

January 21, 1997

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

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 1997, at 5:33 P.M., in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council members Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian,  
\*Nakano, O'Donnell, \*\*Walker and Mayor Hardison.  
(\*Arrived at 5:34 P.M. \*\*Arrived at 5:45 P.M.)

Absent: None.

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

Considered out of order. . .

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hardison read the following into the record:

*"The Council will now recess to closed session to confer with the City's Negotiator on the Agenda matters listed under Items 20.a.1), "Conference with Labor Negotiator," 20.a.2), "Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation," and 20.a.3), "Conference with City Manager.*

*A closed session on these matters is authorized by California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), and 54957. "*

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At 5:34 P.M., Council immediately recessed to commence a closed Executive Session, returning to Council Chambers at 7:12 P.M.

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**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Flag salute was led by Beach Cities Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron No. 107.

Pastor Richard E. Dwyer, Fellowship of South Bay (NABC), led the invocation for the meeting.

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**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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**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 Joint Meeting with the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD)  
Wednesday, February 5, 1997, 4:30 P.M.  
Third Floor Assembly Room  
Subject: Youth Services Task Force Update,  
Redondo Beach Police Shooting Range Update

Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee  
Monday, February 10, 1997, 5:30 P.M.  
Third Floor Assembly Room  
Subject: Natural History Center

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - WORKSHOP OF DECEMBER 3, 1996, REGULAR MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, AND DECEMBER 17, 1996.**

**7b. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION DONATION**

Considered separately; see page nos. 3 and 4.

**7c. DONATION BY SPECIAL OLYMPICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council accept a generous donation from the Torrance Special Olympics Advisory Committee.

**7d. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommendation of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Employment and Training Division of the Personnel Department that City Council that City Council authorize the application for funds and negotiation of contracts with the Employment Training Panel.

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

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

**7b. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION DONATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council accept a donation of \$15,000 from the Torrance Rose Float Association and appropriate this amount to Account No. 620062.

Ms. Mary Hoffman, President of the Torrance Rose Float Association, on behalf of the Association and its Board of Directors, expressed appreciation of all the Float volunteers and the City Council for its support. Ms. Hoffman proudly highlighted the fact that the Association's float entry for the 1997 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade was awarded the *Mayor's Trophy* for the most outstanding city entry, and that Ruby's Diner float entry was awarded the *National Trophy*.

Mayor Hardison, on behalf of the City Council, thanked Ms. Hoffman and the members of the Torrance Rose Float Association for the \$15,000 donation, which will help to offset the cost of the City's float entry; and expressed pleasure in receiving this distinguished award for the City's float entry -- highlighting her enjoyable experience with helping to decorate the floats and experiencing and observing the community spirit and enthusiasm.

Ms. Hoffman indicated that \$5,000 of the \$15,000 donation came from the Del Amo Fashion Center; \$5,000 from the Torrance Youth Council, as Golden Rose Sponsors; and \$5,000 from various fund-raising events.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to accept and appropriate the \$15,000 donation from the Torrance Rose Float Association. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee; hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**8a. APPROPRIATION OF THE 1997 GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS  
FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of the Community Services Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council approve funding under the 1997 Grant Program for Non-Profit Social Services Agencies be awarded to the following agencies:

Behavioral Health Services  
Enrichment through Employment  
Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment  
Hospital Home Health Care Agency  
New Life Advocacy  
Post Polio Support Group  
Assistance League  
Wellness Community  
RVL S.C.O.R.E.

Although not having been selected as a Grant recipient for 1997, Ms. Hope Witkowsky, Executive Director for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), expressed her appreciation of being a past recipient of these generous funds; and thanked the Community Services Commission and the City Council for their efforts regarding the Grant program. Ms. Witkowsky encouraged the City Council to consider increasing the amount of the \$15,000 Grant fund.

On behalf of the Board of Directors for The Wellness Community and its agency participants, Ms. Beverly Morse expressed gratitude and appreciation for being awarded Grant funding for 1997.

