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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, April 15, 1986, at 4:10 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall. Mayor Geissert announced that the meeting convened at this early hour for purposes of an executive session.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert. Councilmembers Hardison and Nakano arrived at 4:11 p.m. Councilman Mock arrived at 5:30 p.m., in time for the Regular Council meeting (see Page 3 of these minutes).

Absent: None.

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

Considered at this time --

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 City of Torrance vs. Torrance Investment Co. et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C577962. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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The City Council will also recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager concerning salaries, salary schedules and compensation pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54957.6.

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Councilman Applegate noted that he would ABSTAIN during discussion of the Torrance Investment Company matter, and would absent himself from the meeting room during that time.

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At 4:12 p.m., the Council recessed to Executive Session, returning at 6:05 p.m. to consider the REGULAR portion of the Council agenda -- see the following pages of these minutes.

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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 15, 1986, at 6:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

NOTE: The Council had been in Executive Session since the hour of 4:12 p.m. -- see Pages 1 and 2 of these minutes.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Mr. Bill Henderson of the Human Resources Commission led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Dr. Charles E. Bullock, Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of March 25, 1986, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously 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 Hardison, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the passing of two long-time Torrance residents: Clara Conner and Charlotte (Sunny) Sciarrotta. The Mayor requested that this meeting be adjourned in their memories.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RESOLUTION Honoring William W. Dundore:RESOLUTION NO. 86-71

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE HONORING WILLIAM W. DUNDORE
UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS FINANCE DIRECTOR OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-71. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8b. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO FIFTEEN-YEAR EMPLOYEES:

In recognition of their 15 years of service to the City of Torrance, Mayor Geissert presented service awards to the following employees.

FINANCE

Ben Murdoch - Revenue Administrator
Lorraine Cullen - Senior Account Clerk
Dorothy Luedloff - Account Clerk

PLANNING

Dave Ferren - Planning Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Beltran - Fire Fighter
Craig Neumann - Fire Captain

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Susan Rhilinger - Police Sergeant
Theodore Litvin - Police Officer
James Ulrich - Police Officer

ENGINEERING

Kenneth Hudson - Public Works Inspector

GARAGE

Johnnie Hall - Equipment Supervisor

PARK SERVICES

Bill Johnson - Park Construction Supervisor

LIBRARY

Betty Mangiagli - Library Assistant
Patricia Stiles - Library Assistant
Evelyn Dunn - Librarian

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- 8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming April 13 through 19, 1986, as "Building and Safety Week."
- 8d. PROCLAMATION proclaiming April 20 through 26, 1986, as "Victims' Rights Week."
- 8e. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the month of April, 1986, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

- 8f. RESOLUTION Honoring Russell F. Lesser:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-72

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING RUSSELL F. LESSER UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-72. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 8g. RESOLUTION Honoring Jim Walker:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-73

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING JIM WALKER UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS COUNCILMAN OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-73. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. FAA PROPOSAL TO SHIFT CONTROL OF AIRPORT ACCESS TO FEDERAL LEVEL:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING THE ADOPTION BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF A PROPOSED AIRPORT ACCESS AND CAPACITY POLICY

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-74. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

It was the request of Councilman Wirth that copies of the above resolution be forwarded to all appropriate legislative representatives.

Mayor Geissert expressed appreciation to Mr. Joe Arciuch for his diligence in bringing this matter to the attention of the Council.

10b. CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BIKEWAY AND ASSOCIATED STREET LIGHTING:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body adopt the resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$83,000 from the Airport Fund and \$39,000 from the City's Bicycle Transportation Fund for the construction of a segment of the approved Crenshaw Boulevard Bikeway, between Skypark Drive and Airport Drive, not to exceed \$122,000, along with an additional \$50,000 for the upgrading of street lights on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard within the same boundaries.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation on Agenda Item 10b. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried without objection.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$39,000, FROM THE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION FUND, AND \$83,000, FROM THE AIRPORT FUND, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CRENSHAW BIKEWAY AND AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000, FROM THE AIRPORT FUND, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS ALONG
CRENSHAW BOULEVARD

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-75. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Fabio Calle, 5023 Pacific Coast Highway, described sophisticated bikeways in use in certain countries of the world

