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Adjournment was at 12:32 a.m. (April 29, 1987) to  
Tuesday, May 5, 1987, 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 COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 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/INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Mr. Al Helms.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Father Jose L. Martinez, Nativity Catholic Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of March 31, 1987, and April 1, 1987, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: 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

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in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

5. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA:

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

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the passing of Ella Gitschier, wife of Senior Citizen Council member Larry Gitschier. It was the Mayor's request that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Mrs. Gitschier.

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6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

City Manager Jackson noted receipt of a request from Los Angeles City Councilwoman Flores' office to defer action on Resolution "B" under Agenda Item 17b (Boundary Adjustments).

It was generally felt (as was reflected in a poll of the Council) that the entire matter should be heard as scheduled. (See Page 8 of these minutes).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

AD HOC ROSE FLOAT COMMITTEE

Met this date - report forthcoming.

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

May 6, 1987 - 4:30 p.m.

Subject: Third Quarter Budget Review.

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Considered next, out of order --

22a. Mayor Geissert announced the May 2 Friendship Festival in commemoration of the City's Seventy-Fifth Anniversary. All were invited to attend.

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The regular agenda order was then resumed.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RESOLUTION RE "LAW DAY, U.S.A."

RESOLUTION NO. 87-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 1987  
AS LAW DAY U.S.A. AND CALLING UPON ALL  
CITIZENS, SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES, CLUBS AND  
THE NEWS MEDIA TO COMMEMORATE THE ROLE OF  
LAW IN OUR LIVES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-93. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried un-animously by roll call vote.

Mayor Geissert presented the above resolution to Mr. Seymour I. Cohen, President of the South Bay Bar Association.

8b. PROCLAMATION proclaiming May 2, 1987, as "Torrance Women of the Year Day."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

Ms. Hope Witkowsky, Executive Director of the YWCA, was present to accept this proclamation. She was accompanied by Ms. Toni Sargent, who will be recognized as a Torrance Woman of the Year, on Saturday, May 2.

8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the month of May, 1987, as "Correct Posture Month."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

Accepting, with appreciation, was Dr. Dean H. Cummings.

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8d. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the week beginning May 4, 1987, as "Youth Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

This proclamation was accepted by Mr. Al Helms, Chairman of the Youth Committee for the Torrance Elks Club.

8e. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the week of May 3 through May 9, 1987, as "Hire a Veteran Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

Mr. Art Carter, Veteran's Employment Representative for the Employment Development Department, was present to receive the above proclamation.

8f. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the week of May 3 through May 9, 1987, as "Child Passenger Safety Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

Present to accept this proclamation was Ms. Margaret Hair, LVN in the Little Company of Mary Hospital's newborn care section.

8g. PROCLAMATION proclaiming April 30, 1987, as "Jean Fraser Appreciation Day."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

8h. RESOLUTION commending Richard D. Begole:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING  
RICHARD D. BEGOLE FOR DEDICATION  
AND SERVICE TO THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-86. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried un-animously by roll call vote.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE FOR CALLE MAYOR AND PLAZA DEL AMO:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3196

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 61.10.2, 61.10.3, 61.10.4 AND 61.10.5 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3196 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, City Traffic Engineer Collins provided a staff presentation on this agenda item, setting forth the following recommended speed limit changes:

<u>Calle Mayor</u>	<u>Former</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Palos Verdes Boulevard to PCH	25	+5	30
<u>Plaza Del Amo</u>	<u>Former</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Arlington to Abalone Avenue	25	+10	35

RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Commission, Police Department and the Department of Transportation recommend that the City Council adopt the ordinance setting new radar-enforceable speed limits on portions of Calle Mayor and Plaza Del Amo.

Clarification in response to individual Councilmembers' inquiries was provided by the City Traffic Engineer. Concerns related to consistency in posted allowable speeds were voiced by Councilwoman Hardison, with explanations and assurances in this regard indicated by the City Traffic Engineer and Police Chief.

Roll call vote on the above motion to approve Ordinance No. 3196 was unanimously favorable, Mrs. Hardison's YES a reluctant one.

