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Adjournment was at 9:36 p.m. to Monday, June 23, 1986,
at 4:30 p.m. for the Third Budget Workshop.

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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, June 17, 1986, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Mock, Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.
Councilman Walker arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Ms. Toni Sargent led in the salute to the flag.

Pastor Jim Park, Seventh Day Adventist Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for approval of the City Council minutes of May 27, 1986, and June 2, 1986, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Walker not as yet arrived).

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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 (Councilman Walker not as yet arrived).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 17a. - Employee Deferred Compensation Plan Revision

Item 17b. - Employee Contribution Plan

Both matters continued for one week to June 24, 1986.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Public Safety Council Committee

June 24, 1986 - 5:30 p.m.

Subject: Deployment of Fire Personnel and
Equipment.

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It was with a great deal of sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the recent passing of former Assistant City Manager, Jerry Scharfman.

Mayor Geissert then praised Jerry for his key contributions to the City of Torrance during its years of significant growth and development. Words of fondness and mourning were also offered by City Manager Jackson and by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

It was requested by Mayor Geissert that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Scharfman.

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At this time (5:40 p.m.), Councilman Walker arrived.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RECOGNITION OF 1986 HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS:

Certificates of recognition and words of praise were extended by Mayor Geissert, on behalf of her colleagues on the Council and the citizens of Torrance, to the following 1986 High School Valedictorians.

BISHOP MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL:

Christine Schulteis
 Brian Bauer
 Cari Martinez

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL:

Tony Chi
 Leon Chiu
 Cheryl Dyer
 Andy Leong
 Michael Rea
 Mark Rizzardi
 Lillian Wong
 Susan Yamasaki
 Holly Zeigler

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL:

Yoichi Kagawa
 Mary Lauta
 Hank Lee
 Sue Park
 Lori Shiotani
 Shanie Ueno

WEST HIGH SCHOOL:

Scott Hammond
 Seung Ho Hwang
 Tina Moon

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL:

Riad Abdelkarim

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8b. RECOGNITION OF FARMERS' MARKET VOLUNTEERS:

Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Mayor Geissert to each of the following Farmers' Market volunteers in recognition of their dedicated efforts in building and maintaining this outstandingly successful community event.

Millie Aisup
 George Baker
 Karen Bruns
 Ila Ewing
 Betty Goddard
 Renee Gordon
 Gertrude Lanphen
 Geurt Lanphen
 Franklin Lieu
 Ron Littlefair
 Betsey Matthews
 Bamma McGhan
 Sue Newberry
 Russ Nolte
 Toni Sargent
 Barbara Sarno
 Thelma Silver
 Jerrie Watkins
 Lucy Ritorto
 Dick Sandberg.

8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming Tuesday, June 24, 1986, as "Torrance Farmers' Market Day" in the City of Torrance and inviting all to join in the celebration.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

At this time, Mr. Ron Littlefair presented tokens of appreciation from the Farmers' Market organization to each member of the Council. These decorative mugs were received with appreciation by the recipients.

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Considered next out of order --

21a. RESOLUTION COMMENDING WILLIAM BEVERLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-112

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING WILLIAM BEVERLY FOR HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AND UPON COMPLETION AS PRESIDENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-112. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

21b. RESOLUTION HONORING MAYOR ALBERT ISEN:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-113

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING MAYOR ALBERT ISEN UPON BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-113. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. PARTIAL RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION GUARANTEE -

TRACT NO. 43277

Subdivider: Storm Industries
 Engineer: Dalcin-Cummins
 Location: 23524-23530 Arlington Avenue
 No. of Lots: 1 (8-unit condominium)

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

The Engineering Department recommends that a) \$5,901.17 of the \$8,050 cash deposit be released; b) \$2,000 be retained as payment in full for permanent street paving; and c) \$148.83 be retained as payment for inspection fees.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Councilwoman Hardison noted that this was the first three-story development to be constructed in her area of Southeast Torrance, and she commended the developer and extended the appreciation of the community for the efforts put forth in making this an outstanding condominium project.

