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Adjournment was at 9:34 p.m. to April 29, 1986, 5:30 p.m.

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Peggy Lavery  
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, April 22, 1986, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Applegate.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Mr. Chris Cognac 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 Wirth moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of April 1, 1986, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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5. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wirth 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 (Councilman Applegate absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance and Government Operations Committee  
 May 6, 1986, 4:30 p.m.  
 Subject: Third Quarter Budget Review.

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Mayor Geissert announced, with a great deal of sadness, a recent tragedy wherein a young City of Torrance Police Officer, Thomas Joseph Keller, lost his life in the line of duty.

The Mayor requested that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Officer Keller.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO RETIRED COMMISSIONERS:

Awards in special recognition of their years of dedicated service to the City were presented by Mayor Geissert to the following retired Commissioners.

Ms. Meri Jo McMullen - Traffic Commission

Mr. John S. Smith - Airport Commission.

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Mr. Allan N. Hamada, Disaster Council, was unable to be present to receive his award for recognition of service.

8b. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE TO WILLIAM KUITHE:

Mayor Geissert, on behalf of her colleagues on the Council, presented a retirement plaque to William Kuithe, in recognition of his 22 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance.

8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming May 4 through 10, 1986, as "Youth Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

Considered next out of order --

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21a. RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE OFFICER THOMAS JOSEPH KELLER:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING OFFICER THOMAS JOSEPH KELLER OF THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO SACRIFICED HIS LIFE IN THE LINE OF DUTY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-80. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. LIBRARY COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE AT STATE CONFERENCE:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN/LIBRARY COMMISSION:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body authorize a Commissioner to attend the League of California Cities Community Services Conference, April 30 - May 2 in San Diego, California.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 9a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. CALIFORNIA AID TO AIRPORTS PROGRAM (CAAP) GRANT AGREEMENT:RESOLUTION NO. 86-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN CALIFORNIA AID TO AIRPORTS PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 7, 1986, BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-81. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:13a. LANDSLIDE - VIA CORONA AND VISTA LARGO:RESOLUTION NO. 86-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING TWO AGREEMENTS FOR ENTRY ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNED BY MR. AND MRS. FRED SMITH AND MR. AND MRS. ALBERT ISEN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMOLISHING STRUCTURES AND PERFORMING WORK UPON THE LAND

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-82. The motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

Mayor Geissert expressed appreciation for the efforts of dedicated City personnel in dealing with the subject problem.

15. HEARINGS:15a. CUP 76-108 (MOD), VERA ZIMMERHAKL:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an administrative appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Modification of a previously approved Conditional Use Permit for the Old Torrance Memorial

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Hospital property to allow occupancy of the west wing and the original building by senior citizens and to allow an increase in the number of occupancies in the R-3 zone at 1425 Engracia Avenue. CUP 76-108 (MOD), VERA ZIMMERHAKL.

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

During staff presentation by Planning Associate Gibson, Planning Commission and Planning Department recommendation for denial of the appeal and approval of the project was noted.

Present to represent the proponent was Attorney Randall Kemos, 221 Avenue "I", Redondo Beach, who requested favorable consideration of the project.

Mr. Robert Hansen, 1313 Cota Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the anticipated detrimental effect on the neighborhood represented by the subject proposal -- parking, traffic, and quality of life were of specific concern to this speaker.

Responding to the comments regarding parking conditions, the proponent's representative, Attorney Kemos, advised that only two of the residents of the facility have automobiles; further, not all twelve employees own automobiles, and a total of 41 spaces are provided on the two parking lots provided by this entity.

Next to speak was Ms. Janet Payne, 1318 Engracia, who requested, and received, clarification regarding the reason for the subject administrative appeal.

Mayor Geissert noted the history of concerns and controversy connected with this property, and she was assured by Planning Associate Gibson that all appropriate State and County departments are satisfied with the subject modifications.

In response to a question by Councilman Wirth, Mr. Gibson confirmed that should any problems become apparent on the property, the matter may be returned to the Planning Commission or City Council for review of the CUP.

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

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department and Planning Commission for denial of the appeal and approval of the project on CUP 76-108 (Mod). His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

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RESOLUTION NO. 86-83

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 EXPANSION OF A SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDENCE IN THE R-3 ZONE ON PROPERTY AT 1425 ENGRACIA AVENUE  
CUP 76-108 (MODIFICATION): VERA ZIMMERHAKL

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-83. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. PROPOSITION 51 (FAIR RESPONSIBILITY ACT):RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body adopt the RESOLUTION supporting passage of Proposition 51.

Following desired expansion and clarification by City Attorney Remelmeyer as to the impact of Proposition 51 on the City of Torrance, Mayor Geissert requested that the City Clerk assign a number and read title to the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENDORSING THE FAIR RESPONSIBILITY ACT INITIATIVE TO RELIEVE THE FINANCIAL STRAIN IMPOSED UPON PUBLIC ENTITIES BY THE  
"DEEP POCKETS" LAW

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-84. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Applegate).

