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Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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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, January 16, 1990, at 5:42 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Nakano.

Also present: City Manager Jackson,
City Attorney Nelson,
City Clerk Bramhall, and
Staff representatives.

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the passing of Mr. Franklin Lieu, a long time resident of this city and dedicated volunteer in the community. The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Lieu.

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3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Torrance Police Officer Lawrence Fuller.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Rabbi Steven Silver, Temple Menorah.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 5, 1989, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano absent].

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on the agenda for this meeting, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano 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, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Nakano absent].

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Public Safety Committee
February 7, 1990, 4:30 p.m.
Subject: Permit Process of Acutely Hazardous
Material

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. TWENTY-YEAR SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Geissert presented twenty-year service awards to the following members of the Police Department ---

Officer Leonard Thorpe
Officer Jeffrey Lancaster
Officer Lawrence Fuller.

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8b. PRESENTATION OF GOLDEN SHIELD AWARD:

Mr. Bill Haught, Vice-President of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation, presented that organization's Golden Shield award to the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Torrance.

There was grateful acceptance by Mayor Geissert and by Parks and Recreation Director Barnett.

8c. RESOLUTION HONORING CHARLES AND PAMELA EDWARDS:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING CHARLES AND
PAMELA EDWARDS AS RECIPIENTS OF THE
SOUTH TORRANCE LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY
RECOGNITION AWARD

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-4. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Nakano absent].

This resolution will be presented at a later date.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. CONFIRMATION OF CLUB REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS TO SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that your Honorable Body confirm the appointment of Bea Justad as the new representative of the Riviera Senior Citizens Club to the Senior Citizens Council, and to reconfirm the appointments of the following club representatives to the Senior Citizens Council: Ursel Nolte of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Mary Durringer of Hollywood Riviera Club, Richard Johnson of Senior Citizens Golf Club, Etta Morgan of McMaster Senior Citizens Club, and Walt West of Torrance Adult Club.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation on Agenda Item 9a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano absent].

Ms. Bea Justad, newly appointed representative of the Riviera Senior Citizens Club was duly sworn to office by City Clerk Bramhall.

9b. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL 1988/89 ANNUAL REPORT:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file the 1988/89 Annual Report as prepared by the Senior Citizens Council. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano absent].

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT FOR RETAINING WALLS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 22201 REDBEAM AVENUE.

[Proponents: George P. Schwarz and Caroline K. Butzirus].

RESOLUTION NO. 90-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND GEORGE P. SCHWARZ AND CAROLINE K. BUTZIRUS PERMITTING THE ENCROACHMENT IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 22201 REDBEAM AVE. WITH RETAINING WALLS

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-8. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano absent].

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12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. HOUSEKEEPING ORDINANCE, R-1 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS:

ORDINANCE NO. 3291

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS
91.2.82, 91.4.4, 91.4.8, 92.5.5 AND
92.5.6 ALL CONCERNED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT
OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, R-1 PROPERTY

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve Ordinance No. 3291 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano absent].

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. FISCAL YEAR 1989-90 JTPA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONTRACTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
AND ATTEST THESE CERTAIN CONTRACTS BETWEEN
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SEARS ROEBUCK AND
COMPANY

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-9. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Nakano absent].

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place scheduled for a public hearing before the City Council on the revision of the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Torrance.

Proof of publication, provided by the City Clerk, was filed without comment.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the revisions to the Conflict of Interest Code as set forth by amendments to the Government Code and those revisions resulting from certain changes and additions within City departments.

There being no response to the Mayor's invitation for individuals to address the Council on this matter, Councilman Applegate MOVED to close the public hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano absent].

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Nakano absent].

15b. CUP 89-48, D 89-45; SUNMARK DEVELOPMENT:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an applicant appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit and a Division of Lot to allow construction of six condominium units in the Multiple-Family (R3) Residential Zone located at 2435 and 2439 Border Avenue. CUP 89-48, D 89-45; SUNMARK DEVELOPMENT.

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

During his staff presentation, Senior Principal Planner Gibson advised that the proponent now desires to lower the roof height from 26 feet to 25 feet, and the Planning Department recommends approval of the appeal and approval of the project with the proposed height modification.

Responding to Council questions, Mr. Gibson elaborated on specific design aspects of this condominium project and advised that if this project is denied, it would be possible for the applicant to pull building permits for a rental project so long as it fulfilled existing zoning standards. Relative to the overall size allowable, Mr. Gibson advised that a rental unit within the parameters of the zone would likely be somewhat smaller than the subject project; it could look exactly the same; and the total land area would allow one additional unit to be constructed.

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Mr. Steve Smith, Chester Smith Associates, architects for the project, 22850 Crenshaw Boulevard, submitted a rendering as well as charts representing setback comparisons and height limit comparisons [all of this documentation made part of the official record].

Mr. Smith also utilized a display board with photographs to describe the compatibility of the proposed development with other residential projects in the area. [NOTE: this exhibit was not submitted for the City's records].

The proposal was described in depth by Architect Smith, with specific note of the fact that no curb cuts are proposed, thus allowing for on-street guest parking [approximately four spaces, per staff] with two additional guest spaces provided off the alley.

Developer of the property, Mr. Jack Macke, 23627 Arlington, addressed the issue of compatibility and requested favorable consideration by the Council.

Mr. Barnard Reina, 2443 Border Avenue, referenced a petition [of record] containing 14 signatures indicating support of condominium rather than apartment development in the area.

There being no further audience input, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano absent].

Council discussion generally centered around the guest/bonus parking space availability and accessibility and the general planning amenities provided in this project.

Councilwoman Hardison urged that, as this particular neighborhood recycles, sufficient parking be provided for the apartment or condominium dwellers so that on-street parking may be utilized by guests, thus hopefully precluding an infringement into nearby R-1 areas.

Mrs. Hardison also pointed out for the edification of interested neighbors that the petition submitted, although requesting condominium development in the area, carries with it no guarantees to that end.

The following motion was offered.

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MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to approve the appeal and approve the project on CUP 89-48, D 89-45, SUNMARK DEVELOPMENT, adding a condition establishing 25 feet as the maximum height of the project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano absent].

RESOLUTION NO. 90-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX-UNIT CONDOMINIUM PROJECT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-3 ZONE AT 2435 AND 2439 BORDER AVENUE
CUP 89-48: SUNMARK DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-10 [as amended]. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano absent].

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - For the purchase of seventeen (17) new replacement 1990 police black and white sedans utilizing a cooperative purchase agreement with Los Angeles County.
Ref: Los Angeles County Bid #R349
Expenditure: \$264,975.17 including sales tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Fleet Services Department recommend that your Honorable Body allow the City of Torrance to participate in this cooperative purchase and authorize the award of a contract to Maurice J. Sopp and Son dealership of Huntington Park (low bidder of the Los Angeles County Bid #R349) in the total amount of \$264,975.17, including sales tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the staff recommendation on Agenda item 20a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Nakano absent].

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At 6:45 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate requested that Council be provided with an update on the Lomita Boulevard right-of-way study.

22b. Councilwoman Hardison expressed her concerns that any proposed development for the property at Gramercy Avenue and 166th Street be appropriate for the site.

22c. Councilwoman Hardison requested that staff provide the Council with a report on the Planning Commission's concerns relative to current R-2 development standards.

22d. Councilman Walker expressed his firm opinion that information regarding the amount of money being expended by Mobil Oil in their efforts to defeat the Dan Walker Initiative should be made available to the people of the City of Torrance. He noted that the Fair Political Practices Commission is looking into the matter.

22e. Mr. Dick Johnson, 23059A Nadine Circle, requested information regarding the future extension of 223rd street. City Engineer Burtt will provide updated information to this citizen.

22f. Mr. James Taylor, 4700 131st Street, Hawthorne, addressed the Council regarding various aspects of a curbside recycling program in the City of Torrance.

City Manager Jackson advised that there will be a formal Council agenda item on recycling in the near future and Mr. Taylor will receive appropriate notification.

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23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS;

Mayor Geissert read the following statement into the record.

The City Council will now recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager and/or the City Attorney on the following subjects:

- Salaries, salary schedules and compensation for certain unrepresented employees and represented employee groups as well as certain other personnel matters; pending and potential litigation; and lease negotiations.
- Pending litigation entitled John Rastello, et al., vs. Rollo Green, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 74882;
- Pending litigation entitled People of the State of California vs. Mobil Oil Corporation, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 719953;
- Negotiations for lease/purchase of Columbia School site with Torrance Board of Education;
- Lease negotiations with nonprofit corporation regarding Greenwood School site;
- Potential litigation regarding Airport Land Use Plan;
- Lease payment amendment and lease payment adjustment for Lexus Dealership.

Authority to hold an executive session for these purposes is contained in Government Code Sections 54957.6 (a); 54956.9 (a); 54956.9 (b) and 54956.8.

At 7:07 p.m., the Mayor declared a brief recess which was followed immediately by an executive session for the purposes above noted. The Council returned at 9:40 p.m. to take the following action.

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RESOLUTION NO. 90-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN
CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING
CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY
THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY
ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION NO. 89-155

MOTION; Councilwoman Hardison moved to adopt Resolu-
tion No. 90-11. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate,
carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Nakano absent].

24. ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:42 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was ad-
journed to Tuesday, January 23, 1990, at 5:30 p.m. for purposes
of an executive session; the regular portion of the meeting to
commence upon completion of that executive session.

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Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of
Mr. Franklin Lieu.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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