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Adjournment at 10:30 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, May 13, 1986, at 7:00 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: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and 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 Reverend George Johnson, Cathedral of Life Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of April 22, 1986, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS: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:Ad Hoc Rose Float Liaison Committee:

Design recommendation to be submitted to Council.

Public Safety Committee:

To meet May 27, 1986, 6:00 p.m.
Subject: Police and Fire Memorial Service.

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As a point of personal privilege, Mayor Geissert introduced Ms. Pat Wright who was present with members of her latest Citizenship class. These aspiring United States citizens introduced themselves, and were extended a warm welcome by Mayor Geissert and members of the Council.

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It was with great pleasure that Councilman Applegate awarded special T-shirts commemorating the Armed Forces 5K and 10K Runs to City Manager Jackson and to Street Superintendent Garcia -- great expectations for the performance of these two gentlemen in this momentous event were expressed by Mr. Applegate.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:

It was with a great deal of pleasure that Mayor Geissert, assisted by Police Sergeant Murker and Services Officer Neprud, presented awards to the following winners of the Torrance Police Department essay contest "What Do Police Officers Mean to Me."

First Prize Winner: Christine Woo

Second Prize Winners: Shannon Stewart
Sandra Ozolins
Brett King

Third Prize Winners: Diana Hodson
Young Park
Shannon McLean.

8b. PROCLAMATION proclaiming May 18 through May 24, 1986, as "National Public Works Week."

SO PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR GEISSERT.

Taken next out of order --

21a. PROCLAMATION proclaiming May 14, 1986, as "The Day of the Teacher."21b. PROCLAMATION proclaiming May 15, 1986, as "Peace Officer Memorial Day."

SO PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR GEISSERT.

The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 43:RESOLUTION NO. 86-95

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 43 WHICH PLACES BEFORE THE VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA JUNE 3, 1986 A BOND MEASURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, RESTORATION, LAND ACQUISITION AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-95. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, Ms. Cindi Hammond, 1328 Amapola, read into the record a statement from the Torrance League of Women Voters indicating their concurrence with the above resolution.

Roll call vote on the motion for adoption of Resolution No. 86-95 was unanimously favorable.

9b. CONSTRUCTION OF SOCCER FIELD AND PARKING LOT LIGHTING AT COLUMBIA PARK:

RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that your Honorable Body award the contract for the construction of soccer field and parking lot lighting at Columbia Park to Scott Electric Company for the amount of \$71,442.00.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. PARCEL ACQUISITION FOR STORM DRAIN CONSTRUCTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH NEW 18 MG RESERVOIR:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SOUTHWESTERN ENTERPRISES, INC., TO ACQUIRE A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY SOUTHWESTERN ENTERPRISES, INC.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for adoption of Resolution No. 86-96. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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10b. TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT ROLLING HILLS WAY AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body appropriate \$50,000 from the Airport Fund for the design and installation of a traffic signal at Rolling Hills Way and Pacific Coast Highway.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation on Agenda Item 10b. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION OF USE OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on the proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the 1985-86 Fiscal Year.

At the request of Mayor Geissert, City Clerk Wilson presented the affidavit of publication. Councilwoman Hardison MOVED to receive and file said affidavit. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

There being no response to the Mayor's invitation for audience speakers to address the Council, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and approval was unanimously favorable by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation to authorize and appropriate funds from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the Underground Storage Tank Project for \$100,000 and the Hillside Slope Failure Project for \$250,000.

His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. EXTENSION OF AUDIT CONTRACT FOR 1985-86:RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that the Acting Finance Director be authorized to request Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company, Certified Public Accountants, to perform the 1985-86 annual general City audit at the previously agreed not-to-exceed fee of \$41,800.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting Finance Director on Agenda Item 17a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17b. SCHEDULING OF BUDGET WORKSHOPS AND HEARINGS:RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that your Honorable Body designate the following dates and times for the 1986-87 budget workshops and hearings:

Budget Workshops

Wednesday	June 11, 1986	4:30 p.m.
Monday	June 16, 1986	4:30 p.m.
Monday	June 23, 1986	4:30 p.m.

