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Adjournment at 10:42 p.m.

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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, February 11, 1986, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Boy Scout Troop #310 - James Gordon, Scoutmaster - led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Rabbi Eli Hecht, Chabad of South Bay.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of January 21, 1986, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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5. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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 in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item 3a (Senior Housing Rental Assistance Program) to be held until the meeting of February 25, 1986.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Community Planning and Design Committee
To meet Monday, February 24, 1986, 4:30 p.m.
Subject: Earthquake Hazard Reduction Ordinance.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. AWARDS TO RETIRED COMMISSIONERS:

Community service awards were presented by Mayor Armstrong to the following City of Torrance retired Commissioners:

Mr. Frank Rizzardi (Civil Service)
Ms. Susan Gibbons (Disaster Council)
Mr. William Larson (Environmental Quality)
Ms. Ann Adam (Fine Arts)
Mr. Wilfred Brugger (Fine Arts)
Rev. Ray Lambert (Library)
Mr. Leon Taylor (Traffic)

Unable to attend, but in receipt of like awards were:

Mr. John Smith (Airport)
Ms. Meri Jo McMullen (Traffic)
Mr. Ronald Shiozaki (Human Resources).

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8b. RECOGNITION OF SEASIDE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS:

In honor of the outstanding community spirit represented by citizens of the Seaside community in their spectacular Christmas displays this past season, Mayor Armstrong presented certificates of recognition to the following:

- Evalyn Angelone
- Thea Blakey
- Bill and Beth Booth
- Rennie Bowden
- Jane Cairns
- Mark and Jane Hebson
- Barbara Huey
- Kirk and Pam Jensen
- Art and Kitty Johnson
- Larry and Joan Johnson
- Vic Kilburn
- Jack and Julie Miles
- Paul and Carol Monson
- Tom and Judy Peck
- Ralph and Debbie Royds
- Anita Rylander
- Helen Sheets
- Bob and Diane Soloman.

8c. RESOLUTION HONORING KASHIWA, JAPAN:

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION WITH KASHIWA, JAPAN, AND PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 16, 1986 AS KASHIWA DAY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-28. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

There was grateful acceptance by Ms. Louise Kilburn and Ms. Mikko Haggott.

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9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. DONATION BY SOUTH BAY LAPIDARY AND MINERAL SOCIETY:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Belcher presented, on behalf of the South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society, a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Library Department.

This generous donation was gratefully accepted by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of his colleagues on the Council and the citizens of the City of Torrance.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. STOP SIGNS AND CROSSING GUARD AT RONALD AND TOWERS:

City Traffic Engineer Collins provided a staff presentation on this appeal by the Towers Elementary School PTA for STOP signs and a crossing guard at the intersection of Ronald Avenue and Towers Street. Mr. Collins pointed out that the Traffic Commission recommends approval; the Department of Transportation and Police Department recommend denial of the requests.

CITY MANAGER NOTE:

If Council concurs with the Traffic Commission's recommendation to approve the addition of a Crossing Guard, \$2,000 will need to be appropriated from the General Fund Reserve for Contingency.

Clarification, as desired by members of the Council, was provided by staff, following which Mayor Armstrong invited input from the substantial audience present on this matter.

First to speak was Mr. Gene Petzold, 19311 Ronald Avenue, who voiced his opposition to the requested STOP signs and crossing guard (per correspondence of official record).

Ms. Carol O'Brien, 5521 Wilma Street, urged approval of the request, citing the ineffectiveness of the YIELD signs currently in place at this location and concerns for the safety of the children. Ms. O'Brien also pointed out that the access gate on Beryl Street is left open all day for the convenience of buses, thus providing an attractive throughway for community vehicular traffic which compounds the problem.

Also speaking in favor of both the crossing guard and STOP signs was Ms. Kathy Yates, 19416 Ronald Avenue, who described the unique problems inherent at this location which has traffic from three streets funneled into the narrow street in front of the

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school. The scenario of 120 automobiles, four buses, and 50 children all converging at this location during peak school traffic periods was described by this speaker.

Mr. Richard Del Nostro, 19304 Ronald Avenue, described the excessive vehicular speeds witnessed in the area and the ineffectiveness of the existing YIELD signs. Installation of STOP signs was urged.

There being no further audience input at this time, Council discussion ensued and was directed to the various options available.

