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Adjournment was at 12:48 a.m. (Wednesday, January 14) to Tuesday, January 20, 1987, at 5:30 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, January 13, 1987, at 7:00 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 Boy Scout Troop #310 - James Gordon, Scoutmaster.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Tom Rothhaar, Walteria Methodist Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt the City Council minutes of December 9, 1986, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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.

5. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 15c. CUP 86-54, D 86-14: FRED HENRY - request from applicant to continue this matter to January 27, 1987. (See Page 17.

Item 15b. CUP 86-73: FOSTER AND KLEISER CO. - City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the Council has the option of continuing the matter based on the City Attorney's suggestion that the ordinance governing such matters is ambiguous -- or the Council may hear the matter and make a determination regarding interpretation of the ordinance, and direct the City Attorney to so amend the ordinance for clarity in the future.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Walker that Item 15b, be heard by the Council this evening. There were no objections, and it was so ordered - see Pages 13-16.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Community Planning and Design Committee
Met at 5:30 p.m., this date
Subject: Bartlett Senior Citizen Center
Reconstruction
Report forthcoming.

Transportation Committee
(Joint meeting with Gardena City Council)
Thursday, January 15, 1987, 5:00 p.m.
Subject: Transit Projects.

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Mayor Geissert announced, with sadness, the passing of Mr. Hartley Carr, a long-time resident of the City of Torrance. The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in Mr. Carr's memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO GEORGEAN GRISWOLD:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
TO GEORGEAN GRISWOLD FOR HER DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-8. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8b. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

The following Council appointments were made to fill current Commission vacancies:

AIRPORT COMMISSION:

A. Gary Kovacs
John LeResche
Jean Strother

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

Robert Basen
Elinor Massey

DISASTER COUNCIL:

Wesley Musick

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY CONSERVATION
COMMISSION:

John Buffalo
Lee Robinson

FINE ARTS COMMISSION:

Robert Lee

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION:

William Henderson
Hope Witkowsky

LIBRARY COMMISSION:

Paul Crossman
Gudrun Kimmel
Luella Yde

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

Stanley Kamiya

PLANNING COMMISSION:

John Bramhall
Frank Rizzardi

TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

Mary Cooper
Arthur Miller

WATER COMMISSION:

Robert Billett
Robert Katherman, Jr.

The Oath of Office was administered by City Clerk Wilson to all appointees.

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At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Geissert declared a brief recess. The Council reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. APPROPRIATION OF GAS TAX FUNDS FOR THREE ACTION PLAN PROJECTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that Gas Tax Funds be appropriated for the following Action Plan projects:

1. \$15,000 for the design of SCROC roadway widening;
2. \$150,000 for the design and construction of Anza Avenue service road median landscaping from 190th Street to Del Amo Boulevard; and
3. \$40,000 for the design of Van Ness Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to Cravens Avenue and at the multipoint intersection with Arlington and Border Avenues.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer on Agenda Item 10a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10b. ARCHITECT'S AGREEMENT RE GENERAL AVIATION CENTER:

Staff presentation was provided by Management Programs Administrator Tilden, and the following recommendations were noted.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation recommends that Your Honorable Body:

- 1) Reconfirm your actions of July 17, 1984 with regard to square footage requirements for the General Aviation Center.

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- 2) Adopt the attached resolution approving the Agreement between the City of Torrance and the firm of Wendell Mounce and Associates to provide design development drawings and construction documents for the General Aviation Center at Torrance Municipal Airport.

AIRPORT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Airport Commission, at their meeting on July 17, 1986 recommended the following square footage limitations on the GAC parcel:

Office Space	10,000 sq. ft.
Canopy for Maint. Vehicles	2,600 sq. ft.
Courtyard	2,000 sq. ft.
Subtotal	14,000 sq. ft.
Landscape/Site Development	150,000 sq. ft.
Total	164,000 sq. ft.

Finance Note:

The General Aviation Center project is funded by \$2,000,000 included in the 1985 Certificates of Participation issue (refinance in 1986) and by \$200,000 appropriated from the Airport Fund on August 19, 1986.

