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Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 1987, at 5:11 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.

Considered at this time --

15. HEARINGS:

15b. APPEAL RE DENIAL OF DISABILITY RETIREMENT FOR WILLIAM SPRANKLING:

The following statement was read into the record by Mayor Geissert.

This is the time, date and place to hear the appeal of retired Fire Captain William T. Sprankling from the denial of his application for a disability retirement by the City Manager.

Following the notification to the City by the Public Employees' Retirement System that William T. Sprankling

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had filed for a disability retirement, an administrative hearing was scheduled before the City Manager or his designee as provided for in Administrative Memorandum No. 27.

The Administrative Hearing was held on April 9, 1987 before the designee of the City Manager to determine whether Mr. Sprankling can substantially perform the duties of the position of Fire Captain. The Personnel Department and the retired employee were represented. Testimony was heard, medical evidence was received and the case was argued to the hearing officer.

Following the hearing, the designee of the City Manager reached the conclusion that Mr. Sprankling is able to substantially perform the duties of the position of Fire Captain.

Mr. Sprankling filed a timely appeal from this decision of the City Manager as provided for in our City Code and Administrative Memorandum.

The California Government Case requires the City Council to make a determination whether Mr. Sprankling is incapacitated for the performance of his duties. Thus, the City Council shall, by a majority vote determine the following:

1. Whether or not William T. Sprankling is substantially disabled from performing his duties as Fire Captain.
2. Whether or not such disability is a result of injury or disease arising out of and in the course of his employment.
3. Whether or not the disability is permanent and stationary.

During the hearing tonight, no evidence not previously submitted and received into evidence at the Administrative Hearing may be heard by the City Council. The hearing will be held only on the record on appeal from the Administrative Hearing and on the oral arguments of the representatives of Mr. Sprankling and the City.

In accordance with the City Attorney's recommendation, I suggest the following procedure for the conduct of the hearing:

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1. Mr. Kocalis (representing Mr. Sprankling) will argue first, for 15 minutes or less.
2. Mr. Lister (representing the City) will then argue for 15 minutes or less.
3. Mr. Kocalis will then have 5 minutes to reply to the City's argument.
4. Finally, the City will have 5 minutes to rebut any new arguments raised by Mr. Kocalis in his reply.

Each of the members of the Council has been furnished with a copy of the administrative record of this matter, including a transcript of the hearing before the designee of the City Manager.

The Mayor then inquired if any member of the Council has not read the material, including the transcript. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE.

Upon the Mayor's next inquiry as to whether the procedure as above outlined meets with the approval of the Council and both representatives, members of the Council indicated approval.

City Attorney Remelmeyer then requested that a stipulation between the parties be read into the record at this time.

Mr. Lister read aloud the following --

The parties will stipulate that the evidentiary hearing that was held before the City Manager's designee on April 9, 1987, was a full evidentiary hearing conforming with all of the requirements of the case law and statutory law currently existing in the State of California and specifically meets the requirements of two fairly recent Court of Appeal cases: Watkins vs. City of Santa Ana and Garner vs. City of Riverside.

Continuing, Mr. Lister stated that in order to avoid a delay and to have Mr. Sprankling's appeal heard by the City Council this evening, he is agreeable to waiving any rights that he may have under the case law above stated and any applicable statutory law that may apply to these proceedings.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer interjected his understanding that Mr. Sprankling's attorney is not precluded by the above stipulation from arguing that Ms. Rojas, the City Manager's designee who heard this case initially, should not, in fact, have heard it. Attorneys Kocalis and Lister concurred with Mr. Remelmeyer's statement.

Mayor Geissert then invited Mr. Kocalis, representing Mr. Sprankling, to address the Council under the adopted procedures above noted.

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Mr. Steven S. Kocalis of Petersen & Kocalis, Attorneys at Law, 1638 East 17th Street, Santa Ana, introduced his client, Mr. William Sprankling, and requested permission for Mr. Sprankling to join him at the podium. City Attorney Remelmeyer deemed this an appropriate request, whereupon Mr. Sprankling came forward.

Attorney Kocalis then presented his case, pointing out that the City's administrative hearing officer, Ms. Liz Rojas, is an Assistant to the City Manager, and was put in the difficult position as hearing officer in this case of being asked to overturn her boss's decision.