10b. MAPLE AVENUE AT MARICOPA STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION/ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

The Engineering and Transportation Departments recommend that your Honorable Body appropriate \$16,300 from 1986-87 Miscellaneous Quick Response Gas Tax Funds for intersection improvements at Maple Avenue and Maricopa Street.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Director of Transportation and the Acting City Engineer. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. AMENDMENT TO JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION 84-309: THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF CARSON AND LOMITA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONSORTIUM

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-114. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14b. APPROVAL OF CLASS SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE FOR PRODUCER/WRITER:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-115

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

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-115. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. W 86-6, TRACY S. LOTZ:

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 Waiver to allow the construction of a second residential unit above garages with less than the Code-required side yard setbacks in the R-2 zone at 2112 Andreo Avenue. W 86-6, TRACY S. LOTZ.

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

During the staff presentation by Planning Associate Gibson, it was noted that the Planning Commission and Planning Department recommend denial of the appeal and approval of the Waiver, subject to conditions. Clarification and expansion, as desired by individual Councilmembers, were provided by Mr. Gibson concerning the great number (143) 40-foot wide lots in the area; development concepts initiated on other R-2 lots in this neighborhood; various design options for providing the required 4-car garage space; severe on-street parking conditions; etc.

The proponent (who did not formally identify himself) described his requested second unit, and deemed the design as submitted the best possible alternative available.

Architect for the subject proposal, Mr. Gary Maxwell, 1455 Crenshaw Boulevard, noted their consideration of options available and their conclusion that the plan, as presented, with garage access off the alleyway was preferable to adding a curb cut, which would delete a presently available on-street parking space.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak on this matter, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Council discussion ensued.

Councilman Wirth voiced concerns regarding the cumulative effect and overall impact on the neighborhood of the development

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of second units on these less-than-standard-width lots. It was Mr. Wirth's recommendation that the Council Community Planning and Design Committee consider the overall problem in this area of the City.

Favoring the design as submitted, Councilman Walker praised the renovation efforts already realized on this property. Mr. Walker expressed his opinion that a property owner has the right to retain a quality older home and also to utilize his property to its current zoning. The following was then offered.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the Planning Department and Planning Commission for denial of the appeal and approval of W 86-6, subject to conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Councilman Nakano noted concerns regarding the bulk of the project and the resultant cumulative impact on the area.

Councilman Applegate concurred with the applicant's efforts to work within the constraints of the existing dwelling, thus retaining the nature and character of the neighborhood.

Concerns regarding the cumulative impact were also noted by Councilwoman Hardison, who also addressed the alley density, the parking issue, and traffic safety considerations. Mrs. Hardison pointed out that although a curb cut and driveway would eliminate one on-street parking space, it would allow additional parking in the driveway (a viable alternative, in her opinion).

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wirth to grant the appeal and DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE W 86-6, Tracy S. Lotz. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Geissert expressed her thoughts on this case, noting concerns regarding density; problems with alley only access; etc. It was the Mayor's opinion that the overall area concept should be referred to the Council Community Planning and Design Committee, said review by the Committee to include the possibility of applying Downtown Redevelopment standards to the area, thus encouraging smaller units with one enclosed parking space, resulting in a reduction in density.

The above SUBSTITUTE MOTION carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate and Walker.

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Councilman Walker expressed concerns regarding restrictions as to unit size, etc., and requested that areawide notification be extended regarding Committee considerations.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that the issue be referred to the Council Community Planning and Design Committee for study. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried without objection.

15b. PP 86-13, JAMES P. ELLINGSON:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal by a neighboring resident of a Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow a first- and second-story addition to an existing single-family residence located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 23627 Susana Avenue. PP 86-13:
JAMES P. ELLINGSON.

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

Staff presentation, with the aid of transparencies, was provided by Planning Associate Gibson, noting Planning Commission and Planning Department recommendation for denial of the appeal and approval of the project.

In response to inquiries from individual Councilmembers, Planning Associate Gibson clarified specifics regarding height of addition; impact of windows; and height of retaining wall.

