March 24, 1998
5:30 p.m., West Wing Annex
Mid-Year Budget Review

Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee

Tuesday, March 31, 1998
5:30 P.M., Council Conference Room
1998 Armed Forces Day Parade

Mayor Hardison announced that the Legislative Committee will meet to take a position on State issues prior to the June 1998 elections.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF MARCH 3, 1998**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the City Clerk that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 98-23 declaring the results of the March 3, 1998 General Municipal Election, approving the Certificate of Canvass and swearing in the elected officials.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time and place to make official the results of the General Municipal Election held on March 3, 1998. She read aloud from a prepared statement (of record) regarding the official canvass of returns for the 1998 general municipal election.

City Clerk Herbers responded in the affirmative to questions posed by Mayor Hardison as included in the prepared statement of record referred to above. Mayor Hardison then stated that the City Clerk canvassed the returns as enumerated in the City Clerk's Certificate of Canvass embodied in Exhibit A of the proposed resolution declaring the results of the election.

The Mayor inquired if there were any challenges or protests to be lodged with respect to the results of the votes cast in any precinct or the City as a whole. There was no response.

Mayor Hardison declared the official canvass of the returns of the March 3, 1998 General Municipal Election completed.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 98-23.

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MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-23. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 3, 1998, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

Mayor Hardison directed that the City Clerk's Certificate of Canvass be entered into the minutes of this meeting right after the passage of Resolution No. 98-23 and that the full text of Exhibit A showing the results of the election precinct by precinct be entered in full in the official minutes of the proceedings of this Council meeting.

In compliance with the direction of the Mayor, the requested documentation is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Hardison administered the oath of office to City Clerk Herbers who, in turn, administered the oath of office to Mayor Hardison, Councilmembers Cribbs, Messerlian and Walker, and City Treasurer Barnett.

The newly elected officials thanked voters and all others who contributed to their elections. They pledged their dedicated service to the City of Torrance.

Councilmembers Nakano and O'Donnell congratulated their fellow Councilmembers, the City Clerk and the City Treasurer on their successful re-elections.

Councilmember Lee presented mementos to his fellow Councilmembers in honor of their re-elections.

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At 7:40 P.M., there was a recess until 7:55 P.M., when the meeting reconvened in regular agenda order.

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6b. **RESOLUTION RE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT A. LAME**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 98-22.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-22. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

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TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT A. LAME UPON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Mayor Hardison advised that the resolution will be presented at an upcoming event to be held in honor of Major General Lame.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental written material of record distributed at the meeting pertaining to Agenda Item No. 7c.

7a. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 1998**

Recommendation

The City's Statement of Investment Policy requires the City Treasurer to report a monthly statement of investment activity. The City Treasurer recommends that the City Council accept and file the Investment Report for January 1998.

7b. **GRANT AWARD TO TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION**

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that the City Council fund the Torrance Sister City Association for specified services to the community for fiscal year 1997-1998. The budgeted grant appropriation for the Association's services for the year is \$1,500.

7c. **PURCHASE OF CARPET FOR THE POLICE FACILITY FIRST FLOOR**

Recommendation

The Chief of Police and the General Services Director recommend that the City Council authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Fred's Rug Service of Torrance, California, in the amount of \$42,491.82.

7d. **ASSEMBLY BILL 964 (BOWEN) RE TIRE RECYCLING**

Recommendation

The Street Services Director recommends that the City Council approve sending a letter to the California Assembly supporting the proposed legislation, AB 964 (Bowen) concerning tire recycling.

7e. **CONSIDERATION OF AB 1759 (RUNNER)**

Recommendation

The Planning Department recommends that the City Council review the information regarding AB 1759 (requires 50% of the state transportation funding be subvented to local governments). The Planning Department further recommends that the City Council take a position in support of this legislation.

7f. **CONTRACT RE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT 1997-1998 PROJECT 2**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that Council: (1) accept the bid and award a standard public works agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc.; (2) reject all other bids; and (3) authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to this agreement on behalf of the City for water main replacement in various locations of the north area of Torrance.

