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Adjournment was at 9:03 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 10, 1987, at 7:06 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Applegate.

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

3. FLAG SAUTE/INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Boy Scout Troop 310 - James Gordon, Scoutmaster.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Dr. Donald E. Wilson.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

[No minutes available.]

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

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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 (Councilman Applegate absent).

5. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison 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 absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 15a: CUP 87-37, GPA 87-9, ZC 87-5, KARL FECHNER, ENTERPRISES, INC. --

City Manager Jackson called attention to the proponent's written request that this matter be continued for one week. Mr. Jackson also noted receipt of a request from a homeowners group that this item be considered late on that meeting night. (See Pages 5 and 6 for Council action).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE, EXEMPT AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES

Met this date - report to Council will be forthcoming.

Considered next out of order --

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Mayor Geissert acknowledged the presence of Ms. Pat Wright, instructor, City of Torrance Adult Education Citizenship class, who invited members of her current class to introduce themselves.

A warm welcome was extended by Mayor Geissert on behalf of her colleagues on the Council and the community.

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The Council's regular agenda order was resumed.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. TORRANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT 75TH ANNIVERSARY:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING MEMBERS, PAST AND PRESENT, OF THE TORRANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EFFORTS PUT FORTH FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-251. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

The above resolution was received, with sincere appreciation, by Fire Chief Adams.

Chief Adams then introduced members of the Fire Department's 75th Anniversary Committee as follows:

Engineer Jim Ellingson, Chairman
Fire Fighter/Paramedic Steve Swigart
Fire Fighter Kevin Condon
Brian Campanella
Fire Fighter Dave Richmond
Fire Fighter/Paramedic Joe Neese
Administrator Analyst Brian Sunshine, Co-Chair and Staff Liaison

Chief Adams then presented the Mayor, Councilmembers and City Manager with commemorative 75th Anniversary Fire Department badges, as designed by the 75th Anniversary Committee. