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Marlene Lewis
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 regular session at 5:38 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 1987, in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.
Councilman Applegate arrived at 5:55 p.m.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and Staff Representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Mayor Geissert introduced special guest Supervisor Deane Dana, District 4, Los Angeles, who led those present in the salute to the Flag.

Reverend Yung C. Kim of the Hope United Methodist Church provided the invocation for the meeting.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt the minutes of April 7, 1987, as presented. Seconded by Councilman Nakano, the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Applegate had not yet arrived).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth 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

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resolution or ordinance in regular agenda order. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate had not yet arrived).

5. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Applegate had not yet arrived).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Withdrawn at the City Attorney's request --

Item 12a, Clarification of Zoning Code regarding hotel/motel development in Redevelopment areas.

The City Manager noted at this time that a request had been received to hear Item 15a (the hearing on PP 86-44 Philip and Artemis Tamoush) out of order.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

May 6, 1987, 4:30 p.m.
Subject: Third Quarter Budget Review

Rose Float Ad Hoc Committee:

Recommendation for float name forthcoming.

28th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade:

Saturday, May 16, 1987, 1:00 p.m.
Theme: "Peace With Freedom"

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

Considered together...

8a. RECOGNITION OF HEROIC ACTIONS OF TORRANCE POLICE
OFFICER ROBERT A. BOWMAN:

and

8b. RECOGNITION OF HEROIC ACTIONS OF TORRANCE POLICE
OFFICER MARK HEIN:

At the Mayor's request, City Clerk Wilson read number
and title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 87-92

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC
ACTIONS OF TORRANCE POLICE OFFICER
ROBERT A. BOWMAN
FOR WHICH HE WAS AWARDED THE SOUTH BAY
MEDAL OF HONOR

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 87-92. Councilwoman Hardison seconded the motion, and
roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman
Applegate had not yet arrived).

City Clerk Wilson then read number and title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 87-91

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC
ACTIONS OF TORRANCE POLICE OFFICER
MARK HEIN
FOR WHICH HE WAS AWARDED THE SOUTH BAY
MEDAL OF HONOR

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of
Resolution NO. 87-91. Seconded by Councilman Walker, the
motion carried by unanimous vote (Councilman Applegate had
not yet arrived).

The Mayor read aloud the above noted resolutions and
presented them to Officers Bowman and Hein on behalf of the
entire City Council and the people of Torrance.

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Following the Mayor's presentation, Supervisor Deane Dana, 4th District, Los Angeles, came forward on behalf of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Los Angeles County to present Officers Bowman and Hein with plaques in recognition of their "conspicuous bravery and courage under conditions of extreme personal risk."

8c. PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS:

In recognition of their 20 years of dedicated service to the City, the Mayor presented service awards to the City employees listed below.

Parks and Recreation Department:

Thomas Dryer, Park Maintenance Supervisor
Allen Shall, Recreation Supervisor
Bill Klement, Recreation Programs Administrator

Water Department:

"Coach" John Lloyd, Water Services Supervisor
(accompanied by his granddaughter, Sierra)

City Manager's Office:

LeRoy Jackson, City Manager

These awards were accepted with voiced appreciation by the employees noted.

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Councilman Applegate arrived during the presentation of 20-year service awards at approximately 5:55 p.m.

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8d. COMMENDATION TO TORRANCE COUNCIL OF PTAs:

City Clerk Wilson read number and title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 87-90

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE
TORRANCE COUNCIL OF PTAs
FOR ITS COMMUNITY SERVICE

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-90. Councilwoman Hardison seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Present to accept this resolution were Ms. Nancy Hammond, President of the Torrance Council of PTAs and Ms. Nancy Gejer, incoming President.

8e. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 7, 1987 AS "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER":

So proclaimed by Mayor Geissert.

Reverend Mark Flick of New Challenge Ministries, Inc. was present to accept this proclamation "on behalf of all of the churches and parishes throughout the City of Torrance and the Christian community."

8f. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 10 THROUGH MAY 16 AS: "NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK":

So proclaimed by the Mayor and received with expressed appreciation by Ms. Carleen Minckler, Director of Nursing, and Assistant Administrator Nick Cardenas, Bay Harbor Rehabilitation Center.

Those present were invited by Ms. Minckler to visit the Bay Harbor facility.