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12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. CUP REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND WINDSOR FINANCIAL CORPORATION'S ANZA/DEL AMO CENTER FOOD AND BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT REQUEST:

Planning Associate Woodward provided the staff presentation related to consideration of Conditional Use Permit requirements for food and beverage establishments, offering for Council consideration the following alternative ordinance OPTIONS for take-out facilities.

- 1) Continue strict interpretation with requirement for Conditional Use Permit for all eating establishments including the restaurant parking ratio of one space for each 100 square feet of modified gross floor area. Do not include incidental sale of prepared food as constituting an eating establishment.
- 2) Require Conditional Use Permit for all eating establishments including take-out but change the Code requirement to allow straight retail parking where there is no seating provided. This would bring all such uses into the review process.
- 3) Require Conditional Use Permit for sit-down eating establishments only. Rely on License Review Board, Planning Department and Building Department Review for take-out businesses. Development standards, as outlined in Section 95.3.21, would apply to all eating establishments.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the adoption of alternative three with appropriate amendments to the Off-Street Parking and Conditional Use Permit sections of the Code. With the suggested Code amendment, all food and beverage establishments, whether or not they require a Conditional Use Permit, would be subject to the development standards and review process outlined in the ordinance.

If there are areas of specific concern they could be added to the development standards as a further amendment.

Council discussion developed following Ms. Woodward's presentation.

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Council concerns encompassed the ability to control such factors as --

- hours of operation (late hours or 24-hour operation)
- odors and smoke emanating to residential neighborhoods
- parking
- operations which would attract the lingering of people in the proximity of the facility (donuts, ice cream, etc.)
- proximity to residential uses.

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Audience input was then invited by the Mayor.

Mr. Robert Feuerstein, 20020 Donora Avenue, submitted photographs for the Council's edification and outlined his concerns regarding traffic/pedestrian congestion, parking, etc. in the area of Del Amo and Anza (Windsor Financial Corporation). Option No. 1 was preferred by this speaker.

Councilman Walker noted his preference for Option No. 3, but with that option considerably "tightened" in its standards. The following motion was offered.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that the Council direct staff to return with Option No. 3, modified to include a CUP requirement for late hour operations, 24 hour operations, and operations that require the intensive frying of foods. Further, prior to the return of the ordinance to Council, staff research other areas of desired control.

The motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Councilman Wirth indicated his preference for Option No. 2, with a recommendation from staff as to the types of businesses or particular circumstances wherein the CUP process would not be necessary.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that the Council concur with Option No. 2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

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Councilwoman Hardison requested that hours of operation be dealt with as well as the cooking aspect as it relates to nearby residential uses. The exclusion of eating establishments located in the mall was also recommended by Mrs. Hardison.

Councilman Wirth's motion carried as is indicated by the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

The matter of the Windsor Financial Corporation application for an eating establishment at the Anza/Del Amo location was referenced in relation to the above action, and it was ultimately clarified by Planning Associate Woodward that Code required parking is not provided in the Windsor case.

Councilman Walker requested that there be appropriate notification of any existing establishments which are potentially nonconforming uses, per the above Council action.

Considered next out of order --

17b. CITY OF LOMITA REQUEST FOR SUPPORT RE BOUNDARY  
ADJUSTMENTS:

At the request of Mayor Geissert, Management Assistant Pickering provided the staff presentation on this request from the City of Lomita for support of proposed boundary adjustments between Los Angeles, Lomita and Torrance (Resolution B).

A typographical error in staff material of record was noted by Mr. Pickering -- Page 1, first paragraph under BACKGROUND should correctly state 246th Street, rather than 264th Street.

During his analysis and summation of this complicated issue, Mr. Pickering noted that in 1984 the City of Torrance received a request for annexation into this City from residents west of Western Avenue between 238th Street and 246th Street (Parcel A).

Subsequent consideration, per Mr. Pickering, resulted in the following boundary readjustment recommendation from City of Los Angeles Councilwoman Flores:

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<u>Parcel</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A	Los Angeles City	Torrance
B	Los Angeles City	Lomita
C	Los Angeles County	Los Angeles City
D	Lomita	Los Angeles City
E	Lomita	Los Angeles City

Mr. Pickering noted receipt of formal agreement by the City of Lomita with the above concept set forth by Councilwoman Flores with the exception that Parcel D NOT revert back to Los Angeles City.

RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE CITY STAFF:

The City Manager recommends that your Honorable Body "Concur in Concept" with the annexation of Parcel A to Torrance and adopt Resolution A.

If your Honorable Body wishes to support the City of Lomita's request, Resolution B represents "Concurrence in Concept" with the annexation of Parcels A, B, C, and E and the opposition to including Parcel D.

The firm position of Los Angeles Councilwoman Flores in desiring Western Avenue to be clearly designated as the dividing line was reiterated by Mayor Geissert, as was the request of that office that Resolution B not be considered by the Torrance City Council this evening (see Page 2).

Audience comments were then invited. Speakers are reflected below.

- Ms. Linda Cline, 1709 West 242nd Street, Lomita -- (correspondence of record) requested annexation of Parcel A.
- Mr. Dallas Candi, 26314 Alta Vista Avenue, Harbor City -- urged that Parcel D be excluded from annexation consideration.
- Mr. Stu Pollock, 1715 West 240th Street, Lomita -- supported Ms. Cline's statement.

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- Mr. Peter Hamill, 26251 Alta Vista Avenue, Lomita -- requested that Parcel D remain in Lomita.
- Mr. Chuck Belba (Councilman for City of Lomita), 25135 Doria Avenue, Lomita -- asked for support of Resolution B.
- Mr. Bart Galt, 1725 West 243rd Street, Lomita -- urged that Parcel A be annexed to Torrance.

Support of Resolution B which, in effect, concurs with the citizens involved and places Parcel D "on hold" was indicated by Councilman Applegate, who offered the following --

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to support Resolution B. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

There was no formal roll call vote on the above motion; however, during the ensuing Council discussion Councilman Mock indicated his regret that Los Angeles Councilwoman Flores had not sent a representative to this meeting in order that the City of Torrance might have the benefit of their rationale in not supporting Resolution B at this time.

On-going problems involving emergency services in Parcel A, and the general desire of the Council to support those citizens were voiced, as was an understanding of the desire of citizens residing in Parcel D. It was generally acknowledged by the Council that the straightening of the boundary line (as requested by Councilwoman Flores) would be desirable, but NOT to the detriment of those residing in Parcel D.

Mayor Geissert directed the City Clerk to assign a number and read title to Resolution B.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-94

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE CONCURRING IN CONCEPT  
WITH THE PROPOSED ANNEXATIONS INVOLVING  
PARCELS A, B, C, & E AND EXCLUDING  
PARCEL D.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-94. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock.

It was the request of the Mayor that the City of Tor-  
rance continue in its efforts to achieve the goals of all.

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At 9:10 p.m., a brief recess was called by the Mayor.  
The Council reconvened at 9:32 p.m.

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The Council now returned to --

15. HEARINGS:

15a. EA 87-2 (CUP 87-9) THOMAS K. FITZPATRICK:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and  
place for City Council consideration of a Councilmanic appeal of  
the determination of the Environmental Review Board (ERB) that a  
Negative Declaration be issued for an Environmental Assessment  
regarding a proposed five-story hotel at the southeast corner of  
Los Codona Avenue and 238th Street. EA 87-2, (CUP 87-9): THOMAS  
K. FITZPATRICK.

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

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Associate  
Woodward who noted that the Environmental Review Board and Plan-  
ning staff recommend issuance of a Negative Declaration, with  
supplementary information to be supplied.

The applicant, Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick, 2305 Torrance  
Boulevard, briefly described his proposal and requested favorable  
Council consideration.

Mr. Gerard P. Wolf, 23541 Adolph Avenue, representing  
ownership of two of the apartment buildings to the west of this  
project, voiced his support of the proposal noting that he found  
nothing detrimental about the project including height and traf-  
fic.

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Council discussion ensued re the sun/shadow/shade study and the traffic circulation study recommended by the Environmental Review Board, but not as yet submitted. Building height and bulk were also addressed, and it was pointed out by Planning Associate Woodward that an FAA report regarding clearances is required prior to submission of this case to the Planning Commission.