Councilman Nakano directed questions to staff which were raised by his review of Attachment "H", of the backup material to this agenda item. Clarification and elaboration, as desired, were provided by Director of Transportation Horkay and by City Manager Jackson. Questions posed by Mr. Nakano involved a court case regarding government required expanded commuter service; Federal funding considerations; Federal vs. local authority at General Aviation Airports; etc.

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Audience comments were then invited by Mayor Geissert.

First to speak was Mr. John LeResche, 3634 West 228th Street, who spoke first in his capacity as Chairman of the Airport Commission, and urged that the Council designate at this point the floor area and functions of the General Aviation Center, and whether or not the operations area is to be co-located with the GAC.

Speaking next as an individual, Mr. LeResche noted his opinion that the existing square footage for airport operations set forth on Page 3 of the staff backup material is incorrect -- core elements should be 2330 square feet, and pilots' lounge should indicate 540 square feet, per this speaker. Mr. LeResche also pointed out that (bottom of Page 3 and top of Page 4) staff's statement with regard to the public/pilots' waiting room is more appropriately related to the pilots' flight room.

Director of Transportation Horkay concurred regarding Mr. LeResche's last observation above, advising that this represents an error of statement in the staff material which should correctly appear under the flight room reference.

Environmental Quality Officer Brian Raber then reviewed staff's rationale in computing the existing square footage. Mr. LeResche stood firmly on his approach to these computations.

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Speaking for the Torrance Area Pilots' Association, 4118 Via Lado, was Mr. Ted Stinis, who submitted to the Council copies, (of record) of input regarding the GAC which had originally been provided to the Council's Transportation Committee in November of 1983.

Mr. Stinis then addressed specific elements of the plan currently being considered, and offered the following observations.

- o The flight planning area at 270 square feet is grossly inadequate.
- o The flight planning area should include:
 - displays in the area of noise abatement which would be of specific benefit to transient pilots;
 - additional weather instrumentation;

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- vending machines; and,
- should be designed in an "L" configuration.
- o The main meeting room can be one of the greatest assets for the entire center.
- o Airport users should be kept in the loop for feedback.
- o Safety considerations should be addressed regarding possible location of vehicular storage and fueling operations adjacent to the center.

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Mr. Joe Arciuch, 23521 Kathryn Avenue, spoke in opposition to the concept of a large community meeting room, noting his opinion that the function of such a room could be accommodated by the public/pilots' waiting room. It was Mr. Arciuch's opinion that the incorporation of a large community meeting room in this General Aviation Center might prove to "be the last link in a chain of Master Plan events ultimately leading to a commuter air terminal at our airport."

Staff clarification was provided at this point as to the involvement of the public/pilots' waiting area concept and the rationale and need as envisioned for the community meeting room in that particular area of the City which would serve the airport and the community as a whole and would be provided with airport funds.

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Mr. Frank Rizzardi, 23544 Carlow Road, recommended that the operations and equipment area be located away from the GAC, and he also suggested that the meeting room be reduced in size.

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Ms. Ann Adam, 5359 Bindewald Road, President of Seaside Homeowners, but speaking as an individual, stated her opinion that the development of a conceptual plan would be most helpful.

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President of the Torrance Airport Boosters' Association, Mr. Barry Jay, 2514 Brian Avenue, stated his opinion that the possibility of commuter air service being imposed on the City of Torrance is not a valid concern because of the length of the runway. Mr. Jay echoed Mr. Stinis' comments regarding the need for a larger flight planning room; requested that TABA be allowed to provide input to the architect at an appropriate time; and noted that a community meeting room in that area of the City would be greatly appreciated.

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Mr. Jim McIntyre, 3910 West 234th Place, favored improving pilots' facilities at the Torrance Airport, particularly where safety is concerned, but spoke in opposition to incorporating a community meeting room in the GAC design.

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Mr. Michael Bedinger, 4011 West 232nd Street, reviewed the square footage proposed for the various elements of the plan, and recommended that some flexibility be retained in that area. Mr. Bedinger urged that the benefits of a meeting room be carefully weighed against possible risks represented thereby, it being his opinion that a meeting room might attract more aircraft activity in the evening hours.

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At this time, Mayor Geissert invited Mr. Ted Stinis to again address the Council regarding pilots' needs.