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and indicated his desire to participate in a bicycle clinic at an appropriate location near the subject bikeway in the City of Torrance. It was strongly urged by this speaker that no skateboards, runners, or roller skates be allowed on bikepaths.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. SUPPLEMENTAL MOU FOR TIEA:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION 85-208

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-76. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14b. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body temporarily appoint Dick Rankin as Acting Finance Director until a permanent appointment can be made.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager on Agenda Item 14b. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14c. JTPA FY '86 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-77

A RESOLUTION 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, THE SWITZER CENTER, THE OFFICE OF SAMOAN AFFAIRS, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-77. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried as shown below:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Hardison, Mock, Nakano, Walker and Wirth.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Geissert (is member the Board of Directors at Switzer Center).

14d. RECOMMENDATION RE NEPOTISM ORDINANCE:

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR/CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

It is recommended that the ordinance, which abolishes Torrance Municipal Code Sections 14.1.40, 14.1.41, and 14.1.42, collectively referred to as the "Nepotism Ordinance," be approved by your Honorable Body.

A brief overview of the subject proposal was provided by Civil Service Administrator Ghio, followed by a recommendation by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the Council defer this agenda item pending receipt of input regarding the history of the Nepotism Ordinance in the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to hold Agenda Item 14d for two weeks (City Council meeting of April 29, 1986, 5:30 p.m.) so that staff can provide desired background information. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Councilman Mock requested that he be provided with a copy of the Simi Valley nepotism case referenced in staff support material for this item.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 85-66, COAST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the continued public hearing in the matter of City Council consideration of an appeal by the applicant of a Planning Commission denial of a Conditional Use permit to allow the operation of a pre-school in the R-3 zone at 20530 Anza Avenue. CUP 85-66, COAST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS.

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Proof of publication was presented by City Clerk Wilson and it was ordered filed without objection.

Councilwoman Hardison announced that, inasmuch as she had voted on this item as a Planning Commissioner, as well as Item 15b on tonight's agenda, she would abstain in consideration of these matters at this time. Mrs. Hardison then absented herself from the Council Chambers.

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Associate Gibson who noted that the Planning Commission recommends denial of the appeal and denial of the project; the Planning Department recommends approval.

Present to represent Coast Christian Schools was Superintendent David Ralph, 3838 Tiffany Lane, who presented his case with the aid of transparencies and also provided printed documentation to members of the Council supporting his request for approval as submitted. Dr. Ralph specifically objected to staff Conditions #3, limiting hours of operation to between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; and #8, prohibiting advertising or identification signs.

Serious Council concerns regarding traffic and parking problems in this area and at the specific location in question were voiced. A discussion developed involving Councilmembers, staff and the proponent regarding possible options to be considered and ramifications relating to the proposed nursery school use.

Mayor Geissert invited further audience input. There being no response, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison abstained).

Councilman Walker expressed his opinion that if the subject use is allowed at this location it should be restricted to children from the immediate area; therefore, he would concur with a restriction on advertising. Mr. Walker noted strong opposition to staff's recommendation concerning restriction of hours of operation, deeming this limitation unreasonable.

The following motion was offered.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to DENY the appeal and DENY the project on Item 15a, CUP 85-66, Coast Christian Schools. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

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At this time, City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out, as a possible course of action, the option of granting the subject permit for a limited period of time in order to determine whether or not the problems envisioned by the Council can be overcome.

It was Councilman Applegate's opinion that this would constitute an inappropriate commercial use in a residential area, particularly taking into consideration insufficient parking availability for residents of the apartment building, and the relatively high speed traffic. Mr. Applegate further pointed out that any shortening of the hours of operation would only serve to increase the potential for congestion.

Mayor Geissert acknowledged the need for quality nursery school facilities, particularly in a high density development such as this, with many working parents and single parents. The serious problem of parking and dropping off of children was acknowledged by the Mayor, who voiced her opinion that the applicant's proposal that garages at the rear of the property be used for this purpose would likely not be so utilized by the parents.

The above motion for DENIAL carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison ABSTAINED).

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At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a recess until 7:55 p.m. Councilwoman Hardison did not return to the Chambers following the recess, having previously announced her intent to abstain on the next agenda item.

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15b. CUP 82-1 (MOD), D 86-2, HOME SAVINGS OF AMERICA:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a request for a modification to an existing Conditional Use Permit, and a Lot Line Adjustment, to allow the construction of 173 residential townhouse condominium units, in the PD Zone on the north side of Toledo Street, 300 feet west of Crenshaw Boulevard; D 86-2, CUP 82-1 (MODIFICATION): HOME SAVINGS OF AMERICA.

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

Councilman Applegate announced his intent to abstain in consideration of this matter (reasons previously stated) -- he thereupon departed from the Council Chambers.

Note: Councilwoman Hardison had earlier announced her intent to abstain (see Page 10) and was absent from the Chambers during consideration of this item.

Mr. Richard Richards, with the firm of Richards, Watson, Dreyfuss and Gershon, 333 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, was present as special counsel for Ahmanson Development, Home Savings of America and the Windemere Project. For the record, Mr. Richards introduced the following individuals: Mr. Slaven, President of Ahmanson Development; Mr. Cencibaugh, Senior Vice President; Mr. Hostin, Vice President and Senior Project Manager; and Mr. Able, Project Manager.

The subject appeal, by Torrance Investment Company, of the recently approved modification to CUP 82-1 (Home Savings of America) was reviewed briefly by Mr. Richards, who pointed out that this modification served to reduce the density of the project. The request by the Torrance Investment Company (TIC) that the subject project be required to share in the cost of the widening of Toledo Street was deemed by Mr. Richards to be improper and unlawful, and he requested denial of the appeal.

The appellant's representative was then invited by Mayor Geissert to address the Council.

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Torrance Investment Company, 2716 Ocean Park Boulevard, Santa Monica, representing TIC and also Santa Fe Land Improvement Company, contended that there has been an unfair allocation of cost for the widening of Toledo Street to TIC, and a front-foot allocation should also be imposed on the adjacent Windemere (Home Savings) project, as that project will share in the benefits of the future street (see correspondence of official record).

An allegation by Mr. Rogers that the question of shared cost in the Toledo Street widening was "argued out as an issue" during Planning Commission and City Council considerations of both development projects, was seriously questioned by Mayor Geissert who stated that, while she was a member of the Council during that original consideration in 1982, she does not recall any such discussions.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the City Attorney's office has recently searched all records of the Planning Commission/City Council hearings on both the Windemere and Park Del Amo projects and could find nothing to indicate that the subject of sharing the Toledo Street costs was raised. Mr. Remelmeyer further stated his opinion that a decision to grant the request of TIC at this time would be difficult to sustain from a legal standpoint. The effect of the CUP Modification, Mr. Remelmeyer pointed out, permits a reduction in density and a lot line adjustment, which would not, in his opinion, justify a reallocation of street widening costs.

From the audience, Mr. William Agapito, 1740 Hickory Avenue, requested and received clarification from staff as to access to the project from Monterey Street.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to address the Council on this matter, Councilman Wirth moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Applegate and Hardison).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for DENIAL of the appeal and approval of the project (CUP 82-1 Modification) subject to conditions imposed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Walker indicated that he would prefer to see this matter resolved in the courts, with a bonding mechanism established to cover funding.

Mayor Geissert expressed her opinion that the City Council has the zoning power and authority, as well as the primary responsibility, of making the decision in this regard, rather than remanding the decision to the courts. The untimeliness of the request at this time, rather than in 1982 when the projects were first considered, was stressed by the Mayor.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wirth's above motion for denial of the appeal was as follows:

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

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At the request of Mayor Geissert, City Clerk Wilson read title to the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-78

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 CONSTRUCTION OF 173 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE CONDOMINIUM UNITS IN THE PD ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TOLEDO STREET 300 FEET WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD
CUP 82-1: (MODIFICATION):
HOME SAVINGS OF AMERICA

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-78. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

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Councilmembers Applegate and Hardison returned to the Council Chambers at this time.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 1, 2, and 18.