8g. SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER:

Dr. Elizabeth Nash, President of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center addressed the City Council on behalf of the YES Program (Youth Employment Program). Noting that this is the third year the program has been in existence, Dr. Nash announced that the first recruitment is scheduled for Saturday at the Holiday Inn between 9:00 a.m. and noon and the goal for this year is to find employment for 350 youths.

With Dr. Nash were Dr. Owen Griffith, Member of the Torrance Unified School Board, and Ms. Ann Craig, Coordinator of the YES Program. Ms. Craig presented tokens of appreciation to the City Council for their support of the

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YES Program, and presented pins to elected officials. Each member of the Council also received one of the tee-shirts that will be worn by YES volunteers.

Heard out of order at this time

15a. PP 86-44 PHILIP AND ARTEMIS TAMOUSH:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing of Council consideration of an Administrative appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a new three-story single-family residence in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone on the North Side of Bluff Street, approximately 680 feet west of Via Valmonte; PP 86-44, PHILIP AND ARTEMIS TAMOUSH.

The City Clerk provided proof of publication, and it was ordered filed without objection.

Planning Associate Gibson provided the staff report and presented slides of the site depicting a silhouette of the proposed structure with a parapet-type roof.

During his presentation, it was noted by Mr. Gibson that the applicant proposed a parapet-type roof in his original plans with an overall height of 19 feet at the curb line on Bluff Street and approximately 32 feet at the lowest point from the rear elevation. In response to concerns expressed by the Planning Commission and residents of the subject area, Mr. Gibson reported that the applicant subsequently modified his proposal to provide for a peak-type roof with the same maximum heights, but with less visible roof area.

Planning Associate Gibson responded to inquiries from individual Councilmembers.

Mr. Nakano questioned if once the plan is approved there would be a way to prevent the applicant from changing the function of the lowest level of the house back to the conference use he originally proposed. Planning Associate Gibson clarified that the applicant would have to obtain a Home Occupation Permit in order to operate a business from his home and that such permit would preclude the use of his home for conferences. Mr. Gibson commented further on the restrictions attached to a Home Occupation Permit and the method of enforcement.

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Mr. Philip Tamoush, P. O. Box 1128, Torrance, 90505, summarized materials he provided to each Councilmember, with specific reference to Page 21 of said packets, and furnished a brief chronology of events to date.

Regarding the use of the downstairs area -- a matter of particular concern to Councilman Nakano -- Mr. Tamoush reported that he is a Labor Relations Arbitrator by trade and is not permitted in his Code of Ethics to entertain clients in his home. He explained that the term "conference" was used with the idea of a study or library in mind.

It being his contention that the house, as planned, would have a positive impact on the area and would be compatible with other new construction on Bluff Street, Mr. Tamoush urged the Council to take immediate action in his favor.

Responding to Council inquiries, Mr. Tamoush advised the Mayor that he preferred the parapet roof originally proposed because it would facilitate access to the deck, but would be willing to go to a pitched roof, if necessary, to obtain approval of the project.

Mr. Harry Henrickson, 3828 Bluff (property located diagonally across from, and to the west of the subject site), deemed the height and bulk of the structure to be "excessive" as proposed, exceeding the one-story, 14 foot height of all but one house located on the north side of Bluff Street, and claimed it would significantly impact his view to the northeast.

It was this speaker's request that the Council deny the Precise Plan, finding that it would have significant view impact and would not conform to the existing neighborhood because of enormous bulk and height.

As no one else from the audience wished to speak to this issue, Councilman Applegate, seconded by Councilman Mock, moved the public hearing be closed. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Geissert questioned the square footages of homes built on the extension of Bluff Street, in response to which Planning Associate Gibson affirmed that newer homes on Bluff Street are larger, with one other structure of approximately 4,000 square feet currently under construction.

Councilwoman Hardison received confirmation from staff that a pitched roof would allow for more view area over the top of the structure but would probably not provide relief

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to the house next door in terms of air and light. Planning Associate Gibson advised Ms. Hardison that the possibility of going deeper into the lot was not explored.

Having reviewed the vote of the Planning Commission and the opinions of Planning staff, Councilman Walker deemed the project acceptable with the pitched roof as a compromise and offered the following motion.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to deny the appeal, and approve the project with a pitched roof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate (a substitute motion was offered and ultimately carried; see below).

