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at 6:00 p.m.

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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, September 2, 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:

Mr. J. Walker Owens led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Father Jeffrey D. Paul, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of June 11, June 16, and June 23, 1986 (Budget Workshop Sessions), and August 5, 1986, as received. 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 Mayor Geissert, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 15b, ZC 85-3, GPA 85-3, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION:
Request for one-week continuance.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Armed Forces Day Committee
Thursday, September 18, 4:30 p.m.
Council Conference Room.

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the recent passing of Attorney Boris S. Woolley, one time City Prosecutor for the City of Torrance. It was the request of the Mayor that this meeting be adjourned in his memory.

City Attorney Remelmeyer then provided reminiscences of his long-time association and deep friendship with Mr. Woolley, whom he fondly remembered as "Uncle Boris."

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RESOLUTION COMMENDING J. WALKER OWENS:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-213

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING J. WALKER
OWENS FOR HIS 24 YEARS OF SERVICE AS
THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-213. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

This honor was accepted with sincere appreciation by Mr. J. Walker Owens.

8b. RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JEREMIAH F. BRESNAHAN:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING DR. JEREMIAH F. BRESNAHAN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-214. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

This Resolution of Commendation was accepted with gratitude by Dr. Bresnahan.

8c. APPOINTMENTS TO PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL POLICY BOARD:

Councilman Nakano, as a member of the PIC Policy Board, noted the Board's unanimous recommendation that the following candidates be appointed as members of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC).

- Ted Porter
- Barbara Powley
- Elizabeth Nash
- Leslie Kelly.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to confirm appointment to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council of the four candidates listed above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8d. INTRODUCTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN:

Police Captain Mel Hone introduced the Department's newly-appointed Chaplain, Reverend Dale E. Banke.

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Reverend Banke was duly sworn by the City Clerk as an official member of the Torrance Police Department, and a warm welcome was extended by the Mayor and Council.

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Captain Hone announced that the dedication of the Thomas Keller Memorial Park is scheduled for September 10, 1986, at 10:00 a.m. (See Page 13, Item 22j, for further discussion).

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- 8e. PROCLAMATION proclaiming September 6, 1986, as "Sausage & Pretzel Eating Contest Day" at Alpine Village to assist the Torrance YWCA and the Hospice.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. DIAL-A-LIFT CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE
AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY TRANSIT
SERVICES, INC. FOR FY 1986-87

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-215. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

- 11a. AMENDMENT TO AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
AMENDMENT TO THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND
GOODHEW AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-216. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Applegate addressed the issue of ambulance siren noise, and requested that staff work with the City's contracted ambulance service (Goodhew) in an effort to effect a reduction in that noise.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 86-216 was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. PP 86-4, MITCHEL AND EVELYN WISNESKI:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a first and second-story addition to an existing single-family residence in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 205 Paseo de Granada; PP 86-4, MITCHEL AND EVELYN WISNESKI.

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

During the staff presentation on this case by Planning Associate Gibson, it was noted that the Planning Commission and the Planning Department recommend denial of the appeal and approval of the project.

Councilwoman Hardison inquired regarding the possibility of drainage/slope stability problems, and was advised by Director of Building and Safety Grippo that no problem is anticipated with the subject addition -- if investigation should reveal that there was a slope problem at the subject location in the past, further investigation could then be required and appropriate measures taken, per Mr. Grippo.

The proponent was then invited by Mayor Geissert to present his case.

Mr. Mitchel Wisneski, 205 Paseo de Granada, reviewed the progress of this request through the Planning Commission and addressed concerns set forth at that meeting which included: view, overbuilding and canyon effect, ground instability, privacy, and opposing any change.

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Present to protest the proposed construction were:

- Mr. Tony Parrish, 216 Paseo de Granada
- Mr. Mark Hallett, 116 Paseo de Granada
- Mr. Clint Eull, 137 Paseo de Granada (submitted photographs and petition of opposition containing some 74 signatures)
- Mr. Mike Garnithoff, 212 Paseo de Granada
- Mr. Bob Gavola, 200 Via Colusa
- Mr. Dennis Wilkinson, 200 Calle de Madrid.

Concerns voiced by these speakers encompassed: view impact, property values, precedent setting aspect, cumulative effect, canyon effect, overbuilding of lot, parking problems, density, character of neighborhood, etc.