Stating that the agency has been applying for Grant funds from the City of Torrance in the previous six years, Ms. Kathryn Hronec, representing Pregnancy Help Center, addressed her concerns and confusion that the agency has never been selected by Torrance as a Grant recipient; and she provided further input concerning the services provided by the agency.

Ms. CyCy Lambert, representing RVL S.C.O.R.E., expressed her appreciation in being selected as one of the recipients to receive 1997 Grant funding. Ms. Lambert thanked the members of the Community Services Commission and the City Council for their efforts with respect to the Grant hearing and selection process; and noted her support for increasing the amount of the \$15,000 Grant fund.

Representing Behavioral Health Services, Ms. Phyllis Militello thanked the City Council and the Community Services Commission for providing agencies an opportunity to apply for Grant funds; and highlighted the appreciation of the agency's members for being awarded 1997 Grant funds.

Per Councilwoman O'Donnell's inquiry regarding the New Life Advocacy's request to provide Grant funding for domestic violence legal survival kits, Recreation Supervisor McClelland provided input concerning the agency's attempts to prevent

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re-victimization by the judiciary process; and stated that in fiscal year 1995-1996, the agency assisted 450 Torrance residents -- pointing out that the agency anticipates serving approximately 600 Torrance residents this year.

Addressing the origination of the Torrance Grant fund, Councilman Lee suggested that the City possibly consider applying a CPI inflator to the original Grant fund amount (\$15,000) as a starting point in discussing a possible increase in the amount of the Grant funds.

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved to concur with the Community Services Commission and Staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs. (\*This motion passed; see below.)

Noting a growing number of requests to help fund worthy causes within the community, Councilwoman O'Donnell commented on her desire that Council discuss the issue of increasing the Grant fund account.

\*Roll call vote on the above-mentioned motion reflected unanimous approval.

For the record, Mayor Hardison announced that this fall, she became a member of the Enrichment Through Employment Advisory Board; and stated that she played no part in this agency's filing for Grant funds.

**13a. MOU'S: ENGINEERS, TFEA AND TME-AFSCME LOCAL 1117**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the Mayor and Council adopt the MOU's (of record) with the Engineers and the Torrance Fiscal Employees Association (TFEA) and a supplemental MOU with Torrance Municipal Employees (TME) for the period January 5, 1997, through June 30, 1997.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane provided input concerning the Council's adoption of the MOU's and MOU Supplementals, which will conclude the labor negotiations process for the 1996-1997 contract year -- highlighting wage increases and additional/enhanced benefits packages.

Mayor Hardison thanked and commended the three employee groups for their negotiations throughout this long process.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 5, 1997, TO JUNE 30, 1997**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 97-07. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 5, 1997, TO JUNE 30, 1997**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 97-08. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-09**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-111 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES -- AFSCME, LOCAL 1117**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 97-09. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-10**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-114 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 97-10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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At 7:40 P.M., Redevelopment Agency business was conducted, concluding at 7:45 P.M. The Agency adjourned and consideration of regular City Council business resumed.

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**18. ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

**19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**19a.** Councilman Lee commented on the installation of brighter lights in downtown Torrance, which will improve the lighting conditions at El Prado and Sartori Avenues.

**19b.** Councilwoman O'Donnell suggested that individuals or companies wishing to make charitable contributions to worthy causes might consider donating to the Grant fund.

**19c.** Mr. Frank Rizzardi, representing the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, thanked and commended the City Council for its timely response to street, sidewalk improvement issues in his neighborhood. Mr. Rizzardi commended City Engineer Burt for an excellent communications program with the residents; and also commended Inspector Bob Ennis for his responsive and informative communications between the City and the affected residents in this area.

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:50 P.M., City Council resumed its Executive Session, returning to Chambers at 9:22 P.M. No formal action was taken following this Executive Session. (Councilman Lee left City Hall at 7:50 P.M.)

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:24 P.M., the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, January 28, 1997, 7:00 P.M.