

January 7, 1997

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council reconvened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, at 7:41 P.M., in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Previously taken at 5:33 P.M. in the Workshop Session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by Mr. Scott Gobble, a representative from the Southern California Edison Company.

Reverend Craig Rusch, Hope Chapel Gateway, led the invocation for the meeting.

At this time Mayor Hardison requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in the memories of community members Dr. Rollin Smith, Ms. Velma Shelbourne, and Mr. John David Olson.

3. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA/FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the Agenda for this meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs; hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved that after the City Clerk has read number and title to any Resolution or Ordinance on the Agenda for this meeting, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Council member the right to demand the reading of any such Resolution or Ordinance in regular order. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs; hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee
Monday, January 13, 1997, 5:30 P.M.
Third Floor Assembly Room
Subject: Natural History Center

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1996**

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 attached report.

7b. **CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT/LOMITA**

Considered separately; see page no. 3

7c. **AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTION OF JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENTS**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Honorable Body authorize the execution of agreements for the provision of employment and training services with California Career Schools, Corinthian Schools, Dootson Inc., Educorp, International Dealers School, Larson Training Centers, MTA, MTI, NovaQuest, Practical Schools, and Southern California Institute of Technology.

7d. **CALIFORNIA CDIR USER FUNDING AND FRAUD ASSESSMENT FEES**

RECOMMENDATION

The Personnel Director recommends that the City Council authorize the payment of the FY 1996-1997 State of California, Department of Industrial Relations User Funding and Fraud Assessment Fees totaling \$27,857.98.

Councilman Messerlian requested that Agenda Item No. 7b be considered separately.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7a, c and d. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call reflected unanimous approval.

(Agenda Item No. 7b was considered separately.)

7b. CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT/LOMITA

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Director recommends that your Honorable Body approve and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to attest to and execute the attached Agreement with the City of Lomita for the Improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from Lomita Boulevard to South of Skypark Drive.

Councilman Messerlian highlighted the cooperative efforts between the cities of Lomita and Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item No. 7b. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

8. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION

8a. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE LEASE AND FULL OPERATION OF THE LAS CANCHAS TENNIS FACILITY

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that the City Council authorize the award of Contract to South Bay Tennis Center for the lease and full operation of the Las Canchas Tennis Facility, effective February 1, 1997; and instruct the City Attorney to prepare a Concession Agreement embodying the terms of the proposal.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett reviewed Staff report/recommendation (of record) and commented on the bidding and selection process which was utilized for the Las Canchas Tennis Facility Concessionaire lease.

Mayor Hardison explained for the record that when this proposal for the concessionaire contract was awarded for the tennis facility in 1994, she abstained from voting on this item due to the fact that there existed a perception that she may have had a conflict of interest regarding this matter -- that she had a working relationship with the Torrance School District, with a relative of one of the applicants. Mayor Hardison clarified that she has not worked with that particular applicant since July 1994 because of a re-assignment from the Torrance School District.

Per Councilman Messerlian's inquiry, Staff provided further information and clarification concerning the bidding, rating, evaluation and selection process for the tennis facility concessionaire lease.

Mr. Mark Thomas, Los Angeles, pointed out that his bid for the tennis facility concessionaire lease was the highest -- noting his confusion with Staff's recommendation; requested, and received, clarification regarding the City's protocol for contract proposal revisions; and requested further input concerning the City's rating and

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selection process. Mr. Thomas noted that he was notified of Staff's recommendation 24 hours in advance of becoming public knowledge, not two weeks in advance as was told to him during his interview.

Mr. George Sulc, Torrance, expressed his gratitude of the Mayor and City Council, the Parks and Recreation Department for the past business opportunities which have been afforded to him; commented on the improvements he had made at the Las Canchas Tennis Facility; and expressed his appreciation for those individuals who supported the tennis facility and participated in the special events which took place at the tennis facility -- proudly noting that no complaints were received during his tenure at the facility.

