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Adjournment was at 9:10 p.m. to Tuesday, October 14,  
at 7:00 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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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, October 7, 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:

The salute to the flag was led by Management Assistant Rick Pickering.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Mark Flick, New Challenge Ministries.

STANDARD MOTIONS:4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of September 16, 1986, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS: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:

Community Planning and Design Committee  
Met October 6 re: Forty-foot R-2 Lots  
Another meeting to be scheduled early in  
November.

Transportation Committee  
Wednesday, October 22, 1986 - 6:00 p.m.  
Subj: Take-off and landing pattern at Torrance  
Municipal Airport  
Cooperative transit projects with other  
South Bay cities.

Ad Hoc Legislative Committee  
Wednesday, October 8, 1986 - 5:30 p.m.

Taken out of order at this time --

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Mayor Geissert announced, with great pleasure, the issuance of the deed to the Madrona Marsh and final settlement of that issue. The Mayor noted that all parties involved, as well as the public interest of present and future citizens of the community, will be protected through this Agreement.

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The regular agenda order was then resumed as follows:

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

Mayor Geissert introduced Chapter Presidents of the American Field Service, Ray and Gail Roulette, who presented the following participants in their Exchange Student program.

Torrance students who spent the Summer of 1986 in foreign countries:

Kelly Yde	Argentina
Laurie Yamanaka	Belgium
Nicole Guilbert	Finland
Cindy Casagrande	France
Susan Dennis	Italy
Jenny Lin	West Germany
Nancy Reid	Turkey ('85 and '86).

Students from foreign countries:

Samantha Mayne	Australia
Eva Weichselbaumer	Austria
Sanna Marjalaakso	Finland
Jimmy Vial	France
Philip Posthumus	South Africa
Bjorn Carnemalm	Sweden
Victor Guerrero	Venezuela
Christian Vogel	West Germany.

Congratulations were extended by the Mayor and Council to those residents of Torrance who have participated in this fine program, and a warm welcome was extended to those visiting students presently residing with Torrance host families and attending school in this City.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. AGREEMENT REGARDING SUNDAY SERVICE AT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY:

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Librarian recommends that the City Council approve an agreement between the Torrance Public Library and Library Management Systems for working 28 Sundays during

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1986-87, using an amount not to exceed \$17,508 of 1986-87 approved budget funds appropriated for the Library Sunday service program.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 86-241

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 THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATES TO OPERATE THE CIVIC CENTER BRANCH OF THE TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-241. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS RESURFACE & RESTRIPE RUNWAY 29R/11L  
(B86-16)  
NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORT MANAGER:

The Department of Transportation recommends that the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Blair Paving, Incorporated, for the Resurfacing and Restriping of Runway 29R/11L.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. POLICE RECRUITS SALARY RESOLUTION:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 86-242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS,  
WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR  
RECURRENT POLICE RECRUITS FOR THE PERIOD  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 28, 1986

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-242. This motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 11 and 12.

17b. NEW INSURANCE POLICY FOR AIRPORT LIABILITY:RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager respectfully requests your Honorable Body to concur with the proposed new policy for Airport Liability Insurance with Transamerica Insurance Company and Lloyd's of London for a limit of \$20,000,000 at a cost of \$47,377.00 for the period October 1, 1986 to October 1, 1987.

Funds for the above insurance have been included in the 1986-87 budget.

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

17c. CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF SELF INSURED LIABILITY CLAIMS:RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt the resolution awarding a contract for administering the liability self insurance program to Carl Warren and Company at a cost not to exceed \$125,000.00 for the period October 8, 1986 to October 1, 1987.

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Funding for this service has been included in the 1986-87 operating budget for self-insurance.

City Clerk Wilson read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-243

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 CARL WARREN AND COMPANY FOR LIABILITY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-243. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17d. SALE OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Land Management Team and City Manager recommend that your Honorable Body take the following action:

- 1) Adopt the resolution approving the sale of Pennsylvania Avenue Sump to Storm Industries for the amount of \$416,000 and the City Attorney be directed to draw up escrow instructions and open escrow with Storm Industries; and
- 2) Direct the City Attorney to develop an agreement with Storm Industries to allow an option for the purchase of either El Dorado Sump or Sonoma Sump pending final determination of surplus status.

Mayor Geissert inquired if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this issue.

Mr. Ed Greene was present to represent the Madrona Homeowners Association, and provided a comprehensive historical review of the El Dorado and Sonoma Sumps and the progression of development in that area through the years.

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During his dissertation, Mr. Greene questioned, in view of past considerations, staff's contention that construction of a storm drain force main and pumping facility will allow the elimination of either the El Dorado or Sonoma Sump for emergency purposes. It was Mr. Greene's request, should such an alternate drainage scheme be deemed plausible, that an engineering study be prepared in order to substantiate such action.

Assistant City Manager Ng recounted his recollection of development in the area of the Sonoma Sump and advised, in response to one of Mr. Greene's concerns, that the City does, in fact, have clear fee simple title on that property. Developments which led to the acquisition by the City of that fee simple title were also reviewed by City Manager Jackson.

At the request of the Mayor, City Engineer Burtt explained the results of a recent extensive drainage study encompassing the El Dorado/Sonoma area (per written material of record), and affirmed that either the El Dorado Sump or the Sonoma Sump can be modified to accommodate the area's need for 50-year storm protection.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the stated recommendation of the Land Management Team and the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker -- see Page 8, for roll call vote on this motion.

