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Adjournment at 10:15 p.m. to April 1, 1986, 5:00 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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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 meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 1986, at 6:30 p.m., for purposes of an Executive Session regarding litigation.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

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

Considered at this time --

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. 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 Attorney regarding the following:

1. Pending litigation entitled Cook vs. Bahr, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 69611. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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At 6:32 p.m., the City Council recessed to an Executive Session, returning at 7:21 p.m.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session, and the Council immediately convened in REGULAR session, the minutes for which are on the following pages.

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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, March 25, 1986, at 7:22 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Cub Scout Pack 728 - John Avellar and Jan Cervi, Leaders - led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Pastoral Assistant Dean Panagos, St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of February 25, 1986, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison ABSTAINED as she was not yet a Councilmember on February 25).

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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 Hardison, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 13a. VEHICLES USED FOR COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE PURPOSES -
Withdrawn - to be returned in two weeks.

Item 15a. CUP 85-62, FOSTER AND KLEISER CO. - Continued to
April 8, 1986, a 7:00 p.m. meeting.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. AD HOC ROSE FLOAT COMMITTEE REPORT:RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council Ad Hoc Committee on the 1987 Rose Float recommends that:

- (1) The City support and fund the Torrance Rose Float on its own, thereby eliminating the need for a co-sponsor; and,
- (2) The level of City funding be increased to an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

The Ad Hoc Committee's report (of written record) was reviewed by the Committee Chairman, Councilman Mock, followed by action as indicated below.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated Ad Hoc Committee recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8b. APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD:

Following Council interviews of all applicants present, the following at-large members of the Cable Television Advisory Board were duly appointed by unanimous ballot to serve until June 1, 1987.

Mr. Joseph P. Arciuch
 Ms. Susan B. Gibbons
 Ms. Sue L. Herbers
 Ms. Charlotte C. Lobb
 Mr. R. Thomas Rische
 Ms. Jo-Anne T. Waller
 Ms. Janice Williams

Mayor Geissert announced that eight individuals will be appointed to designated seats on the Advisory Board in the near future -- all unsuccessful applicants to the above at-large positions will be notified of those interviews.

The above seven appointees were then administered the Oath of Office by City Clerk Wilson.

Mr. Larry Windsor, General Manager of Group W Cable, 1511 Cravens Avenue, congratulated the newly appointed Board members on behalf of Group W.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY:

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the proposed resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute and attest the easement document be approved and adopted.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried without objection.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND APPURTENANCES

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-60. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. CODE AMENDMENT RE VEHICLES USED FOR COMMERCIAL SIGN PURPOSES:

Withdrawn - see Page 2.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. CABLE TELEVISION OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR CLASS SPECIFICATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-61

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. 86-61. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 85-62, FOSTER AND KLEISER CO:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an appeal by the applicant of a Planning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of an outdoor advertising sign greater than 300 square feet in area in the C-3 zone at 5135 Torrance Boulevard. CUP 85-62: Foster and Kleiser Co.

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

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to CONTINUE Agenda Item 15a, to April 8, 1986, a 7:00 p.m. meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried unanimously.

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15b. CUP 85-63, SHELL OIL COMPANY:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the remodeling of an existing service station to include a convenience store (excluding the sale of beer and wine) and a drive-through car wash in the C-2 Zone at 5340 190th Street; CUP 85-63, SHELL OIL COMPANY.

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

Councilwoman Hardison announced that inasmuch as she had considered this matter as a member of the Planning Commissioner, she would abstain in consideration as a Councilmember. Ms. Hardison then departed from the Council Chambers.

Staff presentation (supplemented with slides) was provided by Planning Associate Gibson, who noted that the Planning Commission recommends DENIAL of the appeal and the project; the Planning Department recommends APPROVAL of the appeal and the project, subject to conditions.

Mr. Robert Drager, District Real Estate Representative for Shell Oil Company, 511 North Brookhurst, Anaheim, addressed their appeal of the Planning Commission denial of the addition of a drive-through car wash and convenience store at the subject location. This speaker described the car wash operation as containing no blowers or vacuums, thus being significantly more quiet than a full-service car wash. A noise level study of this type of system was submitted by Mr. Drager and approval of hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. was requested (rather than 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. as recommended by staff).