Mr. Stinis expanded upon his earlier statement that a 270-square foot flight planning area was inadequate, by stating that 800 square feet would be considered a minimum size for this use.

This speaker then explained his concept of the public/pilots' lounge area, noting it to be a place for pilots to meet passengers and guests; for the general public to visit the airport -- the view should address the runways and the lounge should be opened 24 hours a day.

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Addressing concerns expressed earlier in this meeting that a meeting room might contribute to the use of this airport by commuter airlines, Mr. Stinis expressed his opinion that this airport is not suitable for commuter-type airplanes. He further stated that the community meeting room has high value, and can be designed in such a fashion as to be unsuitable for any commuter use.

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Council comments were now forthcoming.

Councilman Wirth expressed some concern regarding fears expressed that a community meeting room could be used as a terminal, thus encouraging the advent of commuter service at the Torrance Airport. Mr. Wirth pointed out that in certain instances insufficient information, which is tantamount to misinformation, is reaching the citizens of the community.

It was Mr. Wirth's suggestion that the matter now be forwarded to the architect and subsequently returned to the Council for further review and direction.

Councilman Applegate described his concept of a meeting room as a combination lobby/meeting room which would serve as a multi-purpose area. The need to restrict the pilots' planning area from general public access was pointed out by this Councilman.

It was the further suggestion of Councilman Applegate that those members of the City Council who had not visited general aviation airports earlier as part of the Transportation Committee's investigation, do so now prior to submittal by the architect of conceptual plans. Mr. Applegate recommended Palm Springs and Big Bear as airports most suitable for this viewing.

A motion was then offered, as follows.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the staff recommendation, as stated, including the direction that the architect review the square foot requirements and location of the operations center after a preliminary needs study is completed.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

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Prior to roll call vote, there were additional Council comments offered.

Councilwoman Hardison concurred that the flight planning room should be enlarged (a tradeoff, if necessary, in terms of making the meeting room smaller would be acceptable); construction should allow for flexibility of use; and suggestions and concepts from the architect will be welcomed.

Concerns regarding the meeting room concept were also expressed by Councilman Mock, who requested that there be a needs assessment in terms of the type and size of meeting room warranted in that particular location and area of the City.

Mayor Geissert requested that the architect be informed of the concern that the flight planning area should be enlarged, and that such expansion would likely indicate a scaling down of what is referred to as the large community meeting room. The terminology "multipurpose room" with accordion-type doors to allow expansion to encompass the pilots' lounge/waiting area was deemed feasible by the Mayor.

It was Mayor Geissert's firm opinion that the airport users should be brought fully into the review process.

Concerns having been indicated by several individuals regarding placement of the vehicle storage facility, a brief discussion was directed to that problem. The overall concept was reviewed by the City Manager, and it was the ultimate general consensus that a final decision in that regard should be delayed until the return of further information and options from the architect.

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

At Mayor Geissert's request, City Manager Jackson provided further clarification as to considerations surrounding the siting of the vehicle storage facility. It was Mr. Jackson's recommendation that this matter be returned to the Council with possible alternative sites called out by the architect.

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RESOLUTION NO. 87-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF H. WENDELL MOUNCE & ASSOCIATES AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO PROVIDE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE GENERAL AVIATION CENTER

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-9. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:15a. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing before the City Council on the revision of the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Torrance.

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

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK/CITY ATTORNEY:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the revisions to the Conflict of Interest Code as set forth by amendments to the Government Code and those revisions resulting from certain changes and additions within City departments.

City Attorney Remelmeyer called the attention of the Council to the supplementary material (of record) provided on this agenda item.

Mayor Geissert invited audience input. There being no response, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

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15b. CUP 86-73: FOSTER AND KLEISER CO. (BONNIE KINGRY):

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an appeal by the applicant of a Planning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of an outdoor advertising sign greater than 300 square feet in area in the M-1 zone at 24600 Crenshaw Boulevard. CUP 86-73: FOSTER AND KLEISER CO. (BONNIE KINGRY).

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

Mayor Geissert noted that the City Attorney had presented the Council with procedural options on this case early in this meeting, the Council's decision having been to proceed with the hearing at this time (see Page 2).

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Associate Gibson, and it was noted that the Planning Commission and the Planning Department recommend denial of the appeal and denial of the project.