Mr. Kocalis then provided a history of his client's employment and medical record and pointed out that: (per medical reports of record) two physicians recommended that Mr. Sprankling be precluded from emotional stress; (per testimony recorded in the April 9th hearing transcript) the job of Fire Captain is extremely stressful; and his client's medication for hypertension had to be increased in 1984.

The relationship of stressful job conditions to the building of hypertension to a point of possible serious consequences was related by Mr. Kocalis, who opined that his client's disability retirement application has been substantiated by both medical and lay testimonial evidence proving that he is substantially incapacitated for the performance of his duties.

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The City's representative, Mr. Lister, was then invited by the Mayor to address the Council.

It should be noted that Mr. Lister did not formally identify himself at any time during these proceedings. The following information is provided for the record:

David E. Lister, Attorney at Law
Kegel, Tobin, Hamrick & Truce
3325 Wilshire Boulevard, #1100
Los Angeles.

Referencing earlier comments regarding the appropriateness of the administrative hearing officer in this case, Mr. Lister advised that the decision of Ms. Rojas was the first decision regarding Mr. Sprankling's application for disability retirement and was based on evidence heard at the trial.

Mr. Lister reviewed Mr. Sprankling's on-going record of hypertension and his personal physician's record which indicated his medication was adjusted only once, in 1984, after which time his blood pressure remained at the same normal level it had been throughout the preceding time of treatment.

Attorney Lister pointed out that Mr. Sprankling had missed no work because of hypertension and his physician had never told him to stop working. In his opinion, there is no evidence in this case that Mr. Sprankling is substantially unable to perform the duties of his regular job, nor is there any evidence that he could not have continued to work satisfactorily had he not voluntarily chosen retirement.

Upon questioning by individual Councilmembers, Mr. Lister stated his opinion that so long as the medication in increased dosages over a period of time was satisfactorily handling the high blood pressure, and an individual is not medically restricted by his treating physician from doing his job, he does not qualify for disability retirement.

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The Mayor then invited Mr. Kocalis to respond.

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Mr. Kocalis maintained that although the hypertensive condition of his client remained rather stable for a period of time, in 1984 there was a dramatic surge and much more medication was required to keep his blood pressure under reasonable control. Mr. Kocalis advised that Mr. Sprankling made a prudent decision at that time that "enough is enough", and filed for a service retirement rather than waiting for dire consequences to befall as a result of his hypertensive condition.

Attorney Kocalis further noted his understanding that the only benefit Mr. Sprankling would receive should the City decide in his favor is for 50% of his present service retirement to be tax free, involving no additional expenditure of monies by the City.

A decision favoring the disability retirement was requested.

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The Mayor then gave Mr. Lister an opportunity to rebut.

It was Attorney Lister's contention that the granting of this disability retirement might, at some point, cost the City additional monies because of the precedent setting aspects involved.

Mr. Lister maintained that it has not been proven that Mr. Sprankling is substantially disabled from performing the majority of his job duties inasmuch as he did those job duties for a number of years while taking medication for hypertension.

In Mr. Lister's opinion, there is no basis on which to grant a disability retirement.

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Mayor Geissert 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 on the appeal of the decision by the City Manager denying the disability retirement of employee William T. Sprankling.

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The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54957.

City Attorney Remelmeyer announced that he would not accompany the Council into this closed session (as above announced); however, he would be available to respond to any questions regarding the law which may present themselves.

At 5:58 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning to the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Geissert noted that the Council has considered the testimony, has read all of the hearing data, and at this time is prepared to make a decision in the matter of an appeal of denial of disability retirement of William T. Sprankling by the hearing officer for the City Manager.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to reverse the decision of the City Manager's office, thereby finding Mr. Sprankling substantially disabled and grant him a disability retirement effective back to December 26, 1984.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The Council then proceeded with its regular meeting of this date which is recorded on the subsequent pages of these minutes.

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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 6:32 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 1987, in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

All Councilmembers were present (see Page 1).

Councilwoman Hardison announced that it would be necessary for her to leave the meeting at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Mr. Ted Porter led in the salute to the flag.

Reverend Randy Rhoades, Jubilee Fellowship, provided the invocation for the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of September 8, 1987, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was un-animously 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 in regular order. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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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, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 10c: SECURITY FENCING AT EL DORADO RETENTION BASIN -- City Manager Jackson requested that this matter be withdrawn from the agenda, to be returned at a later date.

