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Adjournment was at 9:15 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, August 25, 1987, at 7:07 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

Absent: Councilwoman Hardison.

Also present: Assistant City Manager Ng, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Dr. Rodney Stetson led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Steve Mays, Calvary Chapel.

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

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of July 28, 1987, as received. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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 proved unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 15a: CUP 86-1 (Mod). Carver Development -- Request of proponent for continuance to September 1, 1987 (See Page 5).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the passing of Ms. Betty Owens, the first manager of the City of Torrance Credit Union. The Mayor requested that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Ms. Owens.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the month of September 1987 as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

This proclamation was accepted, with appreciation, by the Patrick Dabdee family.

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8b. RECOGNITION OF MOLTEN AMERICA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM:

A plaque and letters in recognition of Molten America Men's Volleyball Team's winning of the National Championship were presented by Mayor Geissert to team representative, Mr. Bill Stetson. This tribute was acknowledged with sincere appreciation by Mr. Stetson.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB DONATION:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director recommend that the City Council accept this most generous donation (\$500.00) from the Dog Obedience Club and transmit a letter of appreciation. It is also recommended that the money be appropriated for the Parks Special Event Account.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Item 9a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

9b. PLAYFIELD LIGHTING AT VICTOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SCOTT ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SOCCER FIELD LIGHTING AT VICTOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-201. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. AB 18 - LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REORGANIZATION:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that Council reaffirm its basic previous position of support for AB 18, remaining neutral on the outstanding issues discussed in agenda material of record on this item.

An update on the status of AB 18 as currently amended was provided by Administrative Analyst Hildebrand.

Council discussion evolved around the issue represented by the latest amendment to AB 18, which would change the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board composition from the inclusion of two League of California Cities-selected representatives to one such representative and one appointee by the Legislature's Joint Rules Committee to represent a municipal bus operator city.

While he indicated total support of the concept of a municipal operator representative, Councilman Wirth expressed serious concerns about this particular appointment being made by the Legislature.

Mayor Geissert concurred, noting her recommendation that the Council take a position of withdrawing its support of the Bill because of this current amendment.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that the City Council go on record as opposing AB 18 as long as the current amendment stays in place. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

In response to a request by Director of Transportation Horkay for clarification of the Council's concerns, Mayor Geissert explained that it is a matter of local control -- who makes the selection and to whom they are accountable. A representative of municipal operators was lauded, but the effectiveness of representation under the proposed appointment process was deemed questionable.

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11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

- 11a. COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION for Purchase of Two Seagrave 1500
GPM Triple Combination Pumper Fire Trucks
RE: Exercise Option Requested Under Cooperative
Purchase Agreement with City of Los Angeles
EXPENDITURE: \$166,245.44 each; \$332,490.88 total

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Fire Department recommend that your Honorable Body authorize the City of Torrance to exercise the option to purchase two additional fire trucks from SEAGRAVE FIRE APPARATUS INC. of Clintonville, Wisconsin through its local distributor O'NEIL - SEAGRAVE CORPORATION, Saratoga, California in the total amount of \$332,490.88 including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with staff's recommendation on Agenda Item 11a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. CUP 86-1 (MOD), CARVER DEVELOPMENT/RALPH MORGAN:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a request for Modification of a previously approved Conditional Use Permit to delete a condition requiring that a cross access easement be granted in the M-1 Zone at 2015 West 190th Street: CUP 86-1 (MOD), CARVER DEVELOPMENT/RALPH MORGAN.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to continue Agenda Item 15a, to Tuesday, September 1, 1987, 5:30 p.m. (See Page 2). His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. MEMORANDUMS OF INTENT/UNDERSTANDING:

Held until after executive session - see Page 10.

17b. REQUEST TO USE CITY SEAL AS PART OF YOUTH COLORING BOOK:

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager and City Attorney recommend that your Honorable Body deny this request as it may set a precedent for other solicitations to use the official Seal of Torrance in "for profit" ventures.

In response to an inquiry by Councilman Nakano, City Attorney Remelmeyer clarified his position regarding precedent-setting concerns in that the granting of the subject request could then make it difficult to refuse to give like consent to someone in a similar situation. On the other hand, Mr. Remelmeyer noted his opinion that simply granting this request would not, in effect, mean that the City would have to grant any such request; nor, would it place the Seal in the public domain.

The applicant was invited to speak at this time.

Ms. Dorothy Patricia Brewster, 28221 Lomo Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, described her proposed coloring book tentatively titled "Touring Torrance: A Guide and Coloring Book" in which she has requested permission to include a picture of the official Seal of the City of Torrance.

During the ensuing discussion concerns were voiced that if the Seal is allowed to be used as requested, it should be accompanied by a short text, and the accuracy of the presentation should be affirmed by the City Attorney.

Following further clarification by the City Attorney as to the absence of any legal improprieties in the requested use, Mayor Geissert voiced enthusiasm regarding the project. The Mayor, however, suggested that there be an approved text with a statement included to the effect that permission was received from the City Council of the City of Torrance for use of this Seal, thus indicating that permission for use was granted, but not implying endorsement of the product.

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Mrs. Geissert recommended that some of the history of the City be included, such as its founding in 1912 and incorporation in 1921, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to allow use of the official City Seal as requested, providing that approval is given by the City Attorney of the draft. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Page 9.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 36182

Subdivider: Frank and Ross Sciarrotta
Location: 21017 Madrona
No. of Lots: 1 Lot; 7-unit condominium.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that Final Tract Map 36182 be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendation on Agenda Item 20a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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At 7:46 p.m., the City Council recessed and convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adjourning as Redevelopment Agency and returning to the Council agenda at 7:50 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Nakano inquired as to the anticipated schedule for widening of Plaza Del Amo, and was advised by City Engineer Burtt that the matter is scheduled for preliminary engineering later this year.

22b. Mayor Geissert noted receipt of correspondence from Mr. Frank Briganti, Chairman of the Torrance Disaster Council, suggesting that the Council consider appointing five members to that body. The Mayor referred this matter to the Council's Public Safety Committee for study, with appropriate notification to Mr. Briganti.

22c. Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado, reviewed his concerns and offered comments relative to the following matters --

- o General Aviation Center - design includes excesses in way of amenities, not in keeping with original concept of assisting users of the facilities.
- o Joslyn Center Theatre Arts Building - economic and budgetary impact should be considered in relationship to community benefits to be realized.
- o El Dorado and Sonoma Sumps - drainage improvement project is significantly over estimated budget.
- o Greenwood School site - should be used for benefit of entire community and not private interest groups -- the need for installation of six new forced-air heaters in the buildings was questioned.

Clarification related to Mr. Greene's expressed concerns was provided by conversant staff. It was Mayor Geissert's direction that staff meet with Mr. Greene to provide expanded information as desired.

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The Council now returned to --

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Geissert read the following statement into the record --

The City Council will now recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager regarding salaries, salary schedules and compensation for certain represented employee groups. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54957.6(a).

The Council will also give instructions to the City Manager regarding certain airport property leases, specifically Specialty Restaurants. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8.

The Council will also confer with the City Attorney regarding the sale of City-owned property, 237th Place and Cabrillo Avenue. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8.

The City Council will also receive advice from the City Attorney regarding potential litigation arising from the City's architectural contract for the design of the Theatre Arts Complex. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(b).

At 8:12 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a ten minute recess, followed immediately by an executive session for the above noted purposes.

At 9:12 p.m., the Council returned to consider the following matter:

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17a. MEMORANDUMS OF INTENT/MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ELECTING TO FIX THE
EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT
ONLY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF THE
TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

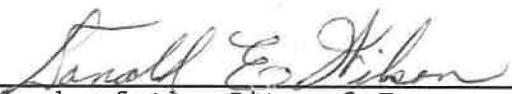
MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 87-202. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried
unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

At 9:15 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was for-
mally adjourned to Tuesday, September 1, 1987, 5:30 p.m. Ad-
journment was dedicated to the memory of Ms. Betty Owens.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

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