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Adjournment was at 6:52 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, November 3, 1987, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

Absent: Councilmembers Applegate and Nakano.

Also present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Remelmeyer, Deputy City Clerk Hong, and Staff representatives.

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the recent passing of two active members of the community --

Mr. William J. Uerkwitz, former member of the Torrance City Council and the Planning Commission, and one who was instrumental in the formation of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association.

Mr. James W. Alexander, past District Governor of CIVITAN, who displayed an abiding interest in the welfare of the community.

Mayor Geissert requested that this meeting be adjourned in memory of these two individuals.

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3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Mr. Dan Collins, City Traffic Engineer, led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Tony Roberts, First Assembly of God Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve the City Council minutes of October 13, 1987, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Nakano absent).

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 resolution or ordinance in regular order. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Nakano absent).

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. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate and Nakano absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE SALARIES
Tuesday, November 10, 1987, 6:30 p.m.

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Considered next, out of order --

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Mayor Geissert introduced Mr. Jeff Rabin, a new member of the Los Angeles Times staff who will be covering the Torrance City Council meetings.

The Mayor extended best wishes to Mr. Rabin's predecessor, Mr. George Stein, on his new assignment.

The regular agenda order was resumed.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS:

It was with pleasure that Mayor Geissert presented service awards to the following City employees --

TWENTY YEARS:

Sam Smith, Civil Engineering Assistant.

TEN YEARS:

Gary Stahl, Fire Fighter

James Ellingson, Fire Engineer.

8b. PROCLAMATION proclaiming November 6, 1987, as "Temple Menorah 40th Anniversary Celebration Day."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted, on behalf of Rabbi Silver, by Ms. Hope Witkowsky. Ms. Witkowsky was accompanied to the podium by Ms. Fronda Port.

8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming November 9 through 15, 1987, as "Marine Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted with appreciation by Staff Sgt. J. C. Williams.

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9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. CHILDREN'S MATERIALS COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT GRANT:

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Librarian recommends that your Honorable Body accept and appropriate the \$10,000 LCA grant for Children's Materials Collection Development in Urban Areas to purchase Asian language material at Henderson and North Torrance Branch Libraries.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Librarian. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Nakano absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. SENATE BILL 821 FUNDING FOR FY 1987-88:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO APPLY FOR FY 1987-88 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SB-821 AND APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A CURB CUT PROJECT ALONG THE ROUTE OF THE CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BIKEWAY

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-252. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Director of Transportation Horkay announced that this is the last Council meeting to be attended by City Traffic Engineer Dan Collins as a member of City staff -- Dan is leaving the employ of the City and moving to Hayward, California. Mr. Horkay expressed sincere appreciation for Dan's efforts in behalf of the City of Torrance.

Mayor Geissert praised the "extraordinarily good service" and responsiveness to citizen concerns rendered by Mr. Collins through the years. These sentiments were echoed by Councilmembers present, and best wishes for the future were extended.

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Roll call vote on the motion was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Nakano absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR PROGRAMMER:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Civil Service Commission and the Personnel Department recommend approval of the proposed class specification for Programmer.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 14a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Nakano absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MARCH 8, 1988:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-253

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE, PERTAINING TO MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE AND THE COSTS OF THE CANDIDATES STATEMENT FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1988

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-253. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Nakano absent).

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To provide Loop Replacement of Traffic Signal Loops and Stub Outs at Various City of Torrance Locations.
Ref: Bid B87-75
Not to Exceed Expenditure: \$10,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body authorize the Award of a Contract to provide Replacement of Traffic Signal Loops and Stub Outs at various City of Torrance locations to the low responsible bidder, Signal Maintenance Inc. of Anaheim, California in the "not to exceed" amount of \$10,000.00.

- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To purchase one (1) new pickup truck.
Ref: Bid B87-76
Expenditure: \$8,134.03, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body award a contract for the purchase of one (1) new pickup truck to be used as a parking enforcement vehicle to the low responsible bidder, Martin Chevrolet of Torrance, California, in the total amount of \$8,134.03 including tax.

- 20c. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To furnish and deliver additional CCD Remote Camera for the City's Council Chamber.
Ref: Bid B87-55 and B87-47
Expenditure: \$9,753.38, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body authorize the award of a contract to furnish and deliver the 4th CCD Remote Camera Equipment for the City's Council Chamber on a cost plus 5% basis with, Metrovonic, Inc. of Los Alamitos, California in the amount of \$9,753.38, including tax.

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, and 20c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Nakano absent).

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At 6:02 p.m., the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the Council agenda at 6:03 p.m., but remaining in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session held later in the meeting. (See Page 8).

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 3.

22b. City Manager Jackson expressed appreciation for City Traffic Engineer Dan Collins' years of dedicated service to the City, stating: "We will miss him."

22c. City Attorney Remelmeyer expressed sadness at the passing of former Councilman Bill Uerkwitz, a good friend who will be missed greatly.

22d. Councilwoman Hardison congratulated Dan Collins on his new career opportunity.

22e. Councilwoman Hardison expressed disappointment that the County had not exercised the consolidation of precincts in today's election.

22f. Councilman Walker expressed his appreciation to Dan Collins for his many years of hard work in the City of Torrance.

22g. Councilman Walker recalled the deep personal friendship which had developed over the years with Bill Uerkwitz, and noted his passing as a great loss for his widow, Pat, and for the community.

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22h. Councilman Wirth referenced correspondence from the Concerned Citizens for Local Jobs Committee, and requested that the City Manager's office follow up with an appropriate resolution for Council consideration at its November 17 meeting.

22i. Councilman Wirth requested that the matters of parking restrictions on Elm and Date Avenues be jointly considered by the Traffic Commission.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22j. Councilman Wirth requested that the Traffic and Civil Service Commission staffs develop a mechanism for forwarding information on Commission action to Council in a timely manner regarding matters which may be appealed. Staff will follow up in this regard.

22k. Mayor Geissert noted that a Police Honor Guard will be present tomorrow at the funeral services for former Councilman Bill Uerkwitz.

22l. Mayor Geissert commended Parks and Recreation Director Gene Barnett for his management of visitors to the Halloween Carnival at Wilson Park on this past rainy Halloween night.

The Council now returned to --

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session (see Page 7), 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 City Council will also receive advice from the City Attorney regarding potential litigation arising from the architectural contracts with H. Wendell Mounce.

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Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (b).

The City Council will give instruction to the City Manager regarding the leasing of Del Amo Mall property to construct a Transit Parking Facility. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.8.

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, will confer with the Agency's Counsel regarding eminent domain litigation entitled Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance v. W. D. Tollefson, et al, L. A. Superior Court Case No. C 527239. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (a).

At 6:11 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to joint executive session, returning at 6:51 p.m., to take Agency-related action only (that action is reflected in the Redevelopment Agency minutes of this date).

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At 6:52 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency meetings of this date were formally adjourned to Tuesday, November 10, 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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