At the invitation of Mayor Geissert, the proponent, Mr. Jim Ellingson, 23627 Susana Avenue, addressed the Council. Further clarification as to window placement in the proposed Tudor style addition was provided by this speaker, and a petition containing signatures of neighbors in support of the proposed construction was submitted.

Mrs. Ellingson, 23627 Susana Avenue, approached the podium to elaborate on the issue of windows, noting her opinion that the only window overlooking their neighbor's (Philbrick's) pool is in a closet.

Next to speak was Mrs. Roberta Philbrick, appellant, 23623 Susana Avenue, next door to the subject property on the downhill side, protested the design and size of the proposed structure, noting her opinion that these plans represent a negative impact to view, light, air and privacy of their property. Photographs depicting the silhouette of the proposed subject addition were submitted by this speaker.

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Mrs. Philbrick referenced pertinent Code sections and expanded on her concerns, particularly as they relate to privacy. Slope stability was also addressed by this speaker, who noted there have been two small earth slides in their rear yard in recent years. Possible additional adverse effects as a result of the proposed construction were noted by this speaker.

In summary, Mrs. Philbrick maintained that the proposed development represents a significant adverse impact on view, light, air and privacy for her property; is not in harmony with other properties in the vicinity; and represents a harmful impact on land values. Redesign was urged.

Next to speak was Mrs. Marilyn van Oppen, 23648 Susana Avenue, who took exception to the following findings in the Resolution on this case:

- 3) That the . . . development will not have an adverse impact . . . of other properties in the vicinity;
- 4) That the development has been located, planned and designed so as to cause the least intrusion on the views, light, air and privacy of other properties . . .;
- 6) That the design will not have a harmful impact upon the land values

Mrs. van Oppen stated her opinion that this is an imposing edifice and would represent a problem for the Philbrick's -- redesign in a manner sensitive to the neighborhood was recommended.

There being no one else at this point who wished to speak on this case, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion developed.

Councilman Walker pointed out that the design of this project was earlier modified in an effort to mitigate view blockage for the residence to the rear -- the present design would not negatively effect property values in the area, in Mr. Walker's opinion, and the plan presently before the Council should be approved.

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Councilwoman Hardison pointed out that concerns regarding design were brought up at the January 22 Planning Commission hearing on this matter -- this is basically the same architectural design, which is a matter of principle concern to Mrs. Hardison.

The following motion was then offered --

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission/Planning Department for denial of the appeal and approval of PP 86-13. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Noting that design aspects of the project concern him in terms of its compatibility with the neighborhood, Councilman Mock offered the following --

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to grant the appeal and DENY PP 86-13 WITHOUT PREJUDICE. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Applegate voiced his opinion that the applicant has attempted to work with his neighbors and has met or exceeded all normal demands of the City. Mr. Applegate related his own personal experience pertaining to neighbors' ability to view into back yards -- a situation not restricted to the hillside. According to Mr. Applegate the proposal is a reasonable one and should be so treated.

Councilman Nakano pointed out that the subject project is increasing the square footage of the original residence by approximately 2 1/2 times. In his opinion, this results in a massive remodeling which is not compatible with the area, and intrudes into the privacy of a neighbor.

Recognizing that there has been an effort to decrease the impact and please "some of the neighbors", Councilman Wirth nevertheless expressed his opinion that there has not been sufficient modification to "eliminate the negative impact."

Rights of property development were addressed by Councilman Walker, who expressed his opinion that the style of development should not be dictated by the Council. Councilman Wirth explained his position that the issue at hand is not one of design -- the issue is one of bulk and blockage, in his opinion.

During an exchange regarding the height of the turret, the proponent indicated a desire to provide clarification. Councilman Walker thereupon MOVED to reopen the hearing. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried without objection.

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Mr. Jim Ellingson explained that the turret will be no higher than the chimneys. Building and Safety Director Grippo added further clarification by advising that the Uniform Building Code will be complied with regarding the chimneys.

Councilman Walker then MOVED to reclose the hearing. This motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Roll call vote on the SUBSTITUTE MOTION to grant the appeal and deny the project without prejudice, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Walker and Mayor
Geissert.

