

June 17, 1997

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:36 p.m., on Tuesday June 17, 1997, in the City Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall for a workshop presentation on "Livable Communities" and related design concepts by South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council members Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian
Nakano, O'Donnell*, Walker and
Mayor Hardison.
*Arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

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At 6:53 p.m. the South Bay Cities Council of Governments workshop presentation was adjourned and the City Council reconvened at 7:14 p.m. in regular session.

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2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Beach Cities Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron #107.

Reverend Pastor E. Lorne Jack of South Bay Alliance Church gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE 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. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and, there being 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 shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Council member the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson advised that Agenda Item 7b (Legislation Re Waste Disposal) was withdrawn and will be brought back to Council at a later date.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

5:30 p.m. Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Visitors Bureau request for additional funding

17th Annual 4th of July Celebration

Friday, July 4, 1997

Wilson Park

Games, crafts, food, music, and fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

Free shuttle buses available at Civic Center and Del Amo Fashion Center

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. PROCLAMATION RE "SPECIAL OLYMPICS WEEK"

The Mayor presented a proclamation declaring the week of June 15-21, 1997 as "Special Olympics Week" in the City of Torrance to Ms. Mari Yamasaki and Torrance Police Officer Dana Munde. Officer Munde noted with pleasure the Torrance Police Department's participation in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run and long-standing support of this worthwhile program.

6b. RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES AND COACHES

The Mayor presented letters of recognition to 33 Torrance Special Olympians and 10 volunteer coaches who will be attending the Southern California Special Olympics Summer Games at U.C.L.A. on June 20-22. Captain Herren accepted Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the Torrance Police Officers who participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run.

6c. INTRODUCTION OF SISTER CITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

With the assistance of Ms. Hazel Taniguchi, president of the Torrance Sister City Association, the Mayor distributed City pins to this year's exchange program delegation, comprised of eight students and their leader Ilene Gelbaum, who will visit Kashiwa, Japan, and wished them a safe, exciting and educational journey.

6d. RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE AREA HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS

The Mayor recognized and presented certificates to 45 students from Bishop Montgomery, Torrance High, North High, West High and South High schools as Class of '97 Valedictorians.

6e. AWARD FOR THE CITY'S " STATE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS REPORT"

Mr. Richard Redmayne, Director of the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association, presented to Engineering Director Burt an award for the City's State of the Public Works Report.

6f. PRESENTATION TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE BY THE CITY OF LOMITA

Councilman Dave Albert, City of Lomita, presented an award recognizing the City of Torrance and the Torrance Police Department for their participation in the Joint Task Force to Stop Crime 1997 to Sergeant Williams.

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Item No. 8a was considered out of order.

8a. RESOLUTION 97-70 NAMING OF BUILDING IN HONOR OF URSEL NOLTE

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution naming the building located at 1339 Post Avenue in honor of Ursel "Russ" Nolte.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-70.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-70. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE NAMING THE BUILDING LOCATED AT
1339 POST AVENUE IN HONOR OF URSEL "RUSS" NOLTE

Mayor Hardison noted that the official presentation will be made later at the building. Mr. Nolte introduced family members present and expressed his appreciation for this honor.

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7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR CORRUGATED METAL PIPE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that the City Council:
(1) approve an amendment to an existing agreement with Bryant-Palmer-Soto, Inc., Consulting Engineers to provide additional design, inspection and contract administration in an amount not to exceed \$135,000; and
(2) allocate \$135,000 from Bond Proceeds previously appropriated for the Corrugated Metal Pipe Replacement Program.

7b. **LEGISLATION RE WASTE WATER DISPOSAL**

Withdrawn (see page 2).

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

Recommendation

The Carson/Lomita/Torrance PIC and the Personnel Director recommend that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement for the provision of customized employment and training services with CBE Technologies, Inc., for \$117,430.

7d. **ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) GRANT LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD**

Recommendation

The Acting Police Chief and the City Manager recommend that the City Council:
(1) appoint the listed individuals to the BJA grant local advisory board as recommended by the Mayor;
(2) identify board duties; and
(3) establish a sunset for the board's authority to meet.

7e. **AMENDMENT TO MAX COMMUTER SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

The MAX Policy Steering Committee and the Fleet Service Director recommend that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to an amendment to the MAX service contract with DAVE Transportation Services discontinuing MAX operation of the El Segundo Green Line connection shuttle service after June 30, 1997.