Ms. Bonnie Kingry, representing Patrick Media Group (formerly Foster and Kleiser), 1550 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, described their efforts in attempting to locate this sign in the City of Torrance. A collection of photographs (of record) was in the hands of the Council, and Ms. Kingry supported her presentation with transparencies.

Relief from the following conditions was requested by the proponent.

4. That the two driveways on Crenshaw Boulevard shall be reconstructed to S-11 (radius type), 30' wide with wheelchair ramps.
6. That the existing nonconforming ground sign shall be redesigned to conform in height and size with Code Standards.
9. That the final working drawings shall include a roof section which shows the location of roof equipment and illustrates the method of screening, subject to the approval by the Planning Department prior to issuance of any building permits.

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Clarification of details of the proposal was provided by Ms. Kingry, who advised of their intent to lease the land where the billboard is proposed to be placed from the bowling alley -- the typical length of such a lease is ten years, per this speaker. Ms. Kingry further advised that, if allowed to construct the sign, it would be available for use by the City for community programs, etc.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Geissert invited comments regarding the memorandum dated January 13, 1987, from the City Attorney's Office, re: Interpretation of Billboard Ordinance. Councilman Mock explained that Ms. Kingry approached him regarding the appropriateness of the City's application of the billboard ordinance. Mr. Mock further explained that he, in turn, referred the question to the City Attorney's office, and the January 13 memorandum sets forth the result of that investigation. Mr. Mock referenced the City Attorney's statement (Page 2 of these minutes) setting forth the options available to the Council at this time.

Council discussion was directed to an interpretation of the billboard ordinance.

Councilman Walker expressed his opinion that, as in the past, the Council, Planning Commission, and Environmental Quality Commission should be given the maximum latitude in judging all criteria when making a decision regarding such a structure.

At the request of Councilwoman Hardison, Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy clarified her interpretation of the Environmental Resources Element of the City's General Plan to mean that no other outdoor advertising signs shall be permitted on major streets of the City and those such existing signs shall be amortized and abated.

Planning Director Ferren confirmed the intent when that Element was adopted to encourage the abatement of those types of uses within the City.

Further audience input was then invited by the Mayor.

Owner and manager of property north of the proposed billboard site, Mr. Fox, 24520 South Crenshaw Boulevard, requested denial of the subject application on the basis that it would detract from the appearance of his property and would block visibility of a sign on one of his buildings.

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Councilman Wirth then explored the possibility of allowing this billboard for a specific number of years. City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated his desire to research the State law in that regard.

The proponent returned to advise that her company has had experiences in other cities wherein a specific time limit is imposed, at the end of which time there is a review of the CUP. Ms. Kingry indicated opposition to the concept of amortization.

Discussion continued. Councilman Walker deemed this a reasonable location for the subject use and suggested, rather than imposing a specific time limit for the sign structure, the matter be automatically returned to the Council for review upon any change in land use at that (the bowling alley) site.

Mr. Fox returned to affirm his earlier statement regarding the blockage of a sign on one of his buildings, and also to advise that, in his opinion, the proposed billboard would be directly in the view of some residents in the senior citizens' housing development northeast of his property.

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

Mayor Geissert referenced the goal set by the Environmental Element of the City's General Plan for the phasing out of billboards, and expressed her opinion that it would be extremely difficult to successfully condition approval with a 5-10 year period for abatement. Mrs. Geissert advised that her opposition to the subject request is based on two factors: (1) billboards are not desirable or aesthetically pleasing for an urban environment; and (2) Crenshaw Boulevard would not be enhanced by the presence of a very large structure such as this.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the appeal and approve CUP 86-73, DELETING Conditions #4, #6 and #9; and adding a condition that an automatic Council review will be initiated if, in fact, there is a change in land use on the property.

Councilman Applegate suggested modifying the condition to place a ten-year time limitation, or a land use change, whichever occurs first.

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Councilman Walker SO AMENDED his motion, whereupon Councilman Applegate seconded the amended motion.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Hardison to DENY the appeal and DENY the project WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

Councilman Nakano, at the time of his second to the motion for denial, indicated his opinion that the subject sign would not be commensurate with the improvements already in evidence along Crenshaw Boulevard.