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

Commenting on the proposed increase in size at a three-to-one ratio over the existing structure, as well as the significant view impact on the residence at 216 Paseo de Granada, Councilman Nakano offered the following --

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to grant the appeal and DENY PP 86-4 WITHOUT PREJUDICE. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call on the motion, Councilwoman Hardison voiced her personal concerns regarding soil stability and the proposed stairwell to the rear deck, as well as overbuilding of the lot. Mayor Geissert concurred, specifically regarding the question of overbuilding and possible slippage problems.

The above motion for DENIAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

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15b. ZC 85-3, GPA 85-3: TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with staff's request to continue Agenda Item 15b for one week (to September 9, 1986, 7:00 p.m.). His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Page 14.

17b. GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL CABLE GUIDE:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Cable Television Administrator that your Honorable Body authorize the creation and distribution of a bi-weekly cable television programming guide for the Government Communications Cable Channel (22), Community Communications Cable Channel (122), and the El Camino College Channel (49).

Council discussion ensued, with some concerns voiced regarding distribution and budgetary constraints.

Councilwoman Hardison suggested that the following areas be addressed:

- identification statement for each of the three channels listed;
- explanation of effect of City Council meetings on Tuesday evening and weekend scheduling;
- means of updating mailing list of subscribers.

Mrs. Hardison requested that a comprehensive follow-up report be submitted to the Council in six months.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation, adding the comments of Councilwoman Hardison. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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17c. TORRANCE BEACH RAMP AND WALKWAY IMPROVEMENTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY FUNDING TO FINANCE SAFE ACCESS TO TORRANCE BEACH

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-217. This motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17d. CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD: MISSION STATEMENT, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Cable Television Advisory Board and the Cable Television Administrator that the City Council concur, accept and file its Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 17d. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17e. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL:

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body send James Slayden (Chair of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council) as a delegate to the National Alliance of Business Conference and authorize a travel advance not to exceed \$1,225 to cover the conference expense from JTPA grant funds.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff's recommendation on Agenda Item 17e. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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17f. AGREEMENTS FOR ATTORNEY SERVICES:RESOLUTION NO. 86-218

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING TWO CONTRACTS FOR ATTORNEY SERVICES WITH DREISEN, KASSOY & FREIBERG AND EPSTEIN, BECKER, BORSODY, STROMBERG & GREEN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THEM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-218. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17g. HONDA ACURA LEASE:RESOLUTION NO. 86-219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING CERTAIN LEASE DOCUMENTS FOR THE HONDA ACURA LEASE, AND APPROVING A SUBLEASE TO WESTERN P.V. ASSOCIATES, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-219. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17h. ADOPTION OF VARIOUS MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING:RESOLUTION NO. 86-220

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 FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 3, 1986 TO JULY 1, 1987

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-220. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 86-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS
AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS, FOR THE PERIOD
FROM JULY 20, 1986 TO JULY 1, 1987

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-221. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NOTE: TME-AFSCME Memorandum of Understand adopted following the Executive Session this date - see Page 15 of these minutes.

17i. RELOCATION OF ROLLING HILLS NURSERY:

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that Council ratify the attached contract for emergency work by Barclay Construction for construction of a common access drive to the Rolling Hills Nursery and Acura car dealership from Crenshaw Boulevard.

The contract with Barclay Construction consists of two major elements: Construction Proposal dated August 22, 1986 for approximately \$25,000 for the time and material associated with the first phase of the construction of the access drive and Exhibit "A" proposal to complete the paving portion of the project for a cost of \$10,868.

City Attorney Remelmeyer announced, for the record, that this is not a public works contract requiring competitive bidding under the Charter, as it is not on public property. Mr. Remelmeyer further noted that the City will be reimbursed so that ultimately the monies will not come from the City's General Fund.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager, along with the appropriation of funds. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. INVESTMENT REPORT - Months of March, April, May and June, 1986.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TREASURER:

It is recommended that the Council receive the subject investment reports for information only.

- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To Purchase 4", 6", 8", and 10" Ductile Iron Pipe.
REF Bid No. B86-61
EXPENDITURE: \$12,187.18 (including tax).

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council award a contract for the purchase of the required 4", 6", 8" and 10" Ductile Iron Pipe to the low bidder, the PACIFIC STATES CAST IRON PIPE COMPANY of Diamond Bar, CA, in the total amount of \$12,187.18 including tax.

- 20c. IMPROVEMENTS IN ALLEY WEST OF ANZA AVENUE AND SOUTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD
(B86-31)
NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Inland Constructors; and
2. That \$10,000 be appropriated from Gas Tax Funds to cover costs.

