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Adjournment was at 11:32 p.m. to Tuesday,
September 15, 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, September 8, 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 Boy Scout Troop 310 - James Gordon, Scoutmaster.

Immediately following the flag salute, Mayor Geissert introduced Paul Dieken, Senior Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop 310. The Mayor presented Paul with a letter of commendation in recognition of his many accomplishments and acts of service to the community, and also honoring this fine young man for having attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

There was grateful acceptance by Eagle Scout Dieken.

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Taken out of order at this time --

- 21a. PROCLAMATION giving "Special Recognition for Boy Scout Troop 310":

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and received with pride and sincere appreciation by Mr. James Gordon, Leader of Troop 310.

The Council now returned to --

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION (Continued):

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Rabbi Steven Silver, Temple Menorah.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of August 11, 1987, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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 in regular order. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, 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 the posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE RELATIONS
Monday, September 28, 1987 - 5:00 p.m.
Subject: Commission Conferences

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Date and time as yet undetermined
Subject: Disaster Council

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The dedication of the Stanley E. Remelmeyer Telecommunications Center scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 1987, 4:00 p.m. was announced by Councilman Applegate.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RESOLUTION COMMENDING VIAH JOHNSTON:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING VIAH JOHNSTON
UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-207. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Taken next out of order --

8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming September 17, 1987, as "Bells Across America Day":

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

8f. PROCLAMATION proclaiming September 18, 1987, as "National POW-MIA Recognition Day":

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

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8b. PRESENTATION TO CHARLES R. HOSLER:

On behalf of her colleagues on the Council and the citizens of Torrance, Mayor Geissert presented a plaque in recognition of his service to the community to Mr. Charles R. Hosler upon his resignation from the Senior Citizens Council.

There was grateful acceptance by Mr. Hosler.

8c. See Page 3.

8d. PROCLAMATION proclaiming September 1 through 30, 1987, as Torrance Council PTA's "Membership Enrollment Month":

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted with appreciation by Ms. Dawn Robinson, Membership Chairman of Torrance Council PTA's, and Ms. Linda Stauropoulos, President of North High School PTSA.

8e. PROCLAMATION proclaiming September 12, 1987, as "Sausage and Pretzel Eating Contest Day":

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

Present to receive this proclamation were:

Ms. Hope Witkowsky, YWCA;
Mr. John O'Donnell, Republic Bank President;
Mr. Mark Taira, King's Hawaiian Baker and
Restaurant President; and
Ms. Teri Rotter, Alpine Village

8f. See Page 3.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. STORM DRAIN IN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND 238TH STREET
BETWEEN 242ND STREET AND WALTERIA SUMP -
PACIFIC-HAWTHORNE DRAIN (UNIT I):

RESOLUTION NO. 87-208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR THE PACIFIC HAWTHORNE DRAIN UNIT I
AND AUTHORIZING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COMMENCE
CONSTRUCTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 87-208. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison,
and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10b. IN-LIEU REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE 1987-88 IN-LIEU
REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE
CENTRAL AND WEST BASIN WATER REPLENISHMENT
DISTRICT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of
Resolution No. 87-209. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman
Hardison, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10c. WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY SANITATION
DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-210

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT
WITH COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF
LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE
TO THE DISTRICTS' LANDFILL GAS TO ENERGY
PROJECT

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-210. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, 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.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. FISCAL YEAR 1988 CONTRACT RENEWALS:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THESE CERTAIN CONTRACT RENEWALS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND OFFICE OF SAMOAN AFFAIRS, KEVIN ANTHONY AND ASSOCIATES AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-211. This motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Following staff clarification as was desired by Councilwoman Hardison, roll call vote on the motion proved unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. ORDINANCE CHANGES INVOLVING MODIFIED GROSS FLOOR AREA CALCULATIONS:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the continued public hearing for Council consideration of Ordinance changes (alternate Ordinances "A" and "B") to eliminate the use of modified gross floor area by calculating commercial and industrial parking requirements on the basis of gross floor area.

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

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Principal Planner Woodward provided the staff report on this agenda item (per written material of record), clarifying that both ordinances eliminate the use of the modified gross floor area formula; however, Ordinance "A" allows no grace period -- Ordinance "B" specifies that any project for which a building permit has been issued by January 1, 1988 would be exempt from provisions of the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Department recommends adoption of Ordinance "B" which would provide an interim timetable to phase the change in parking requirement calculations from modified to gross floor area as well as a "grandfather" clause for existing uses and developments that would remain in effect until the individual buildings were replaced or substantially improved (30% increase in value).

Audience input was then invited by Mayor Geissert.

Mr. David Buxton, 3440 Lomita Boulevard, owner of medical office buildings at 3400 and 3440 Lomita Boulevard (Tormed), voiced his concerns regarding the impact of the proposed ordinances on his plans for expansion. It was the request of this speaker that medical office buildings be exempted from the modified parking requirement.

Like concerns as to the impact of the proposed ordinances on his plans for a building on the corner of Lomita and Hawthorne Boulevards were voiced by Mr. Robert Collins Cohen. This speaker described their plans to construct a building tying the Skypark project into Lomita Boulevard, and requested that his proposal be "grandfathered in".

Planning Director Ferren advised that both the Skypark (Mr. Cohen's project) and the Tormed complex (Mr. Buxton's) would be "grandfathered in" unless modifications proposed were substantial (30% increase in valuation). The option of a Variance application or mixed use computations were also noted by Mr. Ferren as possible considerations.

Messrs. Buxton and Cohen both returned to the podium to point out the burdensome connotation represented by the City of Torrance's compact parking code which allows only 10% compact spaces as compared to as much as 40% in other major cities in Los Angeles County.

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There being no one else in the audience who wished to address the Council on this agenda item, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

During the brief Council discussion which followed, Councilman Walker indicated his disagreement with both ordinances presented. Mr. Walker judged the mini-mall concept to be the major parking culprit and suggested that the parking ordinances be reviewed from that standpoint as well as from other known problem areas.

Councilwoman Hardison related her personal observations regarding the City's need for modification of its parking calculation formulas, as represented by Ordinance "B". Mrs. Hardison observed that the location of medical buildings can be very significant, there being some medical complexes in the City which impose a serious hardship on nearby residential uses. The need to consider certain unique cases such as Skypark and Tormed on an individual basis was also acknowledged by this speaker.

General concurrence with Mrs. Hardison's remarks was indicated by Councilman Applegate, who also noted the tendency in some instances for developers to provide less than adequate parking for their particular projects, the concerns being economic in nature rather than a desire for a quality development.

Mayor Geissert, while indicating her concurrence with Ordinance "B", recommended that the intensity of medical building uses be addressed separately. It was the Mayor's request that staff return to the Planning Commission with the concerns expressed at this meeting, particularly the compact car issue and specialized considerations such as the joining of a corner to a larger project which then results in an improved project over all (Skypark).

The following was then offered.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved for the adoption of Ordinance "B". Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

The Mayor then requested that the City Clerk assign a number and read title to --

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ORDINANCE NO. 3207

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 93.1.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR MODIFIED GROSS FLOOR AREA, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 93.2.4; 93.2.5; 93.2.6; 93.2.11; 93.2.12; 93.2.19; 93.2.21; 93.2.25; 93.2.26; 93.2.33; 93.2.38; 93.2.40; AND 93.3.1 REFERRING TO THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES REQUIRED PER SQUARE FOOT OF BUILDING

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3207 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

15b. PP 87-17: NICK AND TAMI HANSEN:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the continuation of City Council consideration of neighbor appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a first and second story addition to an existing single-family residence in the Hillside Overlay District on property at 25920 Matfield Drive. PP 87-17: NICK AND TAMI HANSEN.

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

Staff presentation was provided by Principal Planner Gibson who described, with the aid of slides, the applicant's revised plan and the reduction in height and bulk represented thereby. Mr. Gibson verbalized staff's RECOMMENDATION to approve PP 87-17 with all conditions, amending Condition #4 of the resolution to read: "That the addition shall not exceed a height of 25 feet as measured from grade to the top of the highest ridge."

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In response to the Mayor's invitation for audience input, Mr. Bob Garstein, 2545 West 237th Street, architect for this project, briefly described their new proposal and displayed a sketch depicting the original profile overlaid with the new design.

The proponent, Mr. Nick Hansen, 25920 Matfield Drive, advised, in response to an inquiry by Councilwoman Hardison, that when first moving to his Matfield Drive residence, he caused certain large trees to be removed from his property.

Mrs. Tami Hansen, 25920 Matfield Drive, noted that in the spirit of compromise they have given up some 31% of the square footage overall, and also eliminated 50% of the building that would be visible from the Highcliff residences. Approval of the modified design was requested by this speaker.

The appellant, Ms. Mary Woodman, 2609 Highcliff Drive, was next to address the Council. This speaker stressed her continuing desire that there be no second story addition (an option which she stated was never considered by the Hansen's) it being her opinion that there is "ample land and plenty of opportunities to build out." Ms. Woodman referenced her "package" (earlier submitted to members of the Council) and expressed her strong disapproval of the revised plan presently under consideration, noting her opinion that the proposal is the most impacting on the neighborhood, if not on Victoria Knolls as a whole. Denial of the plan was urged by this speaker.