Mayor Geissert voiced her opinion that another type of architecture would be more compatible. Although there has been a modification to the original plans, the impact on privacy and light is compounded by the difference in elevation between the subject site and the Philbrick property, per the Mayor.

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At 7:50 p.m., a brief recess was called. The Council reconvened at 8:08 p.m., to consider the following item.

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15c. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986-87:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the first public hearing on the City Manager's proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1986-87, and inquired regarding proof of publication.

City Clerk Wilson presented the required affidavit of publication which was received and filed upon a MOTION by Councilman Applegate, seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

There was no response to Mayor Geissert's invitation for audience input on this matter.

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MOTION: Councilman Walker then moved to continue the hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 1986-87 fiscal year to June 24, 1986, 7:00 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Geissert announced that the Third Budget Workshop Session will be held June 23, 1986, 4:30 p.m.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. REVISION OF EMPLOYEE'S DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN:

Continued to June 24, 1986, without objection.

17b. 401 (K) CONTRIBUTION PLAN:

Held for one week (to June 24, 1986).

17c. DAILY BREEZE LEGAL ADVERTISING FOR FY 1986-87:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR ADVERTISING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE DAILY BREEZE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1986-87

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-116. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17d. NON-DISTURBANCE AGREEMENT FOR THRIFTY CORPORATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FORM OF NON-DISTURBANCE AGREEMENT WITH THRIFTY CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-117. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Applegate requested clarification regarding current status of lease negotiations with LaCaze Development Company. A verbal update was provided by City Attorney Remelmeyer and by Assistant City Manager Ng -- Mr. Ng indicated that an expanded report will be forthcoming to the Council.

Roll call vote to adopt Resolution 86-117, was unanimously favorable.

17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. COUNCIL REJECTION OF BIDS

Ref. Bid #B86-45

Replacement of City Hall Air Conditioning Water Cooling Tower.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

Council is requested to reject all bids received on Bid #B86-45 in order for staff to clarify the specification for rebid.

20b. PURCHASE OF DIGITAL SOFTWARE:

RECOMMENDATION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body authorize the expenditure of \$16,733.02 for the purchase of Datatrieve, Common Data Dictionary and the Language Sensitive Editor Software Package.

20c. COUNCIL AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT: To furnish City requirements for Xerographic Bond Paper, Carbonless Paper and Chipboard.

Reference: Bid No. B86-44

Anticipated Annual Expenditure: \$59,784.11.

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RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council award the following contracts to the lowest responsible bidders for each item as follows:

1. Recommend a contract award be made to the **Noland Paper Company** of Buena Park, California for Bid items: 3-8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 21, 31, 32, 34-40, 48-67, 70, in the total anticipated amount of \$30,130.29 including tax.
2. Recommend a contract award be made to **Nationwide Papers** of Los Angeles, California for Bid items: 2, 17, 23, 25, 28, 41-47, 68, 69, 78, 79, in the total anticipated amount of \$4,530.36 including tax.
3. Recommend a contract award be made to **La Salle Paper Company** of Los Angeles, California for bid items: 1, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 71-76, in the total anticipated amount of \$9,692.03 including tax.
4. Recommend a contract award be made to **Xerox, Corporation** of Long Beach, California for bid items: 9, 33, in the total anticipated amount of \$14,060.77 including tax.
5. Recommend a contract award be made to **Kirk Paper Company** of Los Angeles, California for bid item 77 in the total anticipated amount of \$1,370.66 including tax.

- 20d. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For the Sole Source purchase of new budgeted-replacement equipment for a camera/plate processing system.
Expenditure: \$9,792.68.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is staff's recommendation that Council award a contract for the purchase of the camera/plate processing equipment to the sole source West Coast distributor of this equipment, The R.B. Graphic Supply Company of Garden Grove, California in the total amount of \$9,792.68 including tax.