Having viewed the Henrickson residence at 3828 Bluff Street, Mayor Geissert agreed there would be some view impact and agreed the project represented a lot of bulk on a relatively small lot; however, she did not see how plans could be modified further without removing an entire story from the house and therefore supported the motion.

Identifying himself as the party who appealed this matter because of his concern about the parapet roof, Councilman Mock now opined, having further investigated the matter, that the proposed structure would negatively impact the neighborhood with or without the parapet roof. It being his belief the house should be modified further, he offered a substitute motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to grant the appeal and deny the project, without prejudice. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth. (The substitute motion ultimately carried; see Page 9.)

Councilwoman Hardison expressed concerns regarding the cumulative effect and overall density of this project and on other sites as well. She did not find the proposal excessive, she said, given staff's report that a dwelling with a 4.71 floor area ratio is currently under construction on Bluff Street; however, she questioned "at what point do we pick and choose on density?" and further stated her disfavor with the practice of deciding each project "as it comes along."

His questions regarding the use of the lower level of the house having been adequately addressed by staff and the City's regulations regarding home occupation, Councilman Nakano said he still had concerns regarding the height of the proposed structure, its impact on the light and view of adjacent residences, and the cumulative effect on the neighborhood -- the latter being of greatest concern to him. For those reasons, he supported the substitute motion.

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Mayor Geissert called for a vote on the SUBSTITUTE MOTION to grant the appeal and deny the project, without prejudice, which now carried by majority roll call vote as indicated below.

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

NOES: Councilmembers Applegate, Walker and Mayor Geissert.

In response to the Mayor's inquiry, Planning Associate Gibson explained that the applicant may return immediately with a new plan.

Councilman Wirth indicated that such plan should address height above the curb to alleviate his concerns, as well as stated concerns regarding bulk.

Having been advised by City Attorney Remelmeyer that, except under very unusual circumstances, plans must go through the complete planning process, the applicant requested that his matter be expedited upon its resubmission. Planning Associate Gibson indicated a revised plan could be placed on the Planning Agenda within six to eight weeks, depending upon the changes proposed.

Returning to regular agenda order, the Council now considered...

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. AWARD OF BID FOR CONVERSION OF STREET LIGHTS IN THE OLD TORRANCE AREA:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that the bid for the Conversion of Street Lights in the Old Torrance area be awarded to Paxin Electric, Inc. for \$329,176, and that all other bids be rejected.

Director of Transportation Horkay reported that the project to convert 10,000 street lights to high pressure sodium will be 96 percent complete upon completion of this phase of the undertaking.

MOTION: Commissioner Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Transportation. Seconded by Councilman Walker, the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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10b. PROPOSITION "A" FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

City Clerk Wilson read title to . . .

RESOLUTION NO. 87-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR AN EXCHANGE OF FUNDS WITH THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1987-88 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 1991-92

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 87-97, and his motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Director of Transportation Horkay commended the work of Mr. Bob Hildebrand relative to this Agreement; and, at the Mayor's request, explained the exchange of funds.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. HOTEL/MOTEL ZONING GUIDELINES FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREAS:

Withdrawn at the City Attorney's request; see Page 2.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. CODE MODIFICATION AND FEE STRUCTURE FOR STREET BANNERS:

Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy reviewed the recommendations formulated by a team of staff members from the Police, Engineering, Transportation, Parks and Recreation, and Building and Safety Departments, who were assigned the task of developing procedures for street banners.

During her report, Ms. McElroy explained that recommendations were based on information received from various cities, past practices and policies of the City in regard to signs on public property, and on the type of requests received for signs on public property. The recommendations presented by the Environmental Quality Administrator are set forth below:

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Recommended Banner Regulations:

