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Adjournment was at 10:20 p.m. to Tuesday, June 24, 1986
at 7:00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Monday, June 23, 1986, at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall for the purpose of the Third Budget Workshop Session.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.
NOTE: Councilman Applegate left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

THIRD BUDGET WORKSHOP:

I. INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Geissert announced this as the Third Budget Workshop; the Second Public Hearing for adoption of the FY 1986/87 Budget will be held on June 24, 1986, at 7:00 p.m.

II. BUDGET DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS:

City Manager Jackson noted that written information pertaining to the following subjects was provided in Council agenda packets --

A. FUNDING SOURCES:

- 1) Alternative Funding Sources for the 1986-87 Budget.

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- 2) Survey Regarding the Transient Occupancy Tax.
- 3) Council's Policy Regarding Library Grant Money.

B. PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS:

- 4) Addition of Part-Time Recurrent Minute Secretary.
- 5) Hazardous Materials Response Unit.
- 6) Identification Section Sergeant Position - Sworn vs. Civilian.

Mr. Jackson noted that supplemental written information was provided by way of:

- o Memorandum Summarizing Items Council Concurred with in Principle.
- o Memorandum Regarding Reserve Funds.
- o Correspondence from Seaside Homeowners re Landscaping.

City Manager Jackson also reviewed overall budgetary impacts surrounding the Council's straw vote actions at the Second Budget Workshop, and addressed specific concerns which were voiced during that meeting.

C. ADDITIONAL INPUT FROM STAFF AND AUDIENCE:

Mayor Geissert invited public input.

Ms. Jackie Decker, President of Seaside Homeowners Association confirmed the contents of their correspondence requesting landscaping on Calle Mayor. Mayor Geissert requested that staff keep Ms. Decker apprised of progress on this project.

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In response to specific Council inquiries, Acting City Engineer Perkins advised that a new element concerning noise walls will be added to the City's Action Plan. Further, Engineering will work closely with the Department of Transportation regarding the possibility of a crossing guard in the Calle Mayor area.

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The Council now considered out of order --

E. BUDGET DECISIONS:

- 7) Acceptance in Principle of Base Budget to Continue Current Level of Service.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for acceptance of the Base Budget in principle with the current levels of service, except that the issue of the revenue source related to the Library Special Fund be held as a separate item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Discussion ensued prior to roll call on the motion during which time Councilman Walker expressed his opinion that certain program modifications should be established prior to taking the above action.

Dissatisfaction with the overall budgetary process and approach was voiced by Councilman Applegate, who opined that a more prudent way of establishing the budget would be to determine first the funds available and then decide how these funds are to be used. Mr. Applegate stressed that, if cutbacks must be made over the course of the year, he would want the Council to make those decisions rather than placing that burden on the City Manager.

The above 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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- 8) Acceptance in Principle of Recommended Program Additions for External Source Funding and Reallocation of Funds (Pages 9-10 of Volume 1).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve Pages 9 and 10 of Volume 1. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

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- 9) Acceptance of Fee Adjustments (Pages XXII-XXIV of Volume 1).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for acceptance of fee adjustments as shown in Volume 1, Pages XXII-XXIV. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Discussion resulted in Councilman Wirth ultimately MODIFYING the above MOTION to (1) show the employee maximum raised to 2000 this year; and (2) not use the State Library Grant Funds in the General Operating Budget. Councilman Mock, as seconder, accepted this modification, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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- 10) Acceptance of Proposed Reserves (Page XXV of Volume 1).

City Manager Jackson clarified staff's recommendation in light of previous Council straw vote action pertaining to the Paramedic deferral.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to accept proposed reserves (E.10), as amended by previous Council action. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

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B. PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS:

- 4) Addition of Part-Time Recurrent Minute Secretary.

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to include the Part-Time Recurrent Minute Secretary position as part of the approved budget. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Applegate requested that an accounting of Minute Secretary expenses be returned to the Council's Finance Committee at the Midyear Budget Review.