7f. **APPLICATION FOR FY 1996-97 SB-821 BIKEWAY FUNDS**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that the City Council authorize an application for \$57,228 in the FY 1996-97 Senate Bill (SB821) Funds for financing a curb access ramp project along Lomita Boulevard and Anza Avenue.

MOTION: Councilwoman moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written, with the exception of Item No. 7b (Legislation Re Waste Water Disposal) which was withdrawn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

In response to Mayor Hardison regarding Item No. 7d, Captain Herren advised that he would be contacting members of the new BJA advisory board and setting up the first meeting.

8. **LIBRARY/PARKS & RECREATION**

8a. **RESOLUTION 97-70 NAMING BUILDING IN HONOR OF URSEL NOLTE**

Considered out of order (see page 3).

9. **TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

9a. **RELINQUISHMENT OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Assemblywoman Bowen requesting assistance in adding enabling legislation to an existing transportation-related bill to authorize the relinquishment of Artesia Boulevard in the City of Torrance, subject to agreement between the City and Caltrans as to specific language and terms of the relinquishment.

Senior Division Engineer Perkins presented the staff report (per written material of record). He stated that adding this to an existing bill would allow funding of improvements early next year if an agreement is reached with Caltrans and confirmed that Assemblywoman Bowen has consented to adding this to her legislation.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9b. **APPLICATION RE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS**

Recommendation

The Fleet Services Director recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply and the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the grant cooperative agreements for an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area

Formula Program Funds to assist in financing the following items for the Torrance Transit System:

- (1) five 40-foot replacement buses, and
- (2) the fifth year's net debt service payment on fourteen (14) 40-foot replacement buses.

Mayor Hardison questioned whether any consideration was given to buying smaller buses for use in areas of low ridership. Fleet Services Director Ishmael advised that a 30-foot bus costs as much as a 40-foot bus to run and that a 40-foot bus provides greater flexibility, since it can be used throughout the entire system.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-71.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-71. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-71

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000 WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ASSISTANCE IN FY 1996-97, AS AUTHORIZED BY 49 U.S.C. CHAPTER 53, TITLE 23 UNITED STATES CODE AND OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CELLULAR SERVICE

Recommendation

The Information Systems Director recommends that the City Council consider one of the following options:

- (1) accept the proposal and award a contract to Arjay Telecommunications in the amount of \$24,500;
- (2) divide the award of contract based on function and/or directory-sensitive numbers; or
- (3) award the contract to AirTouch Cellular in the amount of \$26,000.

Councilman Lee left the Chamber and abstained from consideration of this matter due to a business relationship with one of the principals.

Information System Director Jenno presented the staff report (per written material of record).

Mr. Ron Peralez, AirTouch Cellular Sales Manager, asserted that the higher cost of AirTouch Cellular's contract would be more than offset by the value of their superior technical expertise, experience, and reliability.

Ms. Sebrina Hansgen, AirTouch Cellular Account Representative, outlined the benefits of dealing with a facilities-based direct carrier, such as enhanced services in the event of an emergency; highlighted exclusive microwave network and fraud prevention technology; and noted the availability of priority service by qualified technicians and sales and billing representatives dedicated exclusively to the City of Torrance.

Mr. Arun Bhumitra, representing Arjay Telecommunications, promised that his company will provide efficient service using the latest technology; explained that the lower cost is the result of lower overhead and not at the expense of quality service; and urged Council to award the contract to Arjay, since they are the lowest bidder.

Councilwoman O'Donnell stated that the Council's responsibility is to consider the contracts only on the basis of employee on-the-job needs and not be induced by free phones or special employee rates for personal use.

Mayor Hardison questioned the practicality of dividing the contract, thereby supporting a local business (Arjay) without having to change "directory sensitive" numbers in the Police and Fire Departments. Ms. Jenno advised that she was unsure how much additional work would be involved in administering two contracts.

Commenting on phone reception problems recently brought to his attention by police officers, Councilman Walker expressed the opinion that Arjay could provide improved reception outweighing the inconvenience of reprogramming phone numbers; noted the importance of supporting local businesses; and voiced support for Arjay's proposal.

Mr. Kenyon Walker, Palos Verdes, commented that he has had business dealings with Arjay Telecommunications and found them to be trustworthy and reliable.

Stating that costs associated with changing carriers and reprogramming phone numbers may exceed any savings, and noting the lack of call-forwarding to the new numbers, Councilwoman Cribbs advised that she was not in favor of awarding the contract to Arjay. She suggested that since digital technology will likely be available in the next year or two, it might be prudent to wait and consider changing at that time, and noted that with a location in the Del Amo Fashion Center, AirTouch should also be considered a local business.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to accept the proposal and award a contract to Arjay Telecommunications in the amount of \$24,500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and passed by a 5-1 majority roll call vote, with Councilwoman Cribbs dissenting and Councilman Lee abstaining.

13b. CITYWIDE STREET LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING DISTRICT

Recommendation

The Planning Director recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

- (1) approve the revised Engineer's Report for the City of Torrance Citywide Street Lighting and Street Landscaping District;
- (2) re-issue ballots to all property owners of record;
- (3) appropriate funds from the Street Lighting Budget to cover the expenditure; and
- (4) authorize the City Clerk to destroy ballots from the initial mailout.

Transportation Planner Buchman presented the staff report (per written material of record) and explained that problems encountered in the original mail-out balloting and an error in the Engineer's Report necessitated a revision of the balloting process. In response to Councilwoman Cribbs, she confirmed that there was still time to make the upcoming year's tax rolls and advised that ballots will be mailed out first-class, instead of bulk-rate, to ensure the return of undeliverable ballots. Addressing residents' concerns about privacy, she noted that ballots will be returned in sealed envelopes.

In answer to questions from Council members, a representative of Willdan Associates stated the results of the balloting will be announced at the public hearing on Tuesday, August 5; explained that property owners will be able to submit or change their ballots at this hearing; and outlined the process by which the ballots will be counted.

Providing clarification for Councilwoman O'Donnell, City Attorney Fellows advised that ballots must be received by August 5 and any ballots arriving after that date must be discarded. Planning Director Ferren stated that ballots will be received and secured by City Clerk Herbers and counted under her supervision.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution 97-74.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-74. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-74

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE REVISED ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR STREET LIGHTING AND STREET LANDSCAPING IN A CITYWIDE STREET LIGHTING AND STREET LANDSCAPING DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-75.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-75. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-75

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING AND STREET LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 14, PART 2 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-76.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-76. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-76

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY BALLOTS FROM THE INITIAL MAILOUT FOR PROPOSED CITY OF TORRANCE CITYWIDE STREET LIGHTING AND STREET LANDSCAPING DISTRICT

14. HEARINGS

14a. ADOPTION OF THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 1997-98

Mayor Hardison noted that this was the time, date and place for the second Public Hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Budget for fiscal years 1997-99.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to receive and file the affidavit of publication. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution adopting the annual City Manager's budget for 1997-99 and appropriate funding for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

For Mrs. Katy Geissert, president of the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation, City Manager Jackson confirmed that the survey for the position of Theater Supervisor had been completed but noted that all data had not yet been analyzed and a final conclusion had not been reached. Mrs. Geissert voiced support for the current Theater Manager, who she stated has served the foundation well.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved that the hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-72.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-72. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 97-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 1997-98 FISCAL YEAR AND ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET BALANCES

17. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED

17a. RESOLUTION RE APPROVING 1997-98 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Recommendation

The Finance Director recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the 1997-98 Appropriations Limit and approving the selection of the Annual Adjustment Factors for the same Fiscal Year.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-73.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-73. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 1997-98 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND SELECTION OF THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR

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At 9:40 p.m., the City Council met concurrently as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. Regular Council agenda was resumed at 9:42 p.m. in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency.

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18. ADDENDUM MATTERS

None.

19. ORAL COMMUNICATION

19a. City Manager Jackson thanked the City staff and community participants for their assistance in the preparation of the budget.

19b. Councilwoman Cribbs questioned methods used to locate ballots sent in for the Street Lighting and Landscaping District.

19c. Councilman Lee announced that the Armed Forces Day Committee would be setting a meeting in July to discuss the recent parade.

19d. Councilwoman O'Donnell reminded residents about a rabies clinic to be held Friday, June 20 at McMaster Park from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

19e. Mayor Hardison requested information regarding proposed solutions to the problem of City bus drivers working extended hours.

19f. Ms. Helen Doyle, Torrance, spoke regarding fundraising at the 4th of July Celebration at Wilson Park.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:50 p.m. the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the agenda pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54957, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(b), 54956.9(c) and 54956.8.

At 12:20 a.m. the Council returned to open session in Council Chambers. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in Closed Session.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:20 a.m., the Council adjourned to Tuesday, June 24 at 5:30 p.m. for an Executive Session with regular business to commence at 7:00 p.m.