- Only events of City-wide importance be allowed.
- That the Building and Safety Department staff receive and process street banner applications to the City Manager for approval.
- That Park Services Department install the signs (banners).
- That locations on Prairie, south of 190th Street; on Crenshaw, south of Del Amo Boulevard; and on Torrance Boulevard, west of Hickory be used for permanent pole installation.
- That the signs not be displayed more than three weeks.
- That guidelines establishing types of materials and methods of installation and the application procedures (detailed in attachment [4] of agenda material) be approved.
- That the permittee furnish proof of \$1,000,000 liability insurance and indemnification to hold harmless officials and staff of the City.
- That a fee of \$175 (with allowances for PPI changes) be approved. This is estimated to cover actual staff and material cost of one Environmental Quality Officer for two hours of staff time to process application for permits, one light equipment operator and one groundskeeper, and the use of one highranger vehicle to install and remove the banner.
- That a one-time cost, not to exceed \$18,000, be appropriated to cover cost of six poles and their installation (based on a survey of five companies that perform this type of work).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY:

1. That the ordinance establishing regulations be adopted;
2. That the Resolution establishing fees for permit be approved;

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3. That a one-time cost of \$18,000 be appropriated from the General Fund Reserve for contingencies to cover costs for poles, and their installation be approved;
4. That staff be directed to conduct a study to find more appropriate signs to be located on major park sites to advertise events of general interest to the City in lieu of the use of trailer or portable type signs; and
5. That after the poles are installed to facilitate street banners, signs not be permitted on street overpass bridges.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

The City Manager concurs with staff's recommendation with the exception of one banner location. The City Manager would recommend deletion of the Torrance Boulevard location.

Councilman Applegate concurred with the City Manager that "picturesque" Torrance Boulevard should not be a banner site and suggested consideration of several other locations; such as, Sepulveda Boulevard, Hawthorne Boulevard, and Pacific Coast Highway. He recommended Sepulveda Boulevard as a replacement for Torrance Boulevard and consideration of one additional location as a budgeted item in the future, believing there is room for three additional banner locations around the City.

The fee of \$175.00 was questioned by Mr. Applegate and explained by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy as an intended charge for each banner location to compensate for equipment used and staff time.

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Councilman Wirth left the dais at this time, the hour being 6:55 p.m., and returned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

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Regarding the proposed regulation requiring proof of liability insurance, Councilman Applegate said he envisioned that the City would install the sign supports, establish strict standards for banner construction and designate acceptable banner manufacturers, and that banners would be supplied by the applicants pursuant to this criteria, negat-

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ing the need for liability insurance from the applicant. Mr. Applegate suggested banners should be standardized for reasons of appearance and safety.

Clarification relative to the need for liability insurance because the banners would be located in the public right-of-way and the desire that the City's expense be mitigated in this regard was provided by the City Manager and substantiated by the City Attorney.

The City Attorney suggested that an alternate technique would be to have contractors install the banners and require that they carry insurance.

Addressing the recommended banner regulation "that signs not be displayed more than three weeks," Councilman Applegate suggested consideration of a flexible schedule, at the discretion of staff, to allow for the simultaneous installation and removal of banners pursuant to demands and to avoid unnecessary use of equipment and staff time.

Director of Building and Safety Grippo referenced proposed banner installation guidelines on Page 19 of agenda material (of record) stating his belief that these would meet some of the concerns expressed by Mr. Applegate.

At the request of Councilwoman Hardison Ms. McElroy explained that in determining banner locations the Committee looked at streets that are heavily traveled, have good exposure, and where banners would not cause traffic problems or problems to the Police Department. State highways were not considered, she said, in order to avoid application to CalTrans for encroachment permits.

In response to a round of questions by Councilman Walker, the Environmental Quality Administrator advised that she contacted two or three manufacturers of banners and found that they are primarily interested in furnishing banners on a competitive basis; that they did not wish to install the banners because of the liability involved; that they agreed the City's proposed criteria for banner construction is reasonable; and that they recommend the City adhere to construction standards for safety reasons.

While he indicated his concurrence with the City Manager that Torrance Boulevard is not an appropriate banner location, Councilman Walker stated his opinion that the overpasses on Pacific Coast Highway and Prairie Avenue should be considered. It was his belief there would be as much vandalism with the other banner systems proposed and that the overpasses would accomplish the desired goal at a nominal

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cost. Of concern to Mr. Walker were possible problems inherent in support systems necessary to bridge a wide roadway.

The Mayor said she had a basic problem with the idea of banners as being in conflict with the stringent sign regulations designed with the aesthetics of the City in mind. However, if the Council wished to go forward on this matter, the Mayor said she would recommend:

- Support of Councilman Walker's suggestion for the use of existing overpasses;
- Consideration of perhaps two other locations for banners;
- The development of guidelines for precedence of banner use;
- That Torrance Boulevard not be considered as a banner location; and
- That banners not be located adjacent to any residential uses.

