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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, April 21, 1987, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison,
Mock, Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

Absent: Councilman Walker.

Also present: City Manager Jackson,
City Attorney Remelmeyer, and
Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Mr. Derf Fredericks.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Father Jose L. Martinez, Nativity Catholic Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of March 24, 1987 and March 25, 1987, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance

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in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Har-
dison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman
Walker absent).

5. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to accept and file
the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for
this meeting. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was un-
animously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Rose Float Ad Hoc Committee
Tuesday, April 28, 1987 - 5:30 p.m.
Subject: Float Design.

It was the request of Mayor Geissert that staff coor-
dinate the scheduling of a meeting of the Council's Ad Hoc Legis-
lative Committee. City Manager will follow through.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - SCOUT ROGER ROBINSON:

Mayor Geissert presented, with pride, a certificate of
appreciation to Scout Roger Robinson, Troop 851, in recognition
of exemplary service to the community.

8b. GENERAL TELEPHONE PRESENTATION TO CITY:

Mr. Kevin M. Peterson, District Manager of the General
Telephone Company, presented to the City two copies of General
Telephone's video tape "Earthquake - Being Prepared for the Emer-
gency at Home." There was appreciative acceptance by the Mayor
on behalf of the City.

Also present to acknowledge this generous gesture were
Police Captain Jim Weyant and Ms. Susan Frericks, staff coor-
dinator for Torrance Disaster Council.

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- 8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming April 22, 1987, as
"Secretaries Day."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert, and accepted by TCEA representative Lee Lobraico.

- 8d. PROCLAMATION proclaiming April 26 to May 2, 1987, as
"American Home Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert. Mr. Derf Fredericks, President of the Torrance/Lomita/Carson Board of Realtors was present to accept this proclamation.

- 8e. RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER GORENFELD:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING COMMISSIONER
ABRAHAM GORENFELD FOR HIS CONTINUING
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
AND TO THE CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-85. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

President of the South Bay Bar Association, Mr. Seymour I. Cohen, was present to accept this resolution which will be formally presented to Commissioner Gorenfeld on April 30.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

- 9a. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LIBRARY VIDEO CIRCUIT JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY VIDEO
CIRCUIT JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE
FOR THE ELIMINATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 87-87. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. CARSON STREET IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN CONCEPT:

Mayor Geissert announced that this item was continued from the City Council meeting of March 31, 1987, and invited input from the Engineering Department.

Sr. C.E. Associate Perkins provided the staff presentation on the design concept for improvement of Carson Street from Madrona Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard, addressing specifically the following points which were of issue at the March 31 Council consideration of this matter.

1. Service road circulation,
2. Access to 3317 and 3321 Carson Street,
3. Elimination of the third westbound lane,
4. Lane transitions,
5. Building setbacks,
6. Credit for past dedications, and
7. Undergrounding of overhead utilities.

Mr. Perkins noted the following --

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Engineer recommends your Honorable Body: 1) approve the design concept for the Carson Street improvement from Madrona Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard; and, 2) direct the City Engineer to immediately proceed with detailed design and right-of-way acquisition.

In response to inquiries from the Council, Sr. C.E. Associate Perkins further clarified details of the utility undergrounding procedure. Additional information as to attendant cost to individual homeowners, projected completion schedule, etc. was provided by Mr. Ted Porter of Southern California Edison Company.

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Audience input was invited by Mayor Geissert.

Mr. Milton Carlson, 3105 West Carson Street, addressed his comments primarily to noise levels, traffic flow, and traffic volumes, quoting, as appropriate, statements pertaining to those areas of concern from the EIR for the Carson Street widening project and for the Park Del Amo development.

Mr. Dick D'Angelo, Chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, 2125 Avermeyer Lane, Redondo Beach, urged that the City move forward with this project.

Representing the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce at 3400 Torrance Boulevard, Mr. Dan McClain advised that the Chamber's Board of Directors is in favor of the City's proposal to widen Carson Street, and encouraged continued coordination with area residents to minimize the impact insofar as possible.

Continuing concerns regarding design of the service road were expressed by Mr. James Hinton, 3305 West Carson Street, who urged that the present width of the service road be maintained.