Item 15a: CUP 86-1 (MOD) CARVER DEVELOPMENT -- City Attorney Remelmeyer requested a continuance to October 13, 1987, at 7:00 p.m. (see Page 13 for formal action).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Met Monday, September 28
Report forthcoming.

Considered out of order at this time.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Hardison congratulated Councilman Applegate on his recent recognition by the YMCA.

22b. Mayor Geissert announced the October 24th 75th Anniversary Celebration of the City of Torrance at Wilson Park.

22c. Ms. Hope Witkowsky announced the October 10th Special Olympics event in the City of Torrance. All interested parties were invited to attend.

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The regular agenda order was resumed at this time.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARDS:

It was with a great deal of pleasure that Mayor Geissert presented twenty-five year service awards to the following City employees --

Aaron Smith - Fire Fighter
Richard Ciciotti - Survey Party Chief
Gilbert Bynon - Principal Building Inspector.

8b. RECOGNITION OF JOHN SCHMIDT:

Mayor Geissert, on behalf of her colleagues on the Council, presented a plaque to Mr. John Schmidt upon his resignation from the Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority after more than seventeen years of service.

There was appreciative acceptance by Mr. Schmidt.

8c. 75th ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL PANELS AND PROCLAMATION
Proclaiming October as "75th Anniversary Month":

Mayor Geissert presented a plaque to Mr. Bill Kenney of Pacific Telesis in appreciation of their sponsorship of the 75th Anniversary Historical Panels of the City of Torrance on display in the Council Chambers. There was grateful acceptance by Mr. Kenney.

The proclamation proclaiming October as "75th Anniversary Month" was formally announced by the Mayor, and was presented to Ms. Barbara Johnson, curator of the Joslyn Center of the Arts.

Ms. Janet Payne, accompanied by representatives of the Torrance Historical Society, described some of the activities and recent acquisitions of the Society in this, the 75th year since the founding of the City of Torrance.

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The hour being 7:03 p.m., Councilwoman Hardison departed from the meeting.

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8d. PROCLAMATION proclaiming October 4 through 10 as "National Employ the Handicapped Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted with appreciation by Mr. Ray Lovell, Chairman of the South Bay Mayors' Committee for Employment of the Handicapped.

8e. PROCLAMATION proclaiming October 5 through 9 as "Ride-share Week '87."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted with gratitude by Kathleen Dawson, District Manager of Commuter Computer.

8f. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the week of October 4 through 10 as "Coastweek" and Saturday, October 10, as "California Coastal Clean-Up Day."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

8g. VISITORS BUREAU APPOINTMENTS:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to appoint the following members to the Visitors Bureau:

- Mr. Michael Jackson, Manager of Civic Affairs for TRW.
- Mr. Kurt Von Zumwalt, Community Relations Manager for Toyota.
- Mr. Mike Lynn, Marketing Manager for the Daily Breeze.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

It was noted by the Mayor that three alternate members will be appointed by the Council at a later date.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. STREET MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS,
SB 300 FUNDS - NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND REQUEST TO
REALLOCATE FUNDS AMONG PROJECTS:

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> | <u>Total Cost To Date</u> | <u>Outstanding Items</u> |
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| 1. Heater Remix & Resurfacing (4 locations) | \$202,000.00 | \$191,905.74 | Invoice, Street Dept. charges |
| 2. Torrance Blvd. Rehabilitation | 122,000.00* | Combined below | Invoices, C.O. cost re: utility interference, Soils Consultant's costs, Engr'g Dept. charges |
| 3. 190th St. Rehabilitation | 54,000.00* | 176,526.06* | |
| 4. Slurry Seal Program | 55,000.00 | 53,253.25 | Invoice, Street Dept. charges |
| 5. Curb, Gutter and Pavement Repairs | 242,692.78 | 236,275.08 | Invoice, Street Dept. charges |
| | \$675,692.78 | \$657,960.13 | |
| | Balance | \$17,732.65 | |

*Note: Council previously approved combining appropriations for these two (2) projects under one contract

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering and Street Departments recommend that all work on the subject five (5) street maintenance and reconstruction projects be accepted, that Notices of Completion be recorded, and that staff be authorized to reallocate SB 300 Funds among the five (5) projects within the limits of the authorized appropriations, and that payment of the SB 300 Funds be authorized.