The use of "A" frames being inefficient, in his opinion, Councilman Applegate cited the need for banners as an effective, inexpensive method for organizations to communicate with the people of the City. He stated his desire that this matter be returned to staff for attenuation of concerns voiced at the meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate SO MOVED to refer the matter back to staff for further study. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. (This motion ultimately carried; see Page 16, Line 34.)

Council discussion continued.

Councilwoman Hardison supported the motion, expressing confusion as to why use of the overpasses was not recommended and concern as to the number of banners to be realistically allowed.

Stating his agreement with Mr. Applegate relative to the need to communicate public service messages and the inefficiency of "A" frames for this purpose, Councilman Walker supported the motion and encouraged staff to consider sign criteria with regard to letter size, maximum number of words and concept, as well as structural elements.

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Councilman Wirth returned to the dais at 7:20 p.m.

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Councilman Mock agreed with Councilmen Applegate and Walker that overpasses on Pacific Coast Highway and Prairie Avenue should be considered as possible banner locations. He did not like the idea of using the Torrance Bridge, Symbol of the City's 75th Anniversary, and felt that elimination of this location should be addressed in the standards.

In response to concerns expressed by Councilman Nakano, City Manager Jackson and Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy affirmed that the Pacific Coast Highway and Prairie Avenue overpasses have been used for banner purposes in the past and that no complaints have been received from adjacent residents as a result of this use.

Further clarification was offered by Director of Building and Safety Grippo, who explained that the two overpasses were not suggested banner sites because signs "seem to disappear" readily from these locations due to vandalism.

Mayor Geissert questioned the issue of banners as it relates to the Environmental Element of the General Plan and requested a report back from staff in this regard. A brief discourse followed regarding the content of the General Plan with regard to signs.

Personal preference was expressed by Councilman Applegate that major City events, such as the Armed Forces Day Parade and Fourth of July celebration at Wilson Park, take precedence over other uses of the banners.

The banner currently on the Prairie Avenue overpass to advertise the Armed Forces Day Parade this year was referenced by Mr. Applegate as a good example of readability and clearness of message.

The Mayor invited comments from the audience at this time.

Mr. Harry Bartles, 21230 Talisman, came forward on behalf of the South Torrance Lions Club. He referred to Page 2 under "Analysis":

- Only events of City-wide importance be allowed.

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Mr. Bartles noted that the South Torrance Lions Club has a Fourth of July show at El Camino stadium, which is not located within the boundaries of the City. The Lions is a Torrance club, he said, and does contribute heavily to the community. Of concern to this speaker was the interpretation of "of City-wide importance" and he asked that this issue be addressed by City staff.

In regard to having a banner on the Prairie Avenue overpass, Mr. Bartles reported that the Lions Club, has had a banner at that location for the last three years and has locked it to the bridge to avoid vandalism. This speaker offered to make the Lions Club banner available to the Council for study following their event on the 4th of July.

Referring to Page 16 of the agenda item regarding the cost of installation, Mr. Bartles suggested the proposed \$175.00 fee per banner is high and asked that this issue be studied further, also.

Subject to approval of the City, Speaker Bartles suggested that banner locations be shared by the City and the Lions Club relative to Fourth of July functions.

Regarding banners on erected poles, Mr. Bartles suggested there would not be as much demand for this use because of the cost of the banner.

Before leaving the podium, this Lions Club representative received clarification from City staff regarding the sign criteria for civic signs and use of the "A" frame trailers owned by the Torrance Mounted Posse.

Mayor Geissert asked for a response to the motion on the floor. Hearing no objections, it was SO ORDERED by the Mayor that this matter be referred back to staff for further study.

13b. TERMINATION OF COVENANT AND AGREEMENT -
REYNOLDS METALS PROPERTY:

City Clerk Wilson read number and title to the following resolution at the Mayor's request:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE EXECUTION
AND RECORDATION OF A RELEASE OF COVENANT
AND AGREEMENT ON PROPERTY FORMERLY OCCUPIED
BY REYNOLDS METALS COMPANY

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-98, and his motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. PP 86-44 PHILIP AND ARTEMIS TAMOUSH:

Heard earlier; see Pages 6 to 9.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. DESTRUCTION OF UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS:

Upon request by the Mayor, City Clerk Wilson read title to . . .