Mr. Ed Roppel (?), 3225 West Carson Street, expressed opposition to the proposed design, noting concerns regarding increased congestion, noise and air pollution.

The Madrona Homeowners Association representative, Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado Street, suggested that those individuals who have previously dedicated property along Carson Street should seek private legal counsel regarding their rights at this time in that regard. Anticipated negative impacts resulting from traffic, sidewalks, etc. being in closer proximity to residences were noted by this speaker, who requested that the City make provision for mitigation measures for noise and dust impact on the residences.

There being no further audience comments, Council discussion ensued, resulting in the following motion.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the alternate proposal of the Engineering Department (submitted this date), including the necessary requests that would put into effect the establishment of an Assessment District and the potential undergrounding of the utilities. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

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Councilman Wirth indicated his preference for the original design proposal submitted by staff (considered by the Council at its March 31 meeting). Of particular concern to Mr. Wirth were the distance from traffic to the residences (between Maple Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard); and service road and through traffic design west of Maple Avenue.

During the continuing discussion, it was suggested by Mayor Geissert that the action of the Council include the presentation of an option for noise attenuation to the six homeowners affected by the right-turn lane on Carson Street as it joins with Madrona Avenue. Subsequent action in accordance with the Mayor's recommendation is incorporated in the motion offered below by Councilwoman Hardison, which includes, also, like concerns for the residents from Maple Avenue easterly.

Sr. C.E. Associate Perkins indicated his willingness to meet with these affected homeowners to explore the various options available. It was the Mayor's firm desire that such activity be included in the funding for the project and represent no cost to the homeowners.

The motion as stated by Councilman Applegate carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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| AYES: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | Applegate, Hardison, Mock, Nakano and Mayor Geissert. |
| NOES: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | Wirth. |
| ABSENT: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | Walker. |

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved that when the designs are returned to the Council, mitigating measures for the entire route from Madrona Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard also be returned. This motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

Mayor Geissert directed (in accordance with the Council's wishes) that staff initiate appropriate activity regarding the undergrounding of utilities along the subject route.

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- 10b. STORM DRAIN IN HUBER AVENUE AND MIDDLEBROOK ROAD
BETWEEN WESTERN AVENUE AND WEST OF CABRILLO AVENUE:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR THE HUBER AVE. STORM DRAIN AND
AUTHORIZING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COMMENCE
CONSTRUCTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-88. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

Councilwoman Hardison commended Sr. C.E. Associate Perkins for his efforts which resulted in the culmination of the above action.

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At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a brief recess. The Council reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

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15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. CUP 86-74: FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION/DAVID BOURLAND:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an administrative appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a package delivery kiosk in the parking lot of Phase I of the Park Del Amo Business Center in the PD Zone located on the northwest corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda Boulevards. CUP 86-74 (EA 81-1) FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION/DAVID BOURLAND.

Proof of publication was provided by City Clerk Wilson and was filed without objection.

During the staff presentation as provided by Planning Associate Gibson it was noted that the Planning Commission recommends DENIAL OF THE APPEAL and APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT; the Planning Department recommends APPROVAL OF THE APPEAL and DENIAL OF THE PROJECT.

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The Project Engineer, Mr. David Bourland, 8950 Cal Center Drive, Suite 370, Sacramento, briefly described their proposed operation and responded to Council inquiries regarding traffic flow, hours of operation, design concept, etc.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak on this case, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

Council discussion generally encompassed concerns regarding parking and traffic, configuration of the overall design, incompatibility of use, aesthetic considerations, etc.

The following action resulted.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to grant the appeal and DENY CUP 86-74, Federal Express Corporation/David Bourland. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

15b. ZC 86-3, CUP 69-23 (MOD), SCOTT ROBINSON HONDA/DON ROBINSON:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of a Change of Zone from R-1 (single-family residential) to P-1 (open area/planting/parking) and an administrative appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Modification of a previously approved Conditional Use Permit to allow the remodeling of an existing automotive agency and the construction of a parking structure above the existing body shop at 20340 Hawthorne Boulevard and on the west side of Perkins Avenue approximately 250 feet south of Del Amo Boulevard. ZC 86-3, CUP 69-23 (MOD) (EA 86-21), SCOTT ROBINSON HONDA/DON ROBINSON.