Public Hearings

Tuesday (1st)	June 17, 1986	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday (2nd)	June 24, 1986	7:00 p.m.

There being no objection to the above recommended schedule, it was so ordered.

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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17d. WAIVING OF FEES FOR HANDS ACROSS AMERICA EVENT:RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body not waive the fees for personnel costs for the Hands Across America event which totals \$2,100.00.

At Mayor Geissert's invitation, the State Director for Hands Across America, Mr. Roger Carrick, 6255 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, addressed the Council regarding their request that all fees connected with the subject event be waived.

Following staff response to specific concerns and inquiries voiced by the Council as to major intersections involved; anticipated closure of these intersections for a three- to five-minute period; etc., Councilman Applegate cited precedent-setting aspects and the fact that such fees have been collected from local organizations in the past as his reasons for offering the following --

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager to NOT waive the fees for the Hands Across America event. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

The proponent, Mr. Carrick, returned to explain his position that this is a unique event -- not a parade or march -- and, in his opinion precedent-setting concerns are not pertinent.

Discussion continued encompassing the pros and cons of the question at hand; the extent of community involvement; traffic control requirements; comparison with the Olympic Torch Run activity; etc.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Walker to waive ALL fees for the Hands Across America event. This motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hardison, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Mock and Nakano.

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17e. REPORT OF AD HOC LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

The Ad Hoc Council Committee on Legislation provided a written report setting forth their positions on various ballot propositions on the June 3, 1986, ballot.

During the Council's review of this report, Councilman Wirth inquired regarding any possible impact of Proposition 48 on the latest Gann Initiative. It was the suggestion of Mayor Geissert that Legislative Advocate Rupert be requested to explore that area of concern.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the ballot proposition recommendations as set forth by the Ad Hoc Council Committee on Legislation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3168:

Director of Building and Safety Grippio advised of a typographical error in the subject ordinance which should be corrected as follows:

SECTION 88.5.9.a) should correctly read: "Any vehicle with advertising permanently attached to it or temporarily placed upon it for the purpose of advertising"

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3168

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 88.5.9 TO PROHIBIT
THE USE OF PARKED VEHICLES AS OUTDOOR
ADVERTISING SIGNS ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC
PROPERTY

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3168 (as above amended) at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Final acceptance of final phase of the Airport Master Plan extension of Airport Drive from Madison Street to Crenshaw Boulevard:

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER/DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the work performed on this contract be accepted and final payment be made to PARROTT AND WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

- 20b. PURCHASE OF COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR BUS SCHEDULE RUNCUTTING:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body approve an expenditure not to exceed \$17,500 of Transit Operator Performance Funds for the purchase of a runcutting software package from SAGE Management Systems Corporation.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Improvements of portions of alley west of Anza Avenue and south of Del Amo Boulevard.
Ref: Bid B86-31

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract be awarded to Inland Constructors and that all other bids be rejected; and
2. That \$30,000 be appropriated from Gas Tax Funds to cover costs.

- 20d. AWARD OF CONTRACT - For the purchase of various office furnishings for the New Transit and City Services Facilities.

Ref. Bid No. B86-33

Expenditures: Transit	\$15,783.76
City Services	\$ 8,832.15

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is staffs recommendation that Council award contracts for the purchase of these office furnishings as shown in the bid summary to Sam

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Yocum, Inc. of San Gabriel, CA; A-Johnson's Stationery and Supply Co. of Long Beach, CA; and Culver-Newlin, Inc. of Anaheim, CA in the total amounts shown below:

<u>TRANSIT FACILITY</u>	<u>ITEM NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT (including tax)</u>
1. Sam Yocum, Inc.	1,2,3,4,6,9,12,13,14, 16,17,18	<u>\$9,581.70</u>
2. A-Johnson's Stationery & Supply Company	7,8,10,11,19,20	<u>\$5,460.31</u>
3. Culver-Newlin, Inc.	5	<u>\$ 741.75</u>
 <u>CITY SERVICES FACILITY</u>		
1. Sam Yocum, Inc.	17,21	<u>\$3,676.38</u>
2. A-Johnson's Stationery & Supply Company	8,11,20	<u>\$4,218.57</u>
3. Culver-Newlin, Inc.	15	<u>\$ 937.20</u>

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff's recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, 20c, and 20d, above. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

- 21a. See Page 3.
21b. See Page 3.