Audience members who spoke in opposition to the proposal were:

- o Mr. Robert Noll, President of the Patio Creek Homeowners' Association, 5222 West 190th Street - addressed noise and the proliferation of convenience stores already in the area. (The opposition of the Patio Creek Homeowners' Association is a matter of official record, per correspondence and petition).
- o Mr. Jack McMillen, 5250 West 190th Street - expressed concerns regarding noise, a non-conforming revolving sign; late night disturbances requiring police attention; loitering; and drainage problems.

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- o Mr. John Bartel, 5218 West 190th Street - objected to an additional convenience store; problems with litter and loitering; increased traffic; and insufficient on-site space for the drying of vehicles after being serviced by the car wash.
- o Mr. William DeHart, 5244 West 190th Street - noted problems caused by the revolving sign, drainage, noise, and trespassing.
- o Mr. Tony Qualls, 49022 Entradero - called attention to increased vandalism, traffic and noise, as well as litter, which would be represented by the proposal. The abundance of convenience stores already in the area and the anticipated devaluation of properties were cited as personal concerns of this speaker.
- o Mr. Ken Kirksey, 5236 West 190th Street - related past problems with the subject Shell station, including noise and littering which would be compounded by the addition of a convenience store, per this speaker.
- o Ms. Janet Harned, 5252 West 190th Street - described late night disturbances emanating from the subject station, and submitted a list of recommended conditions should this request be approved by the Council.

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Speakers in favor of the requested remodeling were:

- o Mr. Bob Keaty, 19413 Donora - noted his opinion that the proposed car wash operation would be a convenience for the neighborhood and the noise level would be less than a full service operation.
- o Mr. Steve Grossi, Shell dealer at the subject location - maintained that the proposed canopy will cut down on the noise and noted that he is on call for his operators in case of a disturbance.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison ABSTAINED).

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During the Council discussion which followed, apparent ongoing problems relative to the negative impact on the adjoining residential use were noted, as were the many convenience stores now in the area and problems associated therewith.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to DENY the appeal of CUP 85-63, Shell Oil Company, and DENY the project. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Council discussion continued, with concerns being expressed by Mayor Geissert relative to problems involving loitering and late night disturbances at the facility as it presently exists. It was her desire that the area be more stringently policed in order to mitigate some of these nuisance factors. Captain Lanham indicated that Police patrol of the area will be increased, and urged neighborhood telephone contact of the Department in the event of a disturbance.

In response to a request by Mayor Geissert, Director of Building and Safety Grippo advised that his department will investigate the matter of the nonconforming rotating sign for the possible initiation of abatement procedures.

Roll call vote on the above motion for DENIAL was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison ABSTAINED).

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Councilwoman Hardison returned to the Chambers at this time, following which Mayor Geissert called for a 10-minute recess (the hour being 9:15 p.m.)

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 1 and 14.

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17b. HONDA ACURA AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP LEASE:RESOLUTION NO. 86-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE BETWEEN THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AND WESTERN P.V. PARTNERSHIP,
A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of
Resolution No. 86-62. His motion was seconded by Councilman
Walker.

Prior to roll call vote, Director of Transportation Horkay
provided clarification as a result of Councilman Applegate's
inquiry regarding various options available to the City should
the driveway access on Crenshaw Boulevard present a problem.

Roll call vote on the above motion for adoption of
Resolution No. 86-62, was unanimously favorable.

17c. SELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES:

The following new committee memberships were established.

Community Planning and Design Committee

Chairperson: Councilman Walker
Members: Councilmembers Hardison and Mock

Public Safety Committee

Chairperson: Councilman Mock
Members: Councilmembers Walker and Applegate

Transportation Committee

Chairperson: Councilman Wirth
Members: Councilmembers Mock and Hardison

Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee

Chairperson: Councilman Applegate
Members: Councilmembers Nakano and Wirth

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Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

Chairperson: Councilman Nakano
Members: Councilmembers Applegate and Wirth

Employee Relations and Department Organization Committee

Chairperson: Councilwoman Hardison
Members: Councilmembers Walker and Nakano.

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Designation of special representatives on single purpose committees of the City Council and various organizations were as follows:

Armed Forces Day Committee

Chairperson: Councilman Applegate
Members: Councilmembers Nakano and Walker

Independent Cities of Los Angeles County

Delegate: Councilman Mock
Alternate: Councilman Nakano.