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

10b. SOUTH BAY TRANSIT TELEPHONE INFORMATION PROJECT MOU:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITIES OF CARSON AND GARDENA, THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-229. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

10c. SECURITY FENCE AT EL DORADO RETENTION BASIN:

WITHDRAWN - see Page 9.

15. HEARINGS:

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

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to continue Agenda Item 15a to the City Council meeting of October 13, 1987, 7:00 p.m. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

15b. APPEAL OF DENIAL OF DISABILITY RETIREMENT FOR WILLIAM SPRANKLING:

See Pages 1-7.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. AIRPORT LIABILITY INSURANCE:

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager respectfully requests your Honorable Body to concur with the proposed new policy for Airport Liability Insurance with Southeastern Aviation National Union Insurance Company for a limit of \$20,000,000 with \$2,500 deductible at a total cost of \$35,017.35 for the period October 1, 1987 to October 1, 1988.

Funds for the above insurance have been included in the 1987-88 budget.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

17b. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE -

Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority,
Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation,
Torrance Improvements Corporation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager respectfully requests your Honorable Body to concur with the purchase of the 1987-88 General Liability coverage for the Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority, Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation and the Torrance Improvements Corporation with the Zurich Insurance Company from first dollar to \$1,000,000 limit at an annual cost of \$5,580 for the period October 21, 1987 to October 21, 1988.

Funds for the above insurance have been included in the 1987-88 budget.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation on Agenda Item 17b. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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17c. CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF SELF-INSURED LIABILITY CLAIMS: October 8, 1987 - October 8, 1988:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CARL WARREN AND COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-230. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

17d. DANGEROUS ANIMAL ORDINANCE:

City Attorney Remelmeyer clarified that all of the amendments previously requested by the Council at its July 14 meeting are now incorporated in the ordinance presently before the Council for consideration. Mr. Remelmeyer noted that the subject ordinance specifically states that there will be no appeal to the City Council from the decision of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission relating to this subject.

It was the consensus of the Council, following discussion, that the ordinance should contain the right of appeal to the City Council (see action below).

ORDINANCE NO. 3209

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING DANGEROUS DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS; AND AMENDING SECTION 41.1.4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WILD ANIMALS

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve Ordinance No. 3209 at its first reading, AMENDING Section 41.9.19, last sentence to read: ". . . however, the decision of the Environmental Quality Commission shall be appealable to the City Council.

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The above motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 20 and 21.

17f. PLACEMENT OF REMOTE CAMERAS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS:

Cable Television Administrator Carter provided the staff presentation on this item, responding to Council questions as desired.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the fourth camera -- its function, possible location, and the need therefor. There being divergent opinions among Councilmembers regarding the fourth camera, action was ultimately taken as is reflected below.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to hold Item 17f until October 13, 1987, when a full Council will be present. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Councilman Nakano requested that staff return on October 13th with alternative options for the location of Camera 4, including consideration of mounting the camera below the EXIT sign at the most northeasterly doorway to the Chambers.

There being no objection to the above motion, it was so ordered by Mayor Geissert (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 44706
Subdivider: R. G. A. Inc.
Location: 2025 Artesia Boulevard
No. of Lots: 1 (15 unit condominium)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that Final Tract Map 44706 be approved.

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- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT to furnish the City's annual requirement for Xerographic paper, inventory index and carbonless papers.
Ref. Bid B87-56
Anticipated Expenditure: \$61,812.81 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award the following contracts to the low bidders for each item as follows:

1. Recommend a contract award be made to Unisource Corporation of Commerce, CA for bid item numbers 3, 10, 34-40 and 49, in the total anticipated amount of \$5600.84 including tax.
2. Recommend a contract award be made to Nationwide Papers of Los Angeles for bid items numbers 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 17-33, 41-48, in the total anticipated amount of \$47,094.30 including tax.
3. Recommend a contract award be made to La Salle Paper Company of Los Angeles, CA for bid item numbers 12-16, 50-67, 70-76, in the total anticipated amount of \$9,117.68 including tax.
4. Items 68, 69, 77, 78, and 79, will not be recommended for purchase at this time, as no one bid either the item or an acceptable equivalent.