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- 20e. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For the purchase of one (1) new 3500 lb. capacity forklift for the new Transit Facility.
 Reference: Bid No. B86-38
 Expenditure: \$13,365.75
 Funding: 80% Federal Grant CA-90-X124
 20% Local Proposition "A" Funds

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is staff's recommendation that the Council award a contract for the purchase of this required forklift to the low bidder, Freeborn Equipment Co., Inc. of Pico Rivera, Calif. in the total amount of \$13,365.75 including tax.

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

21. ADDENDUM ITEMS:

- 21a. RESOLUTION COMMENDING WILLIAM BEVERLY:
 21b. RESOLUTION HONORING MAYOR ALBERT ISEN:

See Page 5.

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At 8:21 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, returning to the Council agenda at 8:25 p.m., but remaining in Joint Session for purposes of a Joint Executive Session later in the meeting - see Page 18.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson commended the efforts of Department of Transportation and Engineering staff in conceiving the idea for the intersection improvements on Maple Avenue at Maricopa Street (Agenda Item 10b, Page 6).

22b. City Attorney Remelmeyer called attention to correspondence from Attorney Douglas Ring requesting that the Lincoln Property Company matter (to be considered June 24) not be heard before the hour of 8:30 p.m. on that date.

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During the brief Council discussion regarding this request, it was noted that the Lincoln Property item was scheduled for the June 24 date some time ago, that date having been established at the request of Lincoln Properties. It was ultimately determined that, as a courtest to Mr. Ring, the Park Del Amo projects could be held for consideration until the end of the Council agenda that evening.

22c. The status of the Prairie Avenue pedestrian overpass was questioned by Councilwoman Hardison, with an update provided by Acting City Engineer Perkins.

22d. Councilman Walker expressed his personal sadness at the loss of a good friend, Jerry Scharfman, and expressed his condolences to the Scharfman family.

22e. Councilman Wirth noted the presence of a Statue of Liberty display at the Civic Center Library.

22f. Appreciation for the Council's support in his recent unsuccessful attempt for election to the RTD Board was expressed by Councilman Wirth.

22g. Commendation was extended to Fire Department personnel by Councilman Wirth because of their action in recent fire training exercises.

22h. Mayor Geissert complimented Councilman Wirth on his professional attitude and gracious handling of his campaign during his bid for the RTD Board seat.

22i. Mayor Geissert requested appropriate Council recognition of the individuals who recently came to the aid of a young woman who was attacked by dogs in the area of Western Avenue. It was the Mayor's further request that an appropriate award be established for this type of citizen action. Staff will follow through.

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22j. Mr. Fred Smith, 4730 Via Corona, reiterated his previously expressed concerns involving the matter of slope failure as it affects his home. The expeditious handling of all aspects of the problem, including any preliminary legal documents, was urged by this speaker. Staff will work with Mr. Smith in this regard.

The Council now returned to --

17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in Joint Session (see Page 16), Mayor/Chairwoman Geissert now 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:

Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance v. Torrance Investment Company, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C577962. This closed session is held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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:

Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs. Cobabe, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C544893; and Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs. Mullin, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C544899. This closed session is being held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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.

NOTE: Councilman Applegate announced that he would abstain from hearing the Torrance Investment Company matter for reasons previously stated. Mr. Applegate absented himself from the meeting room during that time.

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At 8:55 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to Joint Executive Session, returning at 9:35 p.m., to take the following Redevelopment Agency related action.

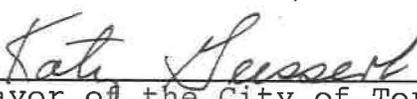
MOTION: Mr. Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency to settle with Crown Body and Fender and Cobabe Brothers, Inc. His motion was seconded by Mr. Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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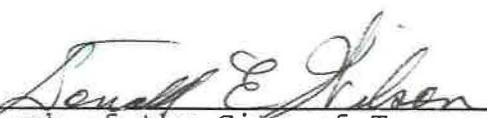
At 9:36 p.m., the meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Monday, June 23, 1986, 4:30 p.m. (Third Budget Workshop); the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was formally adjourned to Tuesday, June 24, 1986, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of former Assistant City Manager Jerry Scharfman.

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 Mayor of the City of Torrance



 Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
 Minute Secretary

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