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Peggy Laverty  
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, July 8, 1986, at 7:05 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 Myrtle Caliva, Riviera United Methodist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for approval of the City Council minutes of June 17, 1986, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS: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:

None scheduled.

Considered out of order at this time --

21a. RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TORRANCE CHORALE:RESOLUTION 86-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE  
TORRANCE CIVIC CHORALE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for adoption of Resolution No. 86-165. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mrs. Sue Herbers was present to represent the Torrance Civic Chorale and accepted, with sincere appreciation, this Resolution of commendation.

The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. SISTER CITY EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

Mayor Geissert, assisted by Ms. Lynn Cauble, President of the Torrance Sister City Association, introduced the following Torrance exchange students who will be going to Kashiwa, Japan later this month.

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Jennifer Ando  
 Susan Bauer  
 Megan Cavagnaro  
 Matthew Hanasono  
 Kristie Hardy  
 Kim Hartnett  
 Stacie Mizuguchi  
 Jan Okinaka  
 Craig Schmitz.

Ms. Cauble also introduced the adult leader of these students, Mr. Tom Sutherland, as well as exchange teacher, Ms. Leah Olson.

A warm welcome was extended by Mayor Geissert on behalf of her colleagues on the Council and the citizens of the City of Torrance.

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At 7:15 p.m., a unique experience was enjoyed by those present by way of receipt of a telephone call from Mayor Shin Suzuki of Kashiwa, Japan, to Mayor Geissert. This telephone call was made from Kashiwa in honor of that city having just obtained the ability for direct distance dialing.

Best wishes from the City of Torrance were conveyed to Mayor Suzuki.

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8b. CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

The following members of the Cable Television Advisory Board were duly appointed by the Council:

John E. Alter	<u>Business Groups and Associations</u>
Jim Colleran	<u>Community Cable Producers and Users</u>
Robert Pedersen	<u>Higher Education</u>
Vera Little	<u>Secondary Education</u>
Suzan Van Pelt	<u>The Arts</u>
Una Bullard	<u>Senior Citizens' Organizations</u>
Robert Feuerstein	<u>Non-Profit Organizations.</u>

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The oath of office was administered by City Clerk Wilson, followed by a warm welcome from the Mayor and Council to all appointees.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. LIONS CLUB DONATION TO LIBRARY:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

The City Librarian RECOMMENDS that your Honorable Body accept, with thanks, the donation of \$500.00 from the Torrance Lions Club for the "Books-on-Tape" program.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Librarian. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. FIRE CHIEF CLASS SPECIFICATION AND ORDERING OF EXAMINATION:

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body approve the revised class specification for Fire Chief and approve the ordering of the examination on a promotional basis.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the recommendation of the Personnel Department on Agenda Item 14a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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At 8:12 p.m., the Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, returning to the Council agenda at 8:23 p.m., but remaining in Joint Session for purposes of an Executive Session later in the meeting (see Pages 10-13).

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15. HEARINGS:15a. PROPOSED ALLEY VACATION:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on Resolution of Intention #86-118, proposing the vacation of an alley in the northeasterly portion of Block 14, Torrance Tract.

Upon affirmation by the City Clerk of the affidavit of publishing and posting, Councilman Applegate MOVED that it be received and filed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Staff presentation was provided by Civil Engineering Associate Clark, following which Mayor Geissert invited comments from the audience.

Ms. Janet Payne, 1318 Engracia, requested clarification as to the specific setback allowance between the public parking lot and the adjoining residential property. Planning Director Ferren advised that his department will contact Ms. Payne with the desired information.