The following series of motions evolved.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve the crossing guard at the subject location, with the necessary appropriation of funds from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies; and that the situation be monitored to determine if STOP signs are necessary in the future -- staff to return to the Council at the end of the semester with a report. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert that 4-Way STOP signs be installed at the intersection of Ronald Avenue and Towers Street as soon as possible. Further, as a separate matter that the Council conceptually approve the crossing guard and that the City Manager bring back the issue of funding for that crossing guard. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Armstrong voiced his opinion that the matter of the open gate on Beryl is an unacceptable situation and should be reevaluated.

Roll call was then taken on the SUBSTITUTE MOTION, which FAILED TO CARRY as is indicated below:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert and Nakano.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

The MAIN MOTION, likewise, FAILED TO CARRY as follows.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Mock, Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

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A MOTION was then offered by Councilman Applegate to approve the immediate placement of a crossing guard at Ronald Avenue and Towers Street, with appropriation of the necessary funding from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies, AND the immediate installation of 4-way STOP signs at that location.

This motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Wirth requested a report from the Police Department and the Department of Transportation at the end of the semester. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

10b. DISADVANTAGED AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM:

At Mayor Armstrong's request, Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY ENGINEER TO SUBMIT THE ATTACHED DISADVANTAGED AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-29. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10c. REJECTION OF BIDS - (B85-66)
CONSTRUCTION OF LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS ON:

Section 1

Carson Street - Ocean Avenue to Marjorie Avenue
(Service Road Median)
Torrance Boulevard - Ocean Avenue to Anza Avenue
(Service Road Median)
Hawthorne Boulevard - North of 180th Street
(Service Road Median)
Federal Project No. M-3041(203)

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Section 2

Pacific Coast Highway - West of Rolling Hills Way
 (Service Road Median)
 Crenshaw Boulevard - Dalemead Street to South City
 Boundary
 Federal Project No. 3-41(204)

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

The Engineering Department recommends that the three bids for this project be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer on Agenda Item 10c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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A 15-minute recess was called by the Mayor at 8:25 p.m.

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15. HEARINGS:15a. PP 85-28, CRAIG AND KATHY BARNES:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a second-story addition to an existing single-family residence in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 5110 Via El Sereno: PP 85-28, CRAIG AND KATHY BARNES.

Proof of publication was provided by the Deputy City Clerk and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Associate Gibson, who pointed out that the Planning Commission recommends DENIAL of the appeal and the project; the Planning Department recommends APPROVAL of the appeal and the project.

Invited by the Mayor to address the Council, the proponent, Mr. Craig Barnes, 5110 Via El Sereno, requested approval as designed.

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Representing Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kolesnik, 5106 Via El Sereno, was Attorney John Alter, 2305 Torrance Boulevard, who addressed the criteria set forth in the Hillside Ordinance as it would relate to the impact of the proposed addition on his client's view. Mr. Alter recommended moving the proposed addition to the rear of the house, and provided slides supporting this request, as well as charts detailing percentage of view loss, etc.

Neighbors who were present to speak in favor of the subject addition were: Mr. Ursel Nolte, 5209 Paseo De Pablo and Mr. Les Curtis, 5201 Via El Sereno.

The proponent, Mr. Barnes, returned to explain the hardship which would be represented by relocating the second story addition to the rear of his residence and advised that he had not objected to the Kolesnik's addition although he has suffered loss of privacy and loss of sunlight as a result of that construction.

Ms. Rosemary Kolesnik, 5106 Via El Sereno, addressed the Council at this time, expressing grave concerns regarding loss of light, as well as loss of view, as a result of the subject proposal.

Designer of the project, Mr. Bob DuMoss, 3706 Woodruff, Long Beach, outlined the impractical aspects of attempting to relocate the addition to the rear of the house.

There being no further audience speakers, Councilman Walker moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Wirth suggested that the City of Torrance reevaluate the Hillside Ordinance for purposes of considering original views, as opposed to existing views at the time of application. There was no objection to the recommendation that staff and the Planning Commission consider this concept, with a report to be returned to the Council.

Noting his personal observation that the Kolesnik's view toward the City is unaffected by the proposed addition, Councilman Walker also pointed out that the only way an addition can be constructed in this instance is by adding a second-story, the present submittal being, in his opinion, the least damaging to the neighbor. The following motion was offered.