7g. **CONSTRUCTION OF SKYPARK DRIVE FROM MADISON TO CRENSHAW**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council: (1) award a standard public works agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to All American Asphalt in the amount of \$840,347.14; (2) approve the consulting services agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc. (Transtech) with a not-to-exceed amount of \$78,760 to provide professional engineering services; and (3) appropriate \$1,320,000 from Airport Funds for the construction of street improvements on Skypark Drive from Madison Street to Crenshaw Boulevard.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9. **TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS**

9a. **INTENT TO VACATE PORTION OF WALK EASEMENT SOUTH OF DEL AMO AND WEST OF VAN NESS WAY AND SET APRIL 14, 1998 HEARING DATE**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that the City Council approve and adopt the resolution declaring the intention to vacate a portion of a certain walk easement located south of Del Amo Boulevard and west of Van Ness Way and setting April 14, 1998 as the date for the hearing thereon.

Engineering Director Burt advised that the Council previously approved vacating a portion of this walk way to the west and that, should the staff recommendation be approved, it will be the second of three recommendations to vacate the walk way.

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City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 98-24.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-24. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF WALK SOUTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND WEST OF VAN NESS WAY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **CITY POSITION RE 310 AREA CODE RELIEF PLAN**

Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council adopt the resolution stating the city's position to support a relief plan that would allow: Torrance and the South Bay cities to retain the 310 area code; and encompass the entire boundary of the City of Torrance and the South Bay cities.

Management Assistant Lopez advised that the City could file a Petition to Intervene, outlining the City's interests and issues regarding the 310 Area Code Relief Plan, recognizing the City of Torrance as a formal party to the proceedings and allowing the City to sponsor witnesses to testify at future meetings.

Mayor Hardison suggested that staff provide additional information on the idea in the near future.

Councilmember Cribbs entertained the idea of the City contacting other cities to discuss the possibility of their participating with Torrance in filing a Petition.

Mayor Hardison related her agreement with the idea entertained by Councilmember Cribbs.

There was a consensus of the Council to file a Petition to Intervene as described by Management Assistant Lopez during the Council's consideration of this item.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 98-25.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution

No. 98-25. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RELIEF PLAN THAT WOULD ALLOW THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOUTH BAY CITIES TO RETAIN THE 310 AREA CODE AND THE PLAN IS TO ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOUTH BAY CITIES

13b. **RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES LEGISLATION**

Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council take positions on the proposed legislation; additionally, direct staff to forward to the applicable State or Federal legislators letters of support or opposition:

- o Senate Bill 1540 Community Care Facilities
- o Senate Bill 1421 Community Care Facilities
- o Assembly Bill 1809 Foster Care: License Removal
- o House of Representatives 3206 Fair Housing Act Amendment

Mayor Hardison observed that all of the proposed legislation contains facets to gain some local control.

Councilmember Messerlian related input on discussion of this subject at a recent National League of Cities conference.

Noting that she serves on a State task force dealing this topic, Mayor Hardison expressed her frustration with the problem of gaining local control.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to support the proposed legislation as outlined in the staff recommendation and to direct staff to forward letters of support to the applicable State and Federal legislators. The motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- 19a. City Manager Jackson congratulated the newly elected officials.
- 19b. City Clerk Herbers expressed her appreciation of all the support she received during the recent election, including that provided by her staff.
- 19c. Councilmember Messerlian offered suggestions for publicizing future elections.
- 19d. Councilmember Nakano voiced his concern over problems experienced at his voting precinct during the recent election.

City Clerk Herbers spoke to the problems cited by Mr. Nakano.

19e. Councilmember Nakano supplied information on legislation pertaining to residential care facilities which he obtained at a recent League of Cities workshop (see page 7, Agenda Item No. 13b [Residential Care Facilities Legislation], for relevant discussion).

19f. Mr. Jack Perry, Madrona Homeowners Association, related his support of any legislation which will help residential areas remain neighborhoods. He voiced his objection to the establishment of residential care facilities without some local control; thanked the city for supporting relevant legislation; and encouraged interested parties to notify their Congressional representatives.

Mayor Hardison stated her concern that the topic of group housing might not be portrayed as a local issue. She noted the need for support against it.

19g. Mayor Hardison thanked Councilmember Lee for serving as Mayor Pro Tem during the past six months and she welcomed Councilmember Nakano as the next Mayor Pro Tem.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Per Government Code No. 54956.8, at 8:20 P.M. the Council recessed into closed session to discuss the matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 8:23 P.M. the Council returned to open session. Mayor Hardison announced that no formal action was taken in closed session.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:25 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 17, 1998, 5:30 P.M., for an executive session, to be followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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***Adjourned in Memory of Archie Snow and
Elvis Lee Nash***

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