During the Council discussion, it was recommended by Councilwoman Hardison that the required studies be returned to the Environmental Review Board prior to consideration by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Geissert invited further audience input. There being no response, Councilman Walker moved to close the hearing. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Indicating his opinion that the pressing concerns have already been addressed by the Environmental Review Board and will subsequently be considered by the decision making bodies, Councilman Walker offered the following--

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with staff's recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Hardison that the Council require the applicant to complete the sun/shade/shadow study and traffic circulation study, using a consultant selected with the City's concurrence, paid for by the applicant, and have this material go back to the Environmental Review Board prior to going to the Planning Commission. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Walker indicated his preference that the matter proceed directly to the Planning Commission after the necessary studies are completed.

Mayor Geissert indicated her opinion that a full EIR is justified in this case. The question goes far beyond shadows, in the Mayor's opinion, there being a deviation in the type of use and height of buildings in that part of the City. She suggested that the environmental impact should be quantified insofar as the effect of change on the residential neighborhood to the west is concerned, there being no buffer between the proposed development and that residential use.

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The SUBSTITUTE MOTION carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hardison, Mock, Nakano, and Wirth.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Walker and Mayor Geissert.

Councilwoman Hardison requested that information be provided as to the hotel/motel ordinance in concert with this development.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. VISITORS' BUREAU:

MAJORITY RECOMMENDATION OF CITY COUNCIL CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE:

It is the recommendation of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee (majority) that the Council concur with the following:

- o Encumber the 1986-87 appropriation of \$43,750 for the Visitors' Bureau;
- o Budget \$43,750 in the 1987-88 operating budget and appropriate the funds at the beginning of the fiscal year;
- o Establish a seven member, semi-independent executive board with designated seats, three to be selected by the City and three by the Chamber of Commerce with the Vice-President of the Visitors' Bureau as chairperson;
- o Restrict the participation of businesses outside of Torrance;
- o Enter into a contract with the Visitors' Bureau as a separate division of the Chamber of Commerce.

MINORITY RECOMMENDATION:

The minority recommendation is in regard to the designation of seats for the seven-member executive board. It is recommended that the three City seats be left

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open rather than limit the Council choices to specific categories.

Also, the make-up of the board should be reviewed in one year versus the proposed six months.

The majority/minority Committee reports and above noted recommendations were expanded upon by appropriate Committee members.

The question was posed by Councilman Applegate, Chairman of the Council Committee, as to whether or not an elected official could serve in a voting capacity on the Board, and whether or not that member would then have a conflict of interest if voting on the budget for that committee. City Attorney Remel-meyer indicated that he will research this question and report back to the Council.

Council discussion encompassed composition of the Board (Councilmember/staff member); concept of open vs. designated categories; philosophical guidelines; etc.

From the audience, Mr. Dan McClain, representing the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, 3400 Torrance Boulevard, advised, per correspondence of official record, that the Board of Directors of the Chamber supports the (majority) Committee recommendation.

Continued discussion resulted in the following --

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the majority Committee recommendation WITH THE EXCEPTION that the three City seats be left open, rather than categorically designated. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate to adopt the majority recommendation as above modified (in the MAIN motion) regarding seat designation, adding the stipulation that elected officials would specifically be precluded from serving. This motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

During continuing discussion, it was generally agreed that appropriate documentation should provide the City Council with the maximum latitude possible, including the right to reconstitute the Board if so desired.

Prior to roll call vote on the motions on the floor, Ms. Margo Davis, 21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, representing the Holiday Inn, related her concept of the philosophical approach to

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a Visitors' Bureau, and recommended that a conceptual plan only be adopted by the Council at this time, the details to be established at a later date.

At this point, Councilman Wirth clarified his MAIN MOTION to include the stipulation that the Board be reviewed in one year, rather than six months.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION failed to carry as is indicated below.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate and Walker.

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

The MAIN MOTION (including the one-year review requirement) carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate and Walker.

Mayor Geissert requested, per Council discussion throughout the consideration of this agenda item, that the City Attorney return with a report regarding a Councilmember serving on the Board; also whether or not an administrative person so appointed would be precluded from providing input on the City's budget and giving advice on certain policy issues.

City Manager Jackson indicated that a full report and analysis will be returned to the Council in two weeks (May 12, 1987).

17b. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS:

See Pages 8-11.