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At 8:25 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, returning to the Council agenda at 8:32 p.m., but remaining in Joint Session for purposes of an Executive Session to be held at the conclusion of Council business (see Page 12).

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Clerk Wilson requested that the Council set July 8, 1986, as the date for the final eight appointments to the Cable TV Advisory Board. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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22b. City Clerk Wilson announced the recent implementation of a Data Base Management Program in the City Clerk's Office, and invited Councilmembers and staff to visit the Clerk's office for a demonstration of this equipment.

22c. City Attorney Remelmeyer announced the long-awaited closing of the escrow on the Greenwood School site.

22d. Councilman Applegate noted receipt of requests from individuals from two nearby cities for support of their candidacy to the RTD Board (appointments to be determined by the City Selection Committee, June 5, 1986).

During the ensuing discussion, Councilman Wirth indicated his possible interest in becoming an RTD Board candidate himself. It was the general consensus that this City Council should take NO POSITION in support of an individual candidate pending a firm decision by Councilman Wirth.

Councilman Applegate MOVED that Mayor Geissert serve as voting delegate; Councilman Wirth, as alternate, to the City Selection Committee for appointment to the RTD Board. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

22e. Councilman Applegate reminded all present of the May 17, Armed Forces Day celebration.

22f. Councilman Nakano referenced a recent newspaper article in the Long Beach Press Telegram regarding a Congressional Subcommittee hearing concerning the Federal Aviation Administration's campaign for greater control over access and capacity at local airports. Staff to follow through and report back as to appropriate Council action in this regard. Mr. Nakano also requested that, in the future, Councilmembers be informed of hearings on matters of interest and concern.

22g. Councilman Wirth requested that staff investigate the ongoing deteriorated condition of the service station property at Sepulveda and Kent. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22h. Mayor Geissert announced that the Fifth Annual Summer Youth Employment Program is currently under way in the City of Torrance.

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22i. Mr. Bob Seitz, General Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, noted the active efforts of the Chamber in supporting Proposition 51.

22j. Mr. Vic Robinett, 4539 Newton Street, speaking on behalf of Mr. Fred Smith, of 4730 Via Corona, outlined a proposal for Council consideration regarding efforts to save that property from effects of a slope failure. Mr. August of August Construction was present and provided illustrations, etc., supporting the technical aspects of Mr. Robinett's statements.

City Manager Jackson emphasized the City's position regarding safety matters and the potential litigation concerning this property.

It was the request of Mayor Geissert that a meeting be arranged between all concerned parties at the earliest possible time.

Mr. Smith, owner of the property at 4730 Via Corona, joined Mr. Robinett and Mr. August in urging consideration of the plan outlined.

22k. Mr. John Bauman, 4722 Via Corona, voiced his concerns related to the slope failure involving the Smith residence and its possible impact on his property (see 22j above) and requested that he be kept informed of events in this regard.

22l. Mr. Dick Cahill, 1004 Sierra Place, urged that Councilman Wirth become a candidate for the RTD Board (see 22d, Page 11).

The council now returned to --

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in Joint Session (see Page 10) Mayor/Chairwoman 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 slope failure resulting in 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).

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2. The leasing and use of the Nike site property. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained within the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8.

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

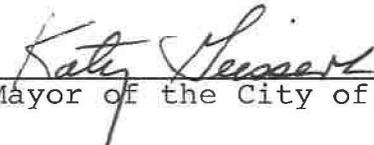
Redevelopment Agency v. M & W Properties, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court case number C544990. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

At 9:17 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed for ten minutes, immediately followed by the Joint Executive Session as above outlined.

NOTE: Councilman Applegate ABSTAINED from consideration of the above noted Redevelopment Agency related matter, and absented himself from the meeting room during discussion of that item.

The Council/Agency returned at 10:30 p.m., for formal adjournment of both Bodies to May 20, 1986, 5:30 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

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 Mayor of the City of Torrance


 Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
 Minute Secretary

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