Proof of publication was provided by the City Clerk and it was filed without objection.

Planning Associate Gibson provided the staff presentation on this case, and noted that the Planning Commission recommends that the zoning on the easterly parcel remain R-1 with a P-1 (PP) overlay (modification to CUP 69-23 recommended for approval). The Planning Department, per Mr. Gibson, recommends approval of a change of zone from R-1 to P-1, together with approval of CUP 69-23 (MOD).

Mr. Don Robinson, 20340 Hawthorne Boulevard, described the sequence of events culminating in the current proposed design

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concept, and requested that the project, as presented, be approved, with continued surface parking allowed on the R-1 parcel.

The Mayor inquired as to the proponent's concurrence with the overlay zone change concept as recommended by the Planning Commission, to which Mr. Robinson responded affirmatively.

A resident of the subject area, Mr. Carl Walther, 3714 Sara Drive, called the Council's attention to certain ambiguous statements in the resolution presented for this item.

Planning Director Ferren thereupon requested that reference to the R-1 Zone and to the west side of Perkins Avenue be deleted from the title of the resolution approving the Conditional Use Permit for this case, as well as the same reference in the last paragraph on Page 1, and the penultimate paragraph on Page 2.

With reference to the ordinance approving the zone change on this item, Mr. Ferren requested that Section 4 be modified to read:

"That, said property described in Section 3, and the same is hereby reclassified from the existing zone to R-1 (P-1 PP), (single-family residential with an overlay district of open area/planting/parking."

City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated concurrence.

Mr. Dean Lawrence, 21342 Perkins Avenue, supported the Planning Commission's recommendation for R-1 zoning with a P-1 (PP) Overlay.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak on this matter, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 87-89

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A MODIFICATION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE REMODELING OF AN EXISTING AUTOMOBILE AGENCY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING STRUCTURE ABOVE THE EXISTING BODY SHOP IN THE C-5 ZONE LOCATED AT 20340 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CUP 69-23 (MOD), (EA 86-21):
SCOTT ROBINSON HONDA/DON ROBINSON

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-89, as amended. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 3195

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PERKINS AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 250 FEET SOUTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD

ZC 86-3: SCOTT ROBINSON HONDA/DON ROBINSON

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3195, as amended, at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF SB 1231:

RECOMMENDATION:

Should your Honorable Body desire to honor this request (of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes for support of SB 1231 regulating protection of California's killer whales) the City Manager recommends that staff be directed to prepare a letter of support.

During the ensuing Council discussion on Item 17a, Councilman Applegate indicated his concern regarding the protection of private property rights as they might attend this issue.

Councilman Nakano indicated his intention to oppose the motion on the floor because of the possible illegality of SB 1231, as well as that the present owners of the marine life in question may not be in a financial position to adequately provide for them.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the request of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes to support SB 1231. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hardison, Mock, Wirth,
and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate and Nakano.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3194:

ORDINANCE NO. 3194

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING
DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE
TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH
IS LOCATED ON 5500 TORRANCE BOULEVARD FROM
R-5 AND C-2 TO R-3

ZC 86-4:

JOHN ROCCA, IVANO STAMEGNA AND BATTIA VUICICH
CATHERINE MAY, REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 3194 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded
by Councilman Mock, carried by way of the following roll call
vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Mock,
Nakano, Wirth and
Mayor Geissert.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hardison.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. CONSTRUCTION OF LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS on Pacific Coast Highway (South Side) Between Madison Street and Bellanca Way (B85-59) - Notice of Completion.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that work be accepted and final payment, in the amount of \$43,767, be made to the contractor, Valley Crest Landscape, Inc.

20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PURCHASE FACTORY LOADED AMMUNITION:

Ref: State of California Contract #1-87-13-02
Anticipated Expenditure: \$10,881.53
including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division is recommending that Council award the following Annual Contracts for **FACTORY LOADED AMMUNITION**, based on pricing, terms and conditions from California State Contract No. 1-87-13-02.