League of California Cities

Delegate: Mayor Geissert
Alternate: Councilman Wirth

National League of Cities

Delegate: Mayor Geissert
Alternate: Councilman Walker

Parking Place Commission

Members: Mayor Geissert and Councilman Nakano

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Private Industry Council Policy BoardDelegate: Mayor GeissertRose Float Association LiaisonChairperson: Councilman MockMembers: Councilmembers Hardison and WalkerSouthern California Association of GovernmentsDelegate: Councilman WirthAlternate: Councilwoman HardisonSister City Association LiaisonDelegate: Councilman NakanoAlternate: Councilwoman HardisonSouth Bay Cities AssociationDelegate: Councilman NakanoAlternate: Councilwoman HardisonU.S. Conference of MayorsDelegate: Mayor GeissertBoard of Directors of Los Angeles County Sanitation DistrictDelegate: Mayor GeissertAlternate: Councilman Walker

Formal action establishing the above appointment of alternate to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District Board of Directors is reflected below.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the Council designate Councilman Walker as Alternate of the Board of Directors of Los Angeles County Sanitation District. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION:

STORM DRAINS IN CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS AND IN CALLE MIRAMAR AND PASEO DE LA CONCHA AT PASEO DE LA PLAYA (B85-46)
 (APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$5500).

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the Contractor and
2. That \$5,500 be appropriated from Drainage Improvement Funds to cover costs.

20b. COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION - To Sell One Used Surplus Water Pumping Engine
 Ref. Bid No. B86-22
 Recommended Sale Price - \$6,786.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR/WATER SYSTEMS SUPERINTENDENT:

Whereas staff feels that the bid price received is an exceptionally good price for this surplus engine, staff is, therefore, recommending that Council authorize the sale of this engine to the Gage Company of Riverside, California in the amount of \$6,786.00.

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

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At 9:44 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, returning to the Council agenda at 9:46 p.m., but remaining in Joint Session for purposes of a Joint Executive Session to be held later in the meeting - see Page 15.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Police Captain Lanham provided an update on plans for the 1986 Armed Forces Day Parade.

22b. Councilman Applegate invited interested parties to contact the City's Parks and Recreation Department to sign up for participation in the 5K and 10K runs on the day of the Armed Forces Day Parade.

Mr. Applegate also noted that the Del Amo Rotary Club has designated its 1986 fund-raising golf tournament to be the Del Amo Rotary Armed Forces Golf Tournament.

22c. Councilman Nakano reported on the successful Kendo Tournament held at South High School on Sunday, March 23, 1986, with participants from as far away as Canada and Washington State. Mr. Nakano noted that special recognition was afforded to Parks and Recreation Director Barnett in acknowledgement of his efforts in support of the event.

22d. Councilman Wirth requested that the Council support Mayor Chris Reed of Santa Monica for appointment as Los Angeles County Cities representative to the SCAG Executive Committee. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

22e. Councilman Wirth congratulated Councilman Mock on his newly acquired position in the legal profession.

22f. Mayor Geissert deemed the recent Kendo Tournament an outstanding event -- one that she enjoyed thoroughly.

22g. Mayor Geissert congratulated City Attorney Remelmeyer on his recent distinctive action in the Moriarity case.

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The Council now returned to --

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in Joint Session (see Page 14), Mayor/Chairman 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 Attorney regarding the following:

1. Potential litigation involving a claim by Debbie Sue Cudd for personal injuries sustained in an auto v. auto collision. Authority for a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).
2. Potential litigation involving a claim by Jerry Everakes for personal injuries and property damage sustained in an auto v. bus collision. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, will also recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the agency's legal counsel concerning the following:

1. Pending litigation concerning eminent domain proceedings of 25 acres of land situated north of Torrance Boulevard and east of Van Ness Avenue. Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance v. Smith, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C544897. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

At 9:55 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to Joint Executive Session, returning at 10:15 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

The Redevelopment Agency adjourned to April 1, 1986, at 5:30 p.m. The City Council formally adjourned to April 1, 1986, at 5:00 p.m. for purposes of a Pre-Budget Workshop.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

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Clerk of the City of Torrance

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