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17b. GROUP W/TORRANCE TRANSFER OF STOCK:RECOMMENDATION OF CABLE TELEVISION ADMINISTRATOR/CITY ATTORNEY:

It is the recommendation of the Cable Television Administrator and City Attorney that the public accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand and the law firm of Miller and Young be retained at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00 each, or a combined total of \$50,000.00 to provide legal and financial assistance in the review and analysis of the Group W request for stock transfer to the buyers; subject to the preparation of contracts for said consulting services by the City Attorney.

City Attorney Remelmeyer clarified that it is his desire that the attorneys involved in the above subject consideration work through his office.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Cable Television Administrator and City Attorney. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 10 and 11.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For the purchase of one (1) new budgeted replacement Turf Sweeper Vehicle utilizing Government Services Administration (GSA) contract pricing.  
Reference: GSA Contract #GS-07F10931  
Expenditure: \$9,030.32.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is staff's recommendation that Council award a contract for the purchase of this Turf Sweeper to Pacific Equipment and Irrigation, Inc. of Industry, California, in the total amount of \$9,030.32, including tax and estimated freight.

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- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For the sole source purchase of one (1) new Life Pak 5 defibrillator/ECG Monitor equipment unit.  
Expenditure: \$8,291.29.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is staff's recommendation that Council award a contract for the purchase of this Life Pak 5 defibrillator/ECG Monitor equipment unit to Physio Control Corporation of Laguna Hills, California, in the total amount of \$8,291.29 including tax.

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

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21a. RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE OFFICER THOMAS JOSEPH KELLER:

See Page 3.

21b. EMERGENCY WORK - HILLSIDE SLOPE FAILURE:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY ARISING FROM THE HILLSIDE SLOPE FAILURE BETWEEN VIA CORONA AND VISTA LARGO STREET, APPROVING EXPENDITURES OF MONEY, AND APPROVING AN INDEMNITY PROVISION FOR A CONTRACTOR

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-85. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

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At 7:50 p.m., the City Council recessed as the Council and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adjourning as Redevelopment Agency and reconvening as City Council at 7:51 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson commended all City Departments for extensive efforts with regard to the recent hillside slippage problem.

Mr. Jackson also stated that he is "extremely proud" of the organizational efforts of City Departments on the night of the tragedy which claimed Officer Keller's life.

22b. City Manager Jackson paid tribute to retiring City Finance Director Bill Dundore for his more than two decades of service to the community. Mr. Dundore's knowledge, integrity and wise advice in the City's financial affairs were lauded and the City Manager extended best wishes for a happy retirement.

22c. Each Councilmember and the Mayor, in turn, extended every good wish to Finance Director Dundore on his retirement.

22d. The recent tragic death of Police Officer Thomas Keller, killed in the line of duty on April 17, 1986, was noted with sadness by Mayor Geissert and each member of the Council, in turn. Condolences were expressed to the Keller family.

22e. Councilman Nakano expressed concerns regarding the practice of a private business keeping a loaded firearm within view of, and accessible to, the general public. It was Mr. Nakano's request that staff return to the Council with a report and recommendation in this regard.

22f. Councilman Wirth offered a MOTION that the Torrance City Council support Redondo Beach City Councilman Ron Cawdry (in addition to the City's earlier indicated support of Redondo's Mayor Barbara Doerr) for the vacancy on the Coastal Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

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Mayor Geissert requested that correspondence go forward making it clear that the City of Torrance is submitting two nominations and not placing Mr. Cawdry's name in place of Mayor Doerr's.

22g. Mayor Geissert acknowledged and commended the outstanding service rendered by City personnel during the recent tragic events in the Downtown area. The team effort represented by outside agencies in supporting the City of Torrance at this time was also lauded by Mayor Geissert.

22h. Ms. Audrey Grotke, 26218 Delos Drive, presented a petition containing some 1091 signatures of members of the Hillside Homeowners' Association, indicating their concern regarding possible future development in the area behind Alta Loma Park.

These residents' concerns were acknowledged by the Mayor and it was pointed out that no specific development proposal for that area has been submitted to the City of Torrance for review.

It was the request of Councilman Wirth that correspondence be forwarded to the City of Rolling Hills Estates advising them of the large number of people present in these Council Chambers indicating concerns regarding possible future plans for the area.

22i. Mr. Bob Robinson, 3811 Bluff Place, San Pedro, reiterated his previously expressed concerns (Oral Communication 22g, Page 17, City Council minutes of April 15, 1986) regarding his involuntary termination from employment with the City of Torrance.

City Manager Jackson advised that City staff has investigated the matter, and Civil Service rules governing termination of a probationary employee were reviewed.

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The Council now returned to --

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Geissert read the following statement into the record:

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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 slope failure resulting in damage to real property located 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).

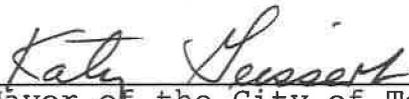
At 8:25 p.m., Mayor Geissert ordered a 10-minute recess, following which (at 8:35 p.m.) the Council convened in Executive Session, returning at 9:33 p.m.

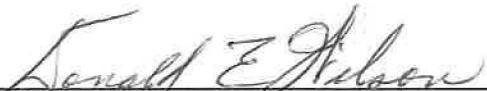
No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session, and formal adjournment was at 9:34 p.m., to April 29, 1986, at 5:30 p.m.

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Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Police Officer Thomas Joseph Keller.

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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
 Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
 Minute Secretary

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