Mr. Chris Melcher, resident of 2613 Highcliff Drive, agreed with Ms. Woodman's comments noting that, although the revised plans represent a minimal impact to his residence, any second story addition to the Hansen residence will adversely affect Ms. Woodman's view. This speaker agreed with Ms. Woodman's statement that a single story addition was never considered by the proponents.

A resident of 25928 Matfield Drive, Mr. Bob Mason, expressed his firm opinion that notices regarding the revised plan should have been mailed. The Mayor responded by outlining the procedure followed under the circumstances present in this case.

Concerns regarding the cumulative effect of second story additions in the subject area were voiced by Mr. Mason, who anticipated a similar addition to the house immediately adjacent to his which was recently sold.

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Mr. Gary Thurston, 25924 Matfield Drive, new owner of the property immediately adjacent to Mr. Mason, advised that he has no plans at this time for expansion of that residence, and he further noted that he has no objection to the Hansen's modified plans although he deemed himself to be "more impacted than anyone in the neighborhood."

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

The ensuing Council discussion generally reflected approval of the revised plans as representing a good compromise.

Councilwoman Hardison briefly referenced the large trees on Matfield Drive, and elicited confirmation from Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia that a large portion of those trees are on City property.

The following action was then taken.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to deny the appeal and approve the modified project on PP 87-17, Nick and Tami Hansen. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRST- AND SECOND-STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT
25920 MATFIELD DRIVE
PP 87-17: NICK AND TAMI HANSEN

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-212, as modified. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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At 8:46 p.m., the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 9:28 p.m., and the regular City Council order of business was resumed, as is reflected below.

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15c. CUP 87-23, TT 45406 (EA 87-8), DAN BUTCHER:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit and Tentative Tract to allow the modification of two conditions of approval of a 52-unit residential condominium development on the south side of Spencer Street, 300 feet west of Earl Street in the RTH Zone: CUP 87-23, TT 45406 (EA 87-8), DAN BUTCHER.

Proof of publication was provided by the City Clerk and it was filed, there being no objection.

Staff presentation was provided by Principal Planner Gibson, who noted that the Planning Commission and the Planning Department recommend denial of the applicant's appeal to modify or delete the following two conditions:

7. That the driveway apron shall be 30 feet wide S-11 (radius type -- 10' radius) with depressed back of walk and wheelchair ramps; and
- 9 (b) . That prior to routing truck or earth-moving equipment within 2' over the existing drain, the pipe bedding and backfill shall be upgraded per LACFCD Std. 2-D177, Case V, prior to implementation of any such plans.

In response to Council requests, City Engineer Burttt clarified the requirements represented by Condition 9 (b) above, noting that two feet of compacted soil is required above the storm drain pipe, as well as a change in the bedding material that the pipe rests on to conform to standards for the type of weight to be distributed over the pipe. Mr. Burttt stated that this condition is intended to put the proponent on notice, there being a possibility that the problem can be mitigated depending on the heavy equipment travel pattern.

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Council inquiries were next directed to the requested modification in driveway width from 30 feet to 40 feet. Director of Transportation Horkay suggested a two-week delay of this case in order to allow staff an opportunity to review plans reflecting this new concept.

The proponent, Mr. Dan Butcher, 2371 Torrance Boulevard, addressed the matter of his requested driveway widening which was deemed by him to be prudent for reasons of safe traffic circulation on site. Mr. Butcher maintained that plans incorporating this revision were recently submitted to Planning staff. There being no knowledge of same among the staff members present at this meeting, it was suggested by Mayor Geissert that a two-week delay would be well served.

During the ensuing discussion, and following further clarification of the issue of the storm drain and the likely dire consequences to the City should this drain be damaged, Councilman Applegate pointed out the possibility (depending on the heavy equipment traffic pattern which is unknown at this time) of this matter essentially becoming a non-issue.

Review of both issues under consideration (driveway width and storm drain) involving input by Council, staff and the proponent, ultimately resulted in the following action.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to continue Agenda Item 15c. CUP 87-23, TT 45406, DAN BUTCHER, to the City Council meeting of September 22, 1987, 7:00 p.m., to allow the proponent an opportunity to discuss the entry way with the Director of Transportation and the City Engineer and to further allow staff an opportunity to investigate the issue of protection of the storm drain. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Mr. Butcher indicated concurrence with the above noted continuance.