17b. DESTRUCTION OF UNNEEDED RECORDS:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-79. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17c. CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD: DESIGNATED POSITIONS:

RECOMMENDATION OF CABLE TELEVISION ADMINISTRATOR:

The Cable Television Administrator recommends that the City Council adopt Option Two (as set forth in staff written material, of record) for the selection of the eight designated positions on the Cable Television Advisory Board; and, further, set a date and time for the interviews.

Clarification as to the provisions established in the two options as submitted to the Council for consideration was provided by Cable Television Administrator Carter, who also responded to Council inquiries and concerns in this regard.

Ms. Lola Unger, 21430 Ocean Avenue, Vice President of the Torrance League of Women Voters, read aloud an official League statement (of record) concurring with staff's recommendation in support of Option Two.

A brief Council discussion resulted in the following action.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff's recommendation on Agenda Item 17c, establishing the procedure for selection of the designated positions on the Cable Television Advisory Board per Option Two.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3167:

ORDINANCE NO. 3167

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.4.7
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING
TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE
AIRPORT COMMISSION

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3167 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR::

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - for 1986 Weed Abatement Program:
 Ref: Bid B86-28
 Anticipated Expenditure: \$20,670.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Commercial Lot Cleaning, Inc.

- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - For Aerial Fireworks Show for Fourth of July Celebration, 1986.

RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR/PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

The Parks and Recreation Department and the General Services Department recommend that the City Council authorize the award of the contract to Pyro-Spectaculars, Inc. to provide an aerial fireworks show on July 4, 1986 at a total cost of \$15,500. The Company guarantees a fast moving SPECTACULAR FIRST CLASS SHOW!

- 20c. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For the purchase of twenty-two (22) budgeted-replacement, new 1986 Police Sedans Utilizing a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Los Angeles County.
 Ref: Bid #S742
 Expenditure: \$263,103.72.

RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that Council approve the City of Torrance continuing participation in the Los Angeles County "cooperative" Purchase program for the purchase of budgeted-replacement police vehicles; and that Council award a contract to the low bidder of the Los Angeles County Bid #S742 to the Maurice J. Sopp Chevrolet dealership of Huntington Park, CA in the total amount of \$263,103.72, including tax.

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

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At 8:50 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adjourning as Redevelopment Agency at 9:02 p.m., and returning to the regular Council agenda order.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate stated that the prayers of the Council are with Viah Johnston, Secretary to the City Manager, who is currently ill.

22b. Councilwoman Hardison requested an updated Bicycle Path map, indicating actual, as well as proposed, construction. Staff will follow through.

22c. Councilman Mock requested that a Students in Government Day be favorably considered for this year. Parks and Recreation Director Barnett indicated that plans are presently being considered.

22d. Councilman Walker requested, and received, an update regarding signal activation at Crenshaw and 208th Street. Appreciation was expressed by Mr. Walker for the City Manager's report on undergrounding of utilities.

22e. Councilman Wirth requested that staff keep abreast of proposed State legislation regarding off-sale of alcoholic beverages.

22f. Torrance High School students, Chris Cognac, 1407 Maple Avenue and Mike Littman, 2347 Cabrillo Avenue, related parking problems on campus during recent renovation of the students' parking lot which resulted in their receipt of parking citations. Police Chief Nash will meet with these gentlemen in this regard.

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22g. Mr. Bob Robinson, 3811 Bluff Place, San Pedro, related circumstances leading to his recent dismissal from the position of City bus driver. At the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer, the matter was referred to the City Manager.

The Council now returned to --

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Continued - see Pages 1 and 2):

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 City of Torrance vs. Torrance Investment Co., et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C577962. Said closed session is held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
2. Potential litigation involving slope failure resulting in possible property damage at 4730 Via Corona and at 4539 Vista Largo. Said closed session is held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).

At 9:25 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a 10-minute recess, followed immediately by the subject Executive Session.

NOTE: Councilman Applegate abstained in discussion of the Torrance Investment Company item, and absented himself from the meeting room during that time.

The Council returned at 10:29 p.m., to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to appropriate \$250,000 from the appropriate General Fund Reserve account for land slide investigation in the 4539 Vista Largo and 4730 Via Corona area. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 10:30 p.m. to Tuesday, April 22, 1986, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memories of Clara Conner and Charlotte (Sunny) Sciarrotta.

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Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

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Clerk of the City of Torrance

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