1. Award a contract to the Remington Arms Company of Wilmington, DE for Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 of the analysis contained in this agenda, in the total amount of \$6,153.57 including tax.
2. Award a contract to the OLIN CORPORATION, WINCHESTER GROUP, East Alton, IL for Item Nos. 4 & 7 of the analysis contained in this agenda item, in the total amount of \$4,727.96 including tax.

20c. COUNCIL AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDERS - To Furnish Miscellaneous Video Equipment Required for the City's New Telecommunications Facility
Ref: Bid No. B87-26
Expenditure: \$30,577.25, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Purchasing Division that your Honorable Body award Purchase Orders to the low responsible bidder(s) as follows:

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| 1. Audio Graphics Systems Santa Fe Springs, CA | \$ 979.00 | Item 1 only |
| Sales Tax | 63.64 | |
| Total | \$ 1042.64 | |
| 2. Shoreline Ltd. Hollywood, CA | \$14807.30 | Items 2,3,4, 5,13,16,17, 18 and 21 |
| Sales Tax | 962.48 | |
| Total | \$15769.78 | |
| 3. Hoffman Video Systems Los Angeles, CA | \$ 9917.00 | Items 6,7,9, 10 and 19 |
| Sales Tax | 644.60 | |
| Total | \$10561.60 | |
| 4. A-VIDD Electronics Co. Long Beach, CA | \$ 1936.73 | Items 11,12, 14,15 and 24 |
| Sales Tax | 125.89 | |
| Total | \$ 2062.62 | |
| 5. Educational Electronics Co. Inglewood, CA | \$ 1071.00 | Items 20 and 23 |
| Sales Tax | 69.61 | |
| Total | \$ 1140.61 | |
| GRAND TOTAL | | \$30,577.25 |

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, and 20c. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

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At 8:35 p.m., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adjourning as Redevelopment Agency and returning to the regular Council agenda order at 8:38 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate announced scheduling particulars for the May 16 Armed Forces Day Parade:

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- 8:00 a.m. 5K/10K Run.
- 1:00 p.m. 27th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade - Grand Marshall Lieutenant General D'Wayne Gray, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific and Commander, Marine Corps Bases, Pacific.

22b. Councilman Mock extended best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sergeant Harold Maestri, who recently suffered a heart attack.

22c. Councilman Nakano suggested that one of the Citicable broadcasts of the recent Medal of Valor presentations be during the evening hours.

22d. Councilman Nakano requested that staff provide an estimate of the cost of furnishing the new Cultural Arts Center.

22e. Councilman Nakano requested, and received, clarification from the City Attorney regarding legislative proposals concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages at gasoline stations.

22f. Councilman Wirth clarified his own personal feelings with regard to liquor sales at gasoline stations, deeming it a "mistake to compromise" on this issue.

22g. Councilman Wirth requested that staff report on the possibility of upgrading the City's parking lot on the west side of Palos Verdes Boulevard, along with a general overall revamping of parking restrictions, striping, signing, etc. on that lot.

22h. Councilman Wirth congratulated the Torrance Unified School District for having gone to live cablecasting of their Board meetings.

22i. Mayor Geissert indicated her firm opinion that local control should prevail on the issue of alcoholic beverage and gasoline dispensation from the same source, and requested that a resolution be prepared and presented as an agenda item at the April 28, Council meeting in order that this Council might take an official position on AB 937.

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22j. Mayor Geissert requested that the Council be provided an update regarding landscaping progress where Toledo and Monterey Streets meet.

22k. A member of the audience who identified himself as "Friend", 26349 Hillcrest Avenue, Lomita, requested that the City explore the regulation of smoking in public places.

The Council now returned to --

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Geissert read the following statement into the record:

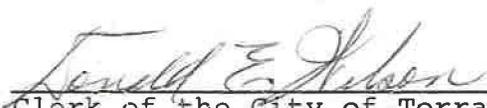
The City Council will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Manager regarding salaries, salary schedules and compensation for certain employee groups. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54957.6.

At 8:57 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 9:07 p.m. for formal adjournment (no action was required as a result of the executive session).

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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