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

At the request of Mayor Geissert, City Clerk Wilson assigned a number and read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, ORDERING THE VACATION  
OF AN ALLEY IN THE NORTHEASTERLY PORTION  
OF BLOCK 14, TORRANCE TRACT, IN THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-166. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD PUBLIC ACCESS SURVEY:RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Cable Television Advisory Board and the Cable Television Administrator that your Honorable Body authorize the Cable Television Advisory Board to distribute the Public Access survey at the NFLCP conference in San Francisco and further, if there is not a sufficient amount of information gathered, that the Advisory Board be authorized to mail out the survey to Public Access Centers throughout California and selected centers within the United States.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation regarding Agenda Item 17a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Geissert suggested that the following information might be included in the survey: population of cities; name of the company holding the franchise; and information as to how the Board or Commission members are appointed.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable.

17b. DESTRUCTION OF UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS:RESOLUTION NO. 86-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-167. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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17d. DEPLOYMENT OF FIRE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT:MAJORITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Safety Committee of the City Council recommends that your Honorable Body concur with the Fire Department's relocation and deployment plan as submitted.

(Councilmen Mock and Applegate).

MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT:

The City of Torrance has seen substantial growth in the last ten years. We are adding thousands of dwelling units, millions of square feet of office space and massive industrial developments.

To meet this growth we have added one Fire Station and have an additional Station in the planning stages. The plans given to our Committee shows that we are adding buildings but are not adding or even planning for additional personnel. The ISO report indicated the need for additional personnel.

Rather than rubber stamp the present report, I feel that we should now begin to plan for needed Fire personnel. The beginning of that process would be the retention of the second engine company in North Torrance.

(Councilman Walker).

Following clarification and expansion of the above recommendations by the respective Council Committee members, action was taken as is indicated below:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the majority recommendation of the Public Safety Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Lee Wagner, 2127 West 161st Street, expressed some concern regarding protection for his area (the extreme northeast corner of the City), and noting an incident several years ago when response time to a Fourth of July fire was 20 minutes (per the report of a neighbor). Fire Department staff will follow through with an investigation and will discuss the matter with Mr. Wagner.

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22h. Ms. Lucy Ritorto, 3920 Pacific Coast Highway, offered the following comments:

- o Commended the Fire Department for their outstanding job in extinguishing a recent hillside fire;
- o Encouraged citizen participation in the Community Gardens activity;
- o Pointed out the need for the posting of signs on busses regarding the recent fare increases;
- o Requested consideration of late night City bus service; and
- o Suggested installation of a recorded message with bus service information.

The Council now returned to --

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in Joint Session (see Page 4), 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 the slope failure at 4539 Vista Largo, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).
2. Potential litigation involving the City and Group W concerning the transfer of the Cable TV franchise pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).
3. To evaluate the performance of the City Manager, the City Attorney and other management officials, excluding the City Clerk and the City Treasurer. This closed session is held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54957.7.

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4. 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.

The City Council will also recess to closed session, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, for the purpose of conferring with the Agency's legal counsel concerning the sale of the Armco parking lot. This closed session is held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8.

At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Geissert announced a ten-minute recess to be followed immediately by the above noted Joint City Council/Redevelopment Executive Session.

NOTE: Councilman Applegate announced that he would abstain from consideration of the Armco parking lot sale and absented himself from the meeting room during that discussion.

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency returned at 12:01 a.m. (July 9, 1986) and took the following Council-related action:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 22, 1986 TO JULY 1, 1987

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-168. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXTERNALLY FUNDED AND LIMITED TENURE EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD STARTING JULY 6, 1986

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The motion to concur with the Committee's majority report carried as is indicated below:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19a. AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH WEISER,  
KANE, BALLMER AND BERKMAN:

WITHDRAWN -- This matter was considered as Agenda Item 7a,  
under the Redevelopment Agency agenda this date.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. CRENSHAW BOULEVARD SIDEWALK/BIKEWAY FROM DEL AMO BOULEVARD  
TO 190TH STREET (B86-47):

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER AND DIRECTOR OF  
TRANSPORTATION:

That the contract be awarded to Inland Constructors and  
all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the  
above stated staff recommendation on Agenda Item 20a. His motion  
was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was  
unanimously favorable.