Councilman Applegate inquired as to the feasibility of granting approval if the proponent were a willing participant and wholeheartedly agreed to a ten-year time period. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that he be allowed an opportunity to research the State law in that regard, whereupon Mr. Applegate indicated his preference that this matter be returned to the Council next week to give the City Attorney an opportunity for further research.

Mayor Geissert requested a vote this evening noting that, in her opinion, if a billboard is undesirable in ten years, it is undesirable now; residents should not be required to view the back of a billboard structure for ten years; and, it should not be allowed to block the signage of an adjacent business.

Roll call on the SUBSTITUTE MOTION was as follows.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock and Walker.

Councilman Applegate requested that the City Attorney provide the Council with legal answers at the next Council meeting, and explained that he voted YES on the above motion for denial in order to be on the prevailing side in case of a motion to reconsider the case.

Councilman Mock explained his negative vote in that the ordinance is unclear at the present time and should be clarified in order that an applicant might have a firm understanding of the City's regulations regarding billboards.

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15c. CUP 86-54, D 86-14: FRED HENRY:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to continue Agenda Item 15c, CUP 86-54 and D 86-14, to the City Council meeting of January 27, 1987, 7:00 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried without objection.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. PREMIUM FOR DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN
CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING
CONDITIONS FOR SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES
AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 86-175

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-10. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 19 and 20.

17c. SALE OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION TO PURCHASE
EQUIPMENT:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY:

It is recommended that your Honorable Council take two actions:

- 1) Adopt the RESOLUTION which approves the sale of the Certificates, approves the form of the documents, and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk and other City officers to execute the documents on behalf of the City.
- 2) By Motion, approve the hiring of the Seidler-Fitzgerald firm to conduct the financial aspects of the sale, and the hiring of the Stradling, Yocca, Carlson and Rauth firm to conduct the legal work involved.

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FINANCE NOTE:

Approximately \$430,000 is included in the current approved base operating budget to apply against the annual debt service of this issue. The balance of the annual debt service will need to be funded from the projected growth factor included in each year's budget. An update of the 5-year general operating budget projection which will illustrate this funding will be available on Monday, January 12, 1987.

Clarification and expansion of the above proposal was provided by City Manager Jackson and by City Treasurer Rupert.

Councilman Applegate indicated his opposition to the subject proposal, noting this would put the City in a position of functioning on a credit, rather than a cash basis, an approach with which he personally is not comfortable.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DECLARING ITS APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF
CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$3,855,000, AND APPROVING THE
TAKING OF BIDS, APPROVING PUBLICATION
OF THE NOTICE INVITING BIDS AND NOTICE
OF SALE, AND APPROVING CERTAIN AGREEMENTS
AND A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 87-11. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the Council now take action to approve the hiring of the Seidler-Fitzgerald firm and the Stradling firm. Mr. Remelmeyer advised that the amount of money to be paid the Stradling firm has been changed from \$10,500 plus 3/8ths of a percent of all amounts over \$1,000,000, to a flat fee of \$21,200. Additionally, per Mr. Remelmeyer, some changes have been made to the Seidler-Fitzgerald contract to eliminate a provision for reimbursement of certain expenses.

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Councilman Wirth SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and this motion 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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At 12:10 a.m., January 14, 1987, the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adjourning as Redevelopment Agency at 12:11 a.m., and returning to the City Council agenda.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Nakano noted the proliferation of illegally posted yellow signs on power poles, control boxes, etc. along Crenshaw Boulevard; also signs relating to El Camino College in the area of Crenshaw and Redondo Beach Boulevard. Staff investigation was requested.

The Council now returned to --

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Geissert read the following prepared 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. Determining whether to initiate eminent domain proceedings in regard to the real property located at 1889 Torrance Boulevard. This closed session is being held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(c).

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2. Salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits, and related working conditions with the Finance Department and the Treasurer's office. This closed session is being held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54957.6.

At 12:14 a.m., the Council recessed to Executive Session. Councilman Applegate left the meeting at that point.

The Council reconvened at 12:48 a.m. for formal adjournment to Tuesday, January 20, 1987, 5:30 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Hartley Carr.

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 Mayor of the City of Torrance


 Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
 Minute Secretary

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