- 20d. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For the purchase of one (1) budgeted-replacement, new 1986 Fire Sedan Utilizing a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Los Angeles County.
Ref. Bid #S742
Expenditure: \$11,750.85.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council approve the City of Torrance's continuing participation in the Los Angeles

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County "Cooperative" Purchase program for the purchase of a budgeted-replacement Fire vehicle; and that Council award a contract to the low bidder of the Los Angeles County Bid #S742 to the Maurice J. Sopp Chevrolet dealership of Huntington Park, CA in the total amount of \$11,750.85, including tax.

- 20e. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of one (1) budgeted replacement used "Special Use" vehicle.
Expenditure: \$8,195.18.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council approve the purchase of this "Special Use" vehicle from Avis Used Car Sales Company, for the total amount of \$8,195.18, including tax.

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

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At 7:14 p.m., the City Council met in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the Council agenda at 7:17 p.m., but remaining in Joint Session for purposes of an Executive Session held later in the meeting (See Page 14).

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson introduced newly appointed City Engineer Richard Burtt. A warm welcome was extended by the Mayor and Council.

22b. City Attorney Remelmeyer commented on the outstanding National reputation enjoyed by J. Walker Owens for his work with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

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22c. Councilman Applegate wished Bon Voyage to his son, Mark, who embarked this date on a year's experience as an exchange student in Japan.

22d. Councilwoman Hardison noted that during her recent vacation she attended a City Council meeting in Bellingham, Washington.

22e. Councilman Mock urged that the City of Torrance be prepared with alternative action plans should the Gann Initiative pass in the upcoming election. Staff will follow through.

22f. A Happy Anniversary was wished by Councilman Mock to his wife, Colleen.

22g. Councilman Nakano requested that staff provide an update on the condition of development on the east side of Western Avenue just over the Torrance city limit boundary.

22h. Councilman Walker commended Mr. J. Walker Owens for his uniqueness as a civic leader, and noted his personal pleasure, shortly after his arrival in this City, in having worked for the Chamber of Commerce under Mr. Owens.

22i. Councilman Wirth welcomed the new City Engineer, Richard Burtt, and praised Richard Perkins for his exemplary job as Acting City Engineer.

22j. Councilman Wirth requested that staff explore the possibility of an alternate date (rather than September 10, as was indicated on Page 4 of these minutes) for dedication of the Thomas Keller Memorial Park.

22k. Councilman Wirth pointed out the possible need for traffic enforcement and direction activity at the Anza/Sepulveda intersection during the current period of construction.

22l. Mayor Geissert commented on Mr. J. Walker Owens' exemplary service record during World War II.

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22m. City Attorney Remelmeyer announced that he will be attending the 350th Birthday Celebration of Harvard University from September 3rd through 7th.

The Council now returned to --

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in Joint Session (see Page 12), 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 pending litigation cases to which the City is a party. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a):

1. City of Torrance v. Torrance Investment Company et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C577962.
 2. City of Torrance vs. Group W Cable TV, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C607766.
 3. Gerardin Corp. v. City of Torrance, United States District Court, Central District, Case Number CV 86 5681-WJR.
- Potential litigation involving a slope failure resulting in damage to real property located at 4730 Via Corona. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).
 - The sale of City owned property known as the Pennsylvania, El Dorado & Vine Sump. This closed session is being held pursuant to the provisions of 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 for certain employee groups. The Council will also hold a closed session to discuss the appointment of an officer. The authority for holding a closed session for these purposes is contained in Government Code Section 54957.6.

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The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, will also recess to closed session regarding pending litigation entitled Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs. Cool, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C544904. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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At 7:30 p.m., Mayor/Chairwoman Geissert called a ten-minute recess, followed immediately by a Joint Executive Session to consider the above listed matters.

NOTE: Councilman Applegate announced that he would abstain in consideration of the Torrance Investment Company case for reasons of record. Mr. Applegate absented himself from the meeting room during that discussion.

At 8:59 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency returned. The following series of motions evolved.

Returning to (see Page 10) --

17h. ADOPTION OF VARIOUS MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 17, 1986 TO JULY 1, 1987

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-222. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the City Council permit the City Attorney's office to associate Stephen Shane Stark in the case involving Peninsula Aviation for a retainer not to exceed \$10,000, said fees to come from the Airport Fund.

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the City Council authorize the City Manager to send a notice of default to Group W, the Consortium, Century Cable, and any other persons related to the transaction with regard to the sale of Group W stock.

Councilman Wirth SO MOVED. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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At 9:02 p.m., the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance were formally adjourned to Tuesday, September 9, 1986, at 6.00 p.m. for purposes of an early Executive Session.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Boris S. Woolley.

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Katy Seiser
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ronald E. Gibson
Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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