- 20c. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To furnish and install Carpeting in the City of Torrance Engineering Offices.
Ref: Bid B87-59
Expenditure: \$12,055.00, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body award a contract to furnish and install carpeting at the City of Torrance Engineering Offices including relocation and return of fixtures and furniture, to Freds Rug Service of Torrance, California in the total amount of \$12,055.00, including tax.

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- 20d. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT to furnish Sony DXC-3000 video camera equipment as replacement unit.
Ref. Bid B87-63
Expenditure: \$6,618.97 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body authorize the award of contract to furnish Sony DXC-3000 video camera equipment with the low responsible bidder, Metrovonics, Inc. of Los Alamitos, California in the amount of \$6,618.97 including tax.

- 20e. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Contract to furnish and install new air conditioning system in City Hall computer room.
Ref. Bid #B87-49
Funding: 1983-84 Federal Revenue Sharing Funds
Expenditure: \$46,422.75 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that inasmuch as the low responsible bid was submitted by the South Bay Heating & Air Conditioning Company, that Council award them the contract to furnish and install the required air conditioning equipment in the total amount of \$46,422.75 including tax.

- 20f. REJECTION OF BIDS - CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF 229TH PLACE WEST OF ARLINGTON AVENUE AND FOUR VARIOUS LOCATIONS ALONG ARLINGTON AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that the bids received for 229th Place west of Arlington Avenue and four various locations be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, 20c, 20d, 20e, and 20f. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried un-animously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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At 7:44 p.m., the City Council met in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the Council agenda at 7:45 p.m., but remaining in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session to be held later in the meeting. See Pages 20 and 21.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 9.

22b. See Page 9.

22c. See Page 9.

22d. City Attorney Remelmeyer extended congratulations to Councilman Applegate for the honor recently bestowed upon him for his outstanding work with the YMCA.

22e. Councilman Applegate expressed sincere appreciation for his recognition in association with the Torrance South Bay YMCA.

22f. Councilman Mock requested that staff prepare an ordinance in conjunction with a Council agenda item relating to the dangers of alcoholic beverage consumption as related to pregnancy.

22g. Councilman Walker congratulated Daily Breeze writer Jim Rainey on his recent change of employment to the Los Angeles Times.

22h. Mayor Geissert congratulated Councilman Applegate on his much deserved honor for his YMCA endeavors.

22i. Mayor Geissert jointed in congratulating Jim Rainey for his new position with the Los Angeles Times.

22j. Mayor Geissert proposed the following recipients for the Jared Sidney Torrance Award:

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22j. Mayor Geissert proposed the following recipients for the Jared Sidney Torrance Award:

- Albert Isen (Posthumously)
- George Stevens
- Polly Watts
- J. H. Hull (Posthumously)
- Judge John Shidler.

The Mayor requested that the City Manager return to Council with a resolution to that effect on October 13, and that the awards be presented on October 20.

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

The Council now returned to --

17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session (see Page 19), Mayor/Chairwoman 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 problems arising from the architectural contracts with H. Wendell Mounce. Authority for holding an executive session for this potential litigation purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (b).

Authority for holding an executive session for the purpose of conferring with our legal counsel regarding current litigation is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9 (a). Under this provision we will confer regarding one City litigation matter and four Redevelopment Agency litigation matters. They are:

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City of Redondo Beach v. City of Torrance, L.A.
Superior Court Case No. SWC 94037;

Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance v.
W. D. Tollefson, et al, L.A. Superior Court Case
No. C 527239;

Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs.
vs. Cucci, et al, L.A. Superior Court Case No.
C 544917;

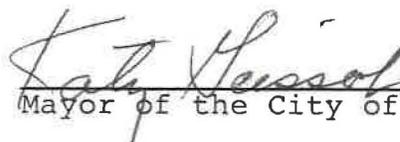
Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance v.
Woolson/Roemisch, et al, L.A. Superior Court Case
No. C 544910; and

Remco asserted rights in eminent domain litigation
in the Torrance Industrial Redevelopment Project
25+ Acre area.

At 8:02 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of
the City of Torrance recessed to a joint executive session,
returning at 9:35 p.m.

No action was taken as a result of the executive ses-
sion, and both Council and Agency were formally adjourned at 9:36
p.m. to Tuesday, October 13, 1987, 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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