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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 1986, at 5:30 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:

At the request of Mayor Geissert, Ms. Bobbye Fisher 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 approval of the City Council minutes of April 29, 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS: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 Committee:

Met May 17, 1986, 10:00 a.m.

Subject: Rose Float Design

Report to be presented during Oral Communications, this date (see Page 7, Item 22b).

Public Safety Committee:

To meet May 27, 1986, 6:00 p.m.

Subject: Police Memorial Issue

Citizens Development & Enrichment Committee (Joint meeting with members of TUSD Board of Education):

To meet May 28, 1986, 4:00 p.m.

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Mayor Geissert announced, with sadness, the passing of Mrs. Sydney Muller Maestri, mother of Police Sergeant Maestri, and requested that this meeting be adjourned in her memory.

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At this time Mayor Geissert introduced Mr. Dick Rossberg, Government Program Chairman for Leadership Torrance, an activity sponsored by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Chairwoman of the group, Ms. Anna Thames, provided information regarding this outstanding program which was lauded by the Mayor and Council. A warm welcome was extended to those members of 1986 Leadership Torrance group who were present in the audience.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RECOGNITION OF TEN-YEAR CITY EMPLOYEES:

The following ten-year employees of the City of Torrance were presented with awards and appropriate recognition by Mayor Geissert, on behalf of the entire Council.

BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT:

James Drinkward  
Ralph Grippo  
Duncan Richter  
LaVonne Hudson

LIBRARY:

Lilian Hung  
Evelyn Simon  
Wendy Carr

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

William Quale

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Roger Williams  
Wendall Robbins  
Frances Bollinger  
Raul Ramirez  
Gary Webb  
Marc Wilkins  
Robert Leinweber

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Rosalie Woodward  
Jane Hasselbach

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Anne Montgomery

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PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

Bobbye Fisher  
Elaine Winer

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Kathy Keane

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Arnold Sylvia

STREET DEPARTMENT:

Lawrence Weaver

WATER DEPARTMENT:

Charles Schaich

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER MANHOLE AT 251 AVENIDA ATEZADA:

It was requested by Acting Finance Director Rankin that an appropriation of \$9,000 from the Sewer Revolving Fund be included as part of the Council action on this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE PRESENCE  
OF AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT  
FOR PUBLIC WORKS WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF  
PUBLIC BIDDING

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-97, including the necessary appropriation as noted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. CONTINUED FIELD SERVICE SUPPORT FOR VAX 11/780 COMPUTER:RESOLUTION NO. 86-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONTRACT WITH DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION FOR CONTINUED HARDWARE SERVICE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-98. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17b. CONTINUED FIELD SERVICE SUPPORT FOR VAX 11/750 COMPUTER:RESOLUTION NO. 86-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION FOR CONTINUED FIELD SERVICE MAINTENANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-99. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17c. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE THIRD QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR 1985-86:RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL FINANCE AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

It is recommended that the City Council, as a whole, review the report regarding the third quarter budget review for the City's 1985-86 operating budget (a matter of official record). The Committee also recommends no program enhancements and the retention of the reserves be retained.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee recommendation as stated with regard to Agenda Item 17c. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 8-10.

17e. DUTIES OF CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD:

Held until after the Executive Session - see Page 9.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Re Purchase of one (1) Hersey Model MFM II-1 Fire Line/Master Meter (8" x 4") and one (1) 650 MVR Domestic Water Meter as a reimbursable purchase.  
EXPENDITURE: \$6,800.03, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

Since this expenditure is fully reimbursable and the general contractor for the Mormon Church, Comptrol, Inc. has already deposited the necessary funds to purchase these meters with the City, it is recommended that Council award a contract to the sole source supplier, the manufacturer, Hersey Products, Inc. of Los Angeles, California in the total amount of \$6,800.03, including tax.

20b. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 44299

SUBDIVIDER: Torrance Investment Co. and Watt Homes, Inc.  
LOCATION: Between Maple Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard  
 Between Toledo Street and Sepulveda Boulevard  
NO. OF LOTS: 8.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That Final Tract Map No. 44299 be approved.

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

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At 5:58 p.m., the City Council convened as Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adjourning as Redevelopment Agency and returning to the City Council agenda at 5:59 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate expressed his appreciation to the many individuals whose dedicated efforts contributed to the outstanding success of this year's Armed Forces Day celebration. These sentiments were echoed by Mayor Geissert and other members of the Council.

22b. Councilman Mock invited Ms. Georgean Griswold to the podium to present a rendering of the proposed City of Torrance entry for the 1987 Tournament of Roses Parade.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for approval of the float design as presented, for the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, January 1, 1987. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

22c. Councilman Walker indicated his personal positive reaction to recent correspondence outlining possible expansion of the Del Amo Mall.

22d. Councilman Wirth called attention to a recent Daily Breeze article featuring Councilman Nakano, his achievements and heritage.

22e. Mayor Geissert recommended that the City Council endorse Councilman Wirth in his desire for election to the RTD Board. Councilman Nakano SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22f. Ms. Georgean Griswold expressed appreciation to the Council for their support of the rose float design, and invited interested parties to participate in float construction activities.

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The Council now returned to --  
17d. 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. 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).
2. Possible litigation involving REMCO rights in connection with the Senior Citizen Housing Development. Said closed session is held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).
3. Potential litigation concerning property damage claims by Phillip Scavo. Said closed session is held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).
4. Potential litigation concerning personal injury claims by Nora Acosta. This closed session is held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).
5. Potential litigation concerning the transfer of the Cable TV franchise by Group W. This closed session is held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).

Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance vs. Torrance Investment Company, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C577962. This closed session is held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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

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 held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54957.6.

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At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a ten-minute recess, immediately following which the Council convened in Executive Session per the foregoing statement.

NOTE: Councilman Applegate ABSTAINED from consideration of the Torrance Investment Company matter and absented himself from the meeting room during discussion of that item.

It was necessary for Councilman Walker to leave the meeting during the Executive Session, at 9:22 p.m.

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At 9:38 p.m., the Council returned, and considered the following --

17e. CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD DUTIES:

City Manager Jackson requested that Item 17e be continued to a later date following the full appointment of the Advisory Board and resolution of matters of litigation between the City of Torrance and Group W.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate MOVED to concur with the City Manager's above stated request. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

Further action is reflected below.

City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver to Group W, a letter prepared by the City Attorney in accordance with recommendations made in the Executive Session this date. Councilman Applegate SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

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The Council now returned to other matters considered during the Executive Session, and took the following action.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the City Attorney's recommendation and appropriation in accordance with the memoranda of record on the claims of Phillip Scavo and Nora Acosta. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

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At 9:40 p.m., the meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, May 27, 1986, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Sydney Muller Maestri.

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Katy Gussert  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Donald E. Wilson  
Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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