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the Planning Department recommendation for approval of the project. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Council discussion was directed to the "no win situation" at hand -- westerly oriented view loss for the Kolesnik's and no other reasonable option for expansion for the Barnes'.

It was the request of Mayor Armstrong that, in the future, staff put the first applicants in an area on notice that there is a potential for impacts on their obtained view as a result of similar construction by their neighbors.

Roll call vote on Councilman Walker's above motion was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert's YES being a reluctant one.

Councilman Walker requested that staff, in the future, photograph views that will be retained, as well as views that will be lost, in such cases.

City inspection of a parkway tree in need of trimming in this area was requested by Councilwoman Geissert.

At the Mayor's request, Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5110 VIA EL SERENO PP 85-28: CRAIG AND KATHY BARNES

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-30. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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15b. PCR 85-8, RICK LESLIE, ARCHITECT:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the continued public hearing involving Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission Review to allow the construction of a commercial building in the C-2 zone at the northeast corner of Anza Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard. PCR 85-8, RICK LESLIE, ARCHITECT.

Proof of publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Hong, and it was ordered filed there being no objection.

Mayor Armstrong pointed out that the kiosk, a matter of some concern earlier, is a non-issue at this time.

Addressing the additional concern relative to ingress/egress from Del Amo Boulevard, Mayor Armstrong inquired as to the possibility of a modification to allow for right turn only onto Del Amo Boulevard. The proponent's representative indicated concurrence with such a modification.

Concerns were voiced regarding placement of the trash enclosure some 90 feet from the location of the restaurant. The proponent's representative, identified at this time as Mr. Joseph Olt, Windsor Financial Corporation, Encino, advised that they have experienced no problems with like situations in other areas.

The rationale used by staff in favoring the location of the trash enclosure, as proposed, was set forth by Planning Associate Gibson. The likely negative impact on nearby residences (some 15 feet from the rear of the restaurant to the rear of the homes) was voiced by Councilwoman Geissert.

There being no further audience input on this case, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to deny the appeal and approve the project, with the added requirement that there be right turn only for egress purposes from the driveway on Del Amo Boulevard; and noting, for the record, that this approval does not include the kiosk, said kiosk, if desired, in the future to require resubmittal and the full process of consideration.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried as is indicated below:

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AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert.

Mayor Armstrong placed the proponent on notice that the Council has, as a matter of record, expressed some concerns regarding proper use of the refuse facility -- this matter will be subject to review by the Environmental Quality Division in the event of complaints.

Director of Building and Safety Grippo advised that a notation in this regard will be placed on the approved plan; and, further, there will be a periodic maintenance inspection to ensure proper use of the trash facility.

Councilwoman Geissert explained that her negative vote was because of the trash issue and concerns that, in her opinion, are unresolved in that regard.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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17b. OFF-SALE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT MORATORIUM:

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to the following ordinances.

Emergency Ordinance "A"

ORDINANCE NO. 3163

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING A MORATORIUM
ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR PACKAGE
LIQUOR SALE ESTABLISHMENTS AND DECLARING
THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3163, at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Emergency Ordinance "B"ORDINANCE NO. 3164

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PACKAGE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR THE TERM OF THE EXTENDED MORATORIUM ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 3163, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3164, at its first and only reading. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17c. ACCEPTANCE OF REPAIR WORK ON WEST ANNEX:

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE COMPLETION OF CERTAIN WATER DAMAGE REPAIR WORK TO THE WEST ANNEX, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RELEASE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-31. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17d. PURCHASE OF GREENWOOD SCHOOL:

Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FORM OF AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF THE GREENWOOD SCHOOL, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DISMISS PENDING LEGAL ACTIONS

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-32. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the instruments not be signed until the deed has been recorded and picked up on the title report, and until the suit in the Superior Court pertaining to this matter has been dismissed by the City.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - To furnish hypochlorides (chlorine) and Muriatic Acid for the Benstead Municipal Plunge.
 Ref: Bid No. B86-2
 Expenditure: \$8,065.38 (including tax).

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is recommended that Council award the following ANNUAL contracts for Chlorine and Muriatic Acid to the low bidders as follows:

1. A contract award to the low bidder, JONES CHEMICALS, INC. of Torrance, California for 10,500 gallons hypochloride and 6,750 Muriatic Acid, for the total amount of \$7,394.43 including tax.
2. A contract award to the low bidder, VAN WATERS & ROGERS of Los Angeles, California for 600 lbs. of Calcium hypochloride for the total amount of \$670.95 including tax.

- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish annual Photographic Supply Requirements for the Police Department.
 REF: Bid No. B85-72
 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE: \$40,114.11 (including tax).

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is recommended that Council award a contract to the low responsible bidder, Samy's Camera of Los Angeles, California in the total amount of \$40,114.11 including tax.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - For the purchase and installations of metal clothing lockers for the new Transit Facility.
 REF: Bid No. B86-12
 EXPENDITURE: \$9,575.26.

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RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING PURCHASING AGENT:

It is staff's recommendation that Council award a contract for the purchase and installation of the required clothing lockers to the low bidder, Engineered Storage Systems, Inc. of Industry, California in the total amount of \$9,575.26 including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, and 20c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:21a. PROGRAMMER ANALYST CLASS SPECIFICATION:RECOMMENDATION:

The Civil Service Commission, City Management, and the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association recommend that your Honorable Body approve the Civil Service class specification for Programmer Analyst and adopt the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding establishing the salary range. City Management recommends that your Honorable Body approve the non-Civil Service job description of Programmer Analyst including revising the title to Special Projects Programmer and adopting the amendment to the Externally Funded Salary Resolution.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 21a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried without objection.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION 85-189

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-33. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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RESOLUTION NO. 86-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES
REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CON-
DITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE
EXTERNALLY FUNDED AND LIMITED TENURE
AMENDING RESOLUTION 85-199

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-34. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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At 9:36 p.m., the Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the regular Council agenda order at 9:40 p.m., but remaining in Joint Session for purposes of a Joint Executive Session to be held later in the meeting - see Page 17.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate announced the recent visit of Mr. Solin Cousins, President of the YMCA of the United States, and noted that this distinguished visitor was favorably impressed by the YMCA facilities and the City of Torrance itself. It was the request of Mr. Applegate that information regarding Torrance's successful youth employment programs be related to Mr. Cousins. Staff to follow through.

22b. Councilman Applegate expressed his pleasure at the recent successful culmination of the City's efforts in the purchase of the Greenwood School site and the preservation of open space which this will represent to the community.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert referenced a recent memorandum received from the City Cable Administrator regarding video taping of the United Way activities. Mrs. Geissert voiced her concurrence with OPTION #1, as follows:

That City Cable Communications staff produce the program and playback on Channel 122, the City's Community Communications Cable Channel.

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Councilwoman Geissert MOVED that Option #1, as above stated, be adopted and received by staff as direction to so proceed. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried without objection.

22d. Councilman Mock inquired as to the City's plans subsequent to obtaining possession of the Madrona Marsh. Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett advised that an interim, as well as a long-range, plan will be prepared in the near future.

22e. Councilman Nakano suggested that the mid-year budget review meeting be held following the March 4 election. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

22f. Councilman Wirth congratulated City Attorney Remelmeyer on the recent Court action concerning the Madrona Marsh.

22g. Councilman Wirth deemed the School District's recent production of "Kids and Company" to be very enjoyable.

22h. Mayor Armstrong requested that the following School Board retirees be recognized for their outstanding service to the community:

Fumiko Wasserman
John Barberis
Doris Casstevens.

22i. Mayor Armstrong recommended that a security plan be implemented for the Greenwood buildings and site, and also that a "use" plan be formulated.

22j. Mr. Ursel Nolte extended an invitation for interested citizens to visit the Certified Farmers' Market on Tuesdays.

22k. Mr. Larry Gitschier, 1303 Acacia, expressed regret regarding delays in construction of the senior citizen housing projects in this City.

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At this time the council returned to --
17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in Joint Session (see Page 15) Mayor/Chairman Armstrong read the following statement into the record:

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency will now recess to joint closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following:

1. Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance v. Torrance Investment Company, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C577962, held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
2. Possible litigation involving the City and Group W concerning the transfer of the Cable TV franchise by Group W held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
3. Possible litigation involving REMCO rights in connection with the Senior Citizen Housing Development. Said closed session is held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).

The City Council will also recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager regarding salaries, salary schedules and compensation of certain employee groups. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54957.6.

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to Joint Executive Session at 10:00 p.m., returning at 10:42 p.m. for formal adjournment. (No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session, and it was noted by Mayor Armstrong that the matter of pending litigation with the Torrance Investment Company -- Item 1, above -- had not been discussed.)

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