Mayor Geissert now called for a number and title for the resolution included as part of the staff recommendation.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-244

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND STORM  
INDUSTRIES CONCERNING THE PENNSYLVANIA  
AVENUE SUMP

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-244. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was Mayor Geissert's request that staff investigate the feasibility of developing a portion of whichever sump (El Dorado or Sonoma) is retained for drainage as open space/recreational uses.

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Roll call vote on Councilman Applegate's motion to concur with staff's recommendation (as stated on Page 6 of these minutes) proved unanimously favorable.

17e. REQUEST FOR LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE OF PC MICRO-COMPUTER SYSTEM:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

The computer operations of the City Clerk's Office has no City-wide application. That is, there is no common sharing with other departments of our database files (unlike some applications such as the Payroll data entry program). The computer operations of the City Clerk's Office is independent by nature and can best be implemented on a stand-alone PC micro system. The removal of our application from the VAX mainframe to a PC system has significant advantages:

1. It is cost-effective.
2. It is practically maintenance-free.
3. It is efficient and reliable.
4. It will relieve some of the load on the VAX.

The City Clerk recommends that your Honorable Body grant the request for a stand-alone PC micro computer system.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

The Information Systems Director acknowledges that the computer needs of the City Clerk's Office are independent by nature and, under appropriate direction, can be managed within a personal computer system without known impact on other City departments.

For this reason I concur with the City Clerk's request to establish an independent personal computer system.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

The City Manager would recommend that if your Honorable Body should concur with the recommendation of staff, you should authorize the City Clerk to work with the General Services Department in developing a request for proposal that would include both the lease with option to purchase

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method and the straight purchase method. Only after comparing bids for both methods should the City decide which method would be more economical overall.

Clarification, as desired by Council, was provided by City Clerk Wilson.

In response to concerns voiced by Councilman Applegate, City Clerk Wilson provided assurance regarding the long-term goal for the interconnection of data between City departments.

**MOTION:** Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the of the City Clerk, as stated, as well as the recommendations set forth in the City Manager's NOTE. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, further Council inquiries were forthcoming and clarification provided. City Manager Jackson indicated that an analysis will be provided to the Council in approximately three to four weeks.

Roll call vote on the above motion to concur with the City Clerk's recommendation proved unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: Re: Purchase of Traffic Signal Equipment Parts and Related Maintenance Hardware  
 Ref: Cooperative purchase with Los Angeles County -  
 Contract No. 48129  
 Anticipated Annual Expenditure: \$15,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council authorize Torrance's participation in Los Angeles County's Agreement #48129 for various Traffic Signal equipment parts and maintenance hardware and award a contract for the procurement thereof to the LINGO INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS COMPANY of El Monte, California for the anticipated annual amount of \$15,000.00.

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

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to Inland Constructors.

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

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At 6:30 p.m., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, reconvening as City Council at 6:32 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 2.

22b. Councilwoman Hardison inquired regarding the possible location of the Volunteer Center, and was informed by Parks and Recreation Director Barnett that this matter will be addressed by the Land Management Team at its October 9, meeting.

22c. Councilwoman Hardison extended an invitation to all interested parties to attend the Torrance Historical Society's "MYSTERY IN THE MUSEUM" on Saturday, October 11, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

22d. Councilman Mock extended an invitation to the dedication of Fire Station 6 on Saturday, October 11, at 10:30 a.m.

22e. The Torrance Police Department's Crime Prevention Fair at Del Amo Fashion Square was also noted by Councilman Mock -- this event to be held October 11 and 12.

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22f. Councilman Nakano requested that staff investigate and report back regarding a three-story building presently under construction on Sepulveda Boulevard, it being Mr. Nakano's recollection that this building was originally approved as a two-story structure.

22g. Mayor Geissert requested that the possibility of Senior Citizen Housing at 235th and Maple Avenue be brought to the Council as a regular agenda item. It was the further request of the Mayor that appropriate parties, including the Senior Citizens' Council, be notified when this item is scheduled.

The Council now returned to --

17a. 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 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. Group W Cable, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C6077766.
2. Lincoln Property Company vs. City of Torrance, et al, United States District Court Case Number 86 CIV 4432 FFF (Px).
3. Lincoln Property Company vs. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C607339.

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).

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The Assistant City Manager will be discussing the sale of surplus sumps known as the Pennsylvania Sump and the Victor Precinct Sump, also known as the Spencer Street Sump. 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 for certain employee groups. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54957.6.

At 6:42 p.m., the Mayor called a ten-minute recess, followed immediately by the above noted Executive Session.

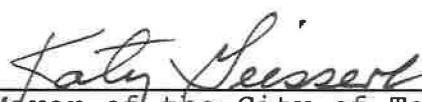
NOTE: Councilman Applegate announced that he would abstain in consideration of the Lincoln Property matters, and absented himself from the meeting room during that portion of the discussion.

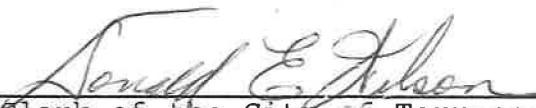
At 9:08 p.m., the Council returned to take the following action.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to set to hearing the question of whether or not to approve the transfer of the Torrance franchise from Group W Westinghouse to Century Cable Company for October 14, 1986, 7:00 p.m. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:10 p.m., the meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, October 14, 1986, 7:00 p.m.

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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
 Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
 Minute Secretary

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