RESOLUTION NO. 87-99

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

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 87-99. Councilwoman Hardison seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. COMPLETION AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE WINTERIZATION OF THE SLOPE FAILURE BETWEEN VIA CORONA AND VISTA LARGO:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the work be accepted and final payment be made to the General Engineering Contractor, Lindy Engineering.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation on Item 17b. Councilman Mock seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Held later in the evening; see Page 20. The City Attorney announced at this time that Pending litigation entitled Constantine Deros vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 79400 would not be discussed during the executive session.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3196:

City Clerk Wilson read number and 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, seconded by Councilman Mock, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3196 at its second and final reading. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AERIAL FIREWORKS SHOW FOR THE
1987 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION:

EXPENDITURE: \$15,500

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

Based on the proposals submitted, the Director of General Services recommends that Council award a contract for our annual 4th of July fireworks show to be held at Charles Wilson Park to the San Diego Fireworks Company of San Diego, California, for the total amount of \$15,500.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the staff recommendation on Consent Calendar Item No. 20a. Seconded by Councilman Wirth, his motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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At 7:35 p.m. the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. At 7:36 p.m. the Council returned to regular agenda order, remaining in joint session for the purpose of a joint executive session to be held later in the evening.

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21. ADDENDUM ITEMS:

None presented.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson announced that adjournment of the meeting would be to May 12, 1987 at 5:30 p.m. (instead of the regularly scheduled hour of 7:00 p.m.), to accommodate a workshop to review pending plans on the Joslyn Cultural Center expansion with the architect and for the purpose of an early executive session to discuss personnel matters.

22b. Councilman Applegate congratulated those who were involved in the Friendship Festival for an "outstanding success;" complimented the Fire and Police Departments on their displays and efficacious interaction with the public; and thanked all of those who made the Festival possible.

22c. Councilwoman Hardison related her pleasure in participating in the Friendship Festival and shared her observation of an incident at this event with the Council.

22d. Councilwoman Hardison commended the Street Department on the issuance of a new brochure, which she said residents are finding most helpful. She encouraged this type of communication with the public.

22e. Councilwoman Hardison requested that staff work in conjunction with Phase 3 of Union Oil's landscaping plan relative to the improvement of adjacent property and was advised of plans for a bike path and improvements for this area by Senior Civil Engineering Associate Perkins.

22f. Councilman Wirth extended congratulations to all concerned on the success of the Friendship Festival.

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22g. Councilman Wirth extended congratulations to the South Bay New Times for its recent issue containing historical reprints.

22h. Councilman Wirth asked that those people who testified at previous meetings relative to the R-3 Multi-Family Residential issue be notified of the date it will return to Council. Planning staff will follow through on his request.

22i. Councilman Wirth asked that staff develop some method of prior notification to apprise concerned parties of impending emergency use of Torrance Airport by "type banned" aircraft. Building and Safety will pursue this possibility.

22j. Mayor Geissert congratulated the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown merchants on the success of the Friendship Festival and asked Chamber President Cherryl Liddle to convey this message.

The Council then returned to consideration of

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session, Mayor/Chairwoman Geissert read the following statement into the record at this time concerning Council business:

The City Council will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following matter:

To confer with the City Manager regarding salaries, salary schedules and compensation for certain employee groups.

The authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54957.6.

At 7:46 p.m. the City Council/Redevelopment Agency took a ten minute recess, immediately followed by a joint executive session for the purpose noted above. Redevelopment Agency matters considered during this joint executive session are set forth in the Redevelopment Agency minutes of May 5, 1987 under separate cover.

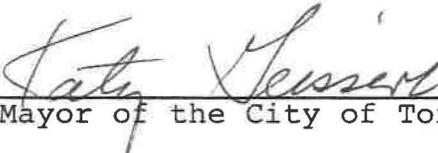
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There was no action taken upon the return of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency at 9:20 p.m.

23. ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting of May 5, 1987 was formally adjourned at 9:20 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 1987 (regularly a 7:00 p.m. meeting).

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Marlene Lewis
Minute Secretary

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