Mr. and Mrs. Hance, Torrance, South Bay Tennis Center, thanked the selection committee for choosing them as the new tennis facility concessionaires; and advised that no plans exist at this point in time to change the scheduling of teams or leagues at the Las Canchas Tennis Facility.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to concur with Staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Councilman Walker, echoed by Councilman Messerlian, thanked and commended Mr. Sulc for providing a high-quality program. Councilman Walker congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Hance for being awarded the tennis facility contract and wished them success in their endeavors.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**13a. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
TORRANCE APPOINTMENT - RESOLUTION 97-02**

RECOMMENDATION

The current term of the City's Director on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board of Directors will expire as of December 31, 1996. The Mayor recommends that the City's current Director, Mr. Bill Wright, be re-appointed as the City's representative on the Metropolitan Board for a four-year term.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with Mayor Hardison's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RE-APPOINTING BILL WRIGHT TO THE POST AS THE CITY OF TORRANCE'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-02. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

At this time City Clerk Herbers officially swore in Mr. Bill Wright as the re-appointed Torrance representative on the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California Board of Directors.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Hardison thanked Mr. Wright for his service to the City.

Mr. Wright expressed his gratitude and appreciation in being re-appointed as the City's representative to the MWD Board.

Councilwoman O'Donnell thanked and commended Mr. Wright for his past efforts as the City's representative to the MWD Board.

13b. PERS CONTRIBUTION INCREASE - TPSA RESOLUTION 97-03

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution increasing the PERS contribution for employees' and retirees' medical from \$21 per month to \$51 per month pursuant to the recently adopted Memorandum of Understanding between the City and TPSA.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-03

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ELECTING TO FIX THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-03. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

---At 8:30 P.M. the Council recessed to meet as the Redevelopment Agency and reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:31 P.M.---

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18. ADDENDUM MATTERS

None.

19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. City Treasurer Barnett wished Parks and Recreation Director Barnett a happy birthday.

19b. Councilwoman Cribbs congratulated the Torrance Rose Float Association and its volunteers for being awarded the Mayor's Trophy for this year's Rose Float Parade entry; and stated that she enjoyed viewing the Rose Float Parade entries -- noting her appreciation of Parks and Recreation staff for their efforts.

19c. Councilman Lee, echoed by Councilman Messerlian, extended congratulations to the Torrance Rose Float Association for being awarded the Mayor's Trophy.

19d. Councilman Nakano congratulated the Torrance Rose Float Association and all the volunteers on being awarded the Mayor's Trophy.

19e. Councilman Nakano expressed his appreciation of the Torrance Youth Council for providing the enjoyable entertainment at the AARP annual luncheon.

19f. Councilman Nakano congratulated Mr. Lee Dickerson on a recent newspaper article, noting his enjoyment in reading the article.

19g. Councilman Nakano commented on a recent article regarding the changes and activities in the general aviation industry, requesting that the materials be forwarded to the Airport Manager and the Airport Commission.

19h. Councilwoman O'Donnell proudly congratulated the members and volunteers of the Torrance Rose Float Association for receiving the Mayor's Trophy for its entry in this year's Rose Float Parade.

19i. Councilwoman O'Donnell wished everyone a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year.

19j. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that a household hazardous waste roundup is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 1997, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. outside Clark Stadium in Hermosa Beach.

19k. Mayor Hardison congratulated the Torrance Rose Float Association and its volunteers for receiving the Rose Float Parade Mayor's Trophy, noting the fulfilling rewards of volunteerism; expressed her enjoyment in working on the Torrance Rose Parade floats; and extended best wishes to the City and its citizens for a prosperous New Year.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hardison read into the record:

"The Council will now recess to closed session to confer with the City's Negotiator and the City Attorney on the Agenda matters listed under Items 20.a.1), "Conference with Labor Negotiator," and 20.a.2) "Conference with City

Manager.” A closed session on these matters is authorized by California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54957.

City Attorney Fellows explained that the closed session will also include Agenda Item No. 20.a.3), “Conference with Real Property Negotiator,” as authorized by California Government Code Section 54956.8.

At 8:44 P.M. Council met in Executive Session, returning to Chambers at 9:37 P.M. No formal action was taken as a result of this Executive Session.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:38 P.M. this meeting of the City Council formally adjourned to Tuesday, January 14, 1997, 5:30 P.M.

**...Adjourned in the memories of
Dr. Rollin Smith, Ms. Velma Shelbourne, and Mr. John David Olson...**