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21a. RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TORRANCE CHORALE:

See Page 2.

21b. REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE EXEMPT AND  
ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES:

See Page 12.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

## 22a. Councilman Applegate made the following announcements:

Born to Debbie Thomas and husband Danny Provo:  
Matthew Lawrence Provo, 8 pounds 14 ounces, arrived  
July 3, 1986.

Born to Kathy Keane and husband Howie Fishman:  
Aaron Keane Fishman, 7 pounds 10 ounces, arrived  
July 6, 1986.

Congratulations to the happy families! Both mothers are members of the City Manager's staff, and mothers, fathers, and babies are all doing well.

22b. Councilwoman Hardison commended City Council Minute Secretary Peggy Laverty for her work -- these kind words were accepted with sincere appreciation by Ms. Laverty.

22c. Councilman Nakano noted the recent presentation by the Lt. Governor's office of the California Works Award to the Private Industry Council for their outstanding success in job placements. Congratulations were extended to all involved.

22d. Councilman Nakano commented on the outstanding success of the July 4th celebration at Wilson Park.

22e. The July 4th festivities were also lauded by Councilman Walker, who noted receipt of a request that date from young Miss Elizabeth Cyran for the return of ducks to the park lake!

22f. Councilman Wirth commended staff for the Wilson Park July 4th celebration, and also announced the Summer Musical Production of Carousel July 11, 12 and 13.

22g. Mayor Geissert also complimented City staff on the recent celebration at Wilson Park -- "extremely well done" per the Mayor.

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-169. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to --

21b. REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE, EXEMPT AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES:

Councilman Applegate requested, and received, clarification from the City Manager as to salary surveys with other cities; internal comparisons; and availability of funding related to the Executive, Exempt and Elected Officials salaries. City Manager Jackson further affirmed that funds to cover the recommended increases were set aside with adoption of the budget.

The following motion was then offered.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Executive, Exempt and Elected Officials' Salaries. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Applegate reviewed the Committee's approach in considering information which ultimately resulted in their recommendation to the Council. Mr. Applegate then noted, for the record (and upon confirmation by the City Manager) that Police Captains are included in the general increase recommendation made by the Committee.

Councilman Walker then proposed that some time in the near future a comprehensive review of compensation for the position of City Clerk be returned to the Council for discussion and possible modification. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was then offered by Councilwoman Hardison to concur with the Ad Hoc Committee recommendation, pulling out the item on the City Manager to be considered separately. This motion was seconded by Mayor Geissert.

At the time of her second to the above substitute motion, Mayor Geissert clarified that she agrees with the Committee recommendation for an evaluation; however, she does not concur with a need to delay a normal salary increase for the City Manager, and she would like an opportunity to consider that separately.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION failed to carry by way of the following roll call vote:

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AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hardison and Mayor  
Geissert.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Mock, Nakano,  
Walker and Wirth.

Roll call vote on the MAIN MOTION was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hardison and Mayor  
Geissert.

Councilman Wirth requested that, within the next two weeks, the City Council meet with the City Manager to discuss the issues under consideration. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilwoman Hardison clarified her above negative vote by stating that she feels very strongly that the City Manager should have received the same percentage increase as the other Executive, Exempt and Elected Officials -- her negative vote is in no way an indication that she opposed the increase for those other positions.

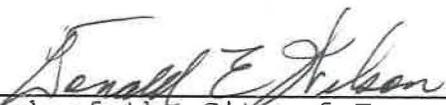
Mayor Geissert also requested that the record reflect that she is supportive of the Committee Report with the exception of the portion involving the City Manager.

At 12:17 a.m., July 9, 1986, the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was formally adjourned to Tuesday, July 15, 1986, at 5:30 p.m.

At 12:17 a.m., July 9, 1986, the meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Wednesday, July 9, 1986, at 6:00 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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Clerk of the City of Torrance  
Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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