Councilman Wirth requested that, if possible, Commissions now required to take their own minutes, be provided with Minute Secretarial services in light of the above.

Roll call vote on Councilman Walker's above motion was unanimously favorable.

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Considered next --

VISITORS' BUREAU:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to allocate \$43,750 for the establishment of a Visitors' Bureau, said funds not to be expended until such time as a methodology is developed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Discussion ensued. Councilman Walker indicated his preference that a Council Committee study the need and benefits of a Visitors' Bureau prior to allocation of funds.

During the continuing discussion, the intent of the motion was so interpreted as to indicate that prior to actual expenditure of the funds there would be input from staff, from a Council Committee, and from individuals conversant in this field. The matter would be returned to the Council for a decision on when to expend the funds, and how much would be needed.

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

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

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Transit Related Positions.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for approval of Page #'s 61, 62 and 63 of the Green Sheets pertaining to transit related positions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Councilman Wirth clarified that the above action is subject to the State/Federal funding process.

Roll call on the motion was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:25 p.m., a brief recess was called. The Council returned at 6:42 p.m., to consider the following --

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The Council now returned to --

A. FUNDING SOURCES:

- 2) Survey Regarding the Transient Occupancy Tax.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax by one percent. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Considered next --

B. PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS:

- 6) Identification Section Sergeant Position - Sworn vs. Civilian.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that Priority 18) Police Department Identification and Information Section Sergeant be approved with an appropriation of \$86,196. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

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Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of using civilian as opposed to sworn personnel in this, as well as other positions within the Department.

Concerns were expressed, particularly by Councilwoman Hardison, regarding other high priority considerations -- some of which have been returned for the third year -- which should, in her opinion be reviewed, prior to a decision on the subject item.

The above motion carried as is indicated below:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hardison.

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The Council now returned to --

A. FUNDING SOURCES:

- 1) Alternative Funding Sources for the 1986-87 Budget.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve the following items set forth in the City Manager's report covering the above subject: 1) Increase in the Business License Tax raising the per employee tax from \$30.00 to \$31.00; 2) Raising the basic Business License fee for all categories by five percent; and 3) Increasing the Parking Citation fee by \$1.00.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

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Library Matters.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for approval of Green Sheet Page 48 and Green Sheet Page 20 (two half-time Library Pages and emergency lighting for Civic Center Library respectively), with funding to come from the Public Library Funds. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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City Manager Jackson advised that the reduction in contingency reserves at this point is \$29,894.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that the contingency reserve be reduced by \$29,894, giving a balanced budget. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The City Manager advised that staff will return to the Council at its June 24 Budget Hearing with the necessary actions to formally adopt the budget and to implement the revenue sources as directed.

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to request that staff bring back to the Finance Committee at the First Quarterly Budget Review meeting the items that were considered tonight but not approved -- particularly the unapproved Haz/Mat item (Green Sheet #17); some Parks and Recreation items such as Groundskeepers (Green Sheet #19); and pagers (Green Sheet Page #29) -- also, at that meeting if not beforehand, feedback or recommendation from staff on some mechanism for Council review of freezes, holds, etc.

This motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

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The Council now considered --

- D. CITY ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PROPOSED VACATION OF AN ALLEY IN THE NORTH-EASTERLY PORTION OF BLOCK 14, TORRANCE TRACT:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 86-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE AN ALLEY IN THE NORTHEASTERLY PORTION OF BLOCK 14, TORRANCE TRACT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-118. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Council now considered --

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Geissert announced a request for an Executive Session for the City Council to discuss with the City Attorney a matter of pending litigation, City of Torrance v. Torrance Investment Company, et al. This is permitted under Section 54956.9(a) of the Government Code.

At 7:28 p.m., the Council recessed to Executive Session.

NOTE: Councilman Applegate announced that he would abstain from consideration of the Torrance Investment Company matter (for reasons of record). Mr. Applegate then departed from the meeting at this time.

At 10:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 24, 1986, at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Second Public Hearing on adoption of the 1986-87 Budget will be held.

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