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17c. RESOLUTION RE AB 937:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE IN OPPOSITION TO AB 937  
AND ANY STATE PROHIBITION AGAINST  
CATEGORICAL BANS ON THE CONCURRENT SALE  
OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND GASOLINE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution  
No. 87-95. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried un-  
animously by roll call vote.

17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 19 and 20.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3195:

ORDINANCE NO. 3195

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING  
DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL  
CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY  
WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF  
PERKINS AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 250 FEET  
SOUTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD  
ZC 86-3: SCOTT ROBINSON HONDA/DON ROBINSON

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No.  
3195 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by  
Councilman Mock, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. COUNCIL REAWARD OF CONTRACT - TO FURNISH ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
REF: BID NO. B87-20  
ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE: \$34,102.79 (INCLUDING TAX).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Purchasing Division that your Honorable Body reaward an annual contract to the low responsible bidder, Paul's Photo, Inc. of Torrance, California in the total amount of \$34,102.79 including tax, with firm pricing for a period of six (6) months with an option to renew the contract for an additional one (1) year period.

20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER - To Furnish One (1) Combination Brake Drum/Disc Lathe for the City's Department of Transportation.  
Ref: Bid B87-25  
Expenditure: \$5,852.18.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Purchasing Division that your Honorable Body award a Purchase Order for the combination brake drum/disc lathe to Shoop & Luther, Inc., Gardena, CA, in the amount of \$5,852.18, including sales tax.

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

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At 11:12 p.m., the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the regular Council agenda at 11:25 p.m. The Council/Agency remained in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session held at the conclusion of Council business (see Page 19).

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 3.

22b. Councilman Applegate noted the Friendship Festival sponsored by the Torrance Historical Society, scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 1987.

22c. Councilman Applegate provided particulars with regard to the May 16 Armed Forces Day activities in this City.

22d. Councilwoman Hardison requested a report from the City Manager's office regarding the possibility of a senior citizen housing project on 235th Street.

22e. It was the request of Councilman Walker that hospitals and other concerned entities be advised of the City's policy precluding emergency-type medical transportation involving jet aircraft from the City's standard policy regarding jets. Mr. Walker further requested that the Council be provided with documentation regarding this clarification.

22f. Councilman Wirth reported on his recent attendance at the annual conference of the California Transit Association in Sacramento.

22g. Councilman Wirth also noted editorials in recent editions of the Daily Breeze suggesting that the City of Torrance be renamed.

22h. Mayor Geissert recognized the outstanding academic achievements (4.0 grade average) of Management Assistant Rick Pickering who will be receiving his Masters degree in June, and will be honored at the University on May 6.

22i. Mayor Geissert noted the success of the April 25 and 26 Bunka Sai Festival.

22j. Mayor Geissert announced the on-going display of children's art at the Joslyn Center.

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The Council now returned to --

17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session (see Page 16), Mayor Geissert now 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 Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

1. James Ellingson v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 87269;
2. Tom McDaniel v. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C615706.

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency will also recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the Agency's counsel regarding pending litigation entitled Redevelopment Agency v. M & W Electric, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C544900. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, will also recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the Agency's counsel regarding the sale of 25 acres of land situated north of Torrance Boulevard and east of Van Ness Avenue to American Honda. 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 for the purpose of conferring with the City Manager regarding wages, hours and working conditions. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54957.6.

At 11:35 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to a joint executive session for consideration of the above noted matters. The Council/Agency

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returned at 12:30 a.m. (April 29, 1987) to take the following Council related action.

[NOTE: Councilman Mock departed from the meeting at 12:30 a.m., and did not return to the Chambers with his colleagues.]

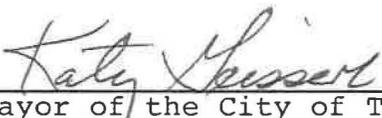
MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved, in the case of Tom McDaniel vs. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C615706, that the City Council approve a contract with Daniel Cassidy, Attorney at Law, to represent the City in that case at a fee not to exceed \$20,000.

The motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Mock absent).

At 12:32 a.m. (April 29, 1987) the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance formally adjourned to Tuesday, May 5, 1987, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Ella Gitschier.

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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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