Councilman Applegate expressed his hope that the two-week delay will provide an opportunity for the establishment of a mutually agreeable alleviation of the storm drain issue.

Roll call vote on the motion for continuance was unanimously favorable.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. DESTRUCTION OF UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-213

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

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-213. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17b. WAIVING OF FEES FOR SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE FESTIVAL:

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager RECOMMENDS that your Honorable Body waive the carnival license fees for St. Catherine Laboure Church contingent upon payment of the safety inspection fee.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated motion of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote, Ms. Maxine Ulibarri, 16719 Falda, invited attendance at St. Catherine's carnival to be held from September 24 through September 27, 1987.

Roll call on the above motion was unanimously favorable.

Considered together --

17c. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE - CITY CLERK:

17e. TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION - ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

The requests of the City Clerk and Assistant City Manager for authorization to join the 15th Anniversary Celebration in Kashiwa, Japan, per written material provided in the above noted agenda items, were noted.

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Item 17c FINANCE NOTE:

The City Clerk's approved budget 1987-88 in his Direction and Control Program for out-of-town travel is \$2,920. He expects to use approximately \$300 for an approved records management conference and anticipates no other such expenses. Therefore, if approved, funds are available as requested.

Item 17e RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that your Honorable Body authorize the Assistant City Manager to join in the 15th Anniversary Celebration in Kashiwa and approve the use of budgeted travel allowance funds in the amount of Sixteen Hundred Dollars.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur in the requests outlined in Agenda Items 17c and 17e. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Geissert directed that the City Manager develop a position paper pertaining to travel policy guidelines.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to --

17d. MODIFICATION OF GUIDELINES FOR THE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM:

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval of the guidelines modifying the Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program, including the elimination of the Residential Income Property Loan component.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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At this time City Manager Jackson voiced sincere appreciation for the efforts of Ms. Phyllis Moore as the City's Community Development Administrator, and noted that this is her last City Council meeting as an employee of the City of Torrance. Her accomplishments in the area of Federal grant programs were highly praised by Mr. Jackson, who wished Phyllis well in her new career with the City of Long Beach.

17e. TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION - ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

See Pages 14 and 15.

17f. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Page 18.

17g. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT PAYROLL SYSTEM
Expenditure not to exceed: \$71,600.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONTRACT WITH MR. ERIC KANSTROOM, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CURRENT PAYROLL/LABOR SYSTEM

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-214. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21a. PROCLAMATION giving "Special Recognition for Boy Scout Troop 310".

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson reminded the Council of the scheduled hour of 6:00 p.m. for the September 22 Council meeting for purposes of a workshop session to consider the General Aviation Center plans.

22b. City Manager Jackson called attention to the League of California Cities Conference in San Francisco during the week of October 4th. It was the consensus of the Council that the regular City Council meeting of October 6 be designated a "Dark Night" because of anticipated League conference attendance.

22c. City Manager Jackson invited attendance at the Retirement Reception to be held in honor of Viah Johnston at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 9.

22d. City Clerk Wilson advised that the Council photo session originally scheduled for September 22nd at 6:00 p.m. (time of the workshop for the GAC) will, if possible, be rescheduled for October 13, at 6:00 p.m.

22e. Councilwoman Hardison requested that staff follow through on the August 11th Council request for information regarding City-owned meeting rooms.

22f. Councilwoman Hardison noted that she has some concerns regarding flag lot development. Ms. Hardison will review these concerns with staff.

22g. Councilman Nakano congratulated Phyllis Moore and extended best wishes in her future employment.

22h. Councilman Wirth requested that staff report on any Labor Day touch and go operations at the Torrance Airport, and also on any recent morning curfew violations.

22i. Mayor Geissert requested that staff follow up on the graffiti problem on property at the corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw Boulevards.

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The Council now returned to --

17f. 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 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).

The Council will confer with the City Manager regarding the disposition of city owned property at the northeast corner of Crenshaw and Del Amo Boulevards. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8.

The Council will also give instruction to the City Manager regarding the lease of City owned property to Paragon Cable. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9 (b).

At 10:10 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 11:30 p.m., to take the following action.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ELECTING TO BE SUBJECT
TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND
HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO
MEMBERS OF THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-215. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Council now returned to --

22j. Mayor Geissert expressed appreciation to Councilman Wirth for serving as Mayor Pro Tem for the past six months. The Mayor noted that Councilman Applegate will serve as Mayor Pro Tem from September 9, 1987 to March 8, 1988.

At 11:32 p.m., the September 8, 1987, meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, September 15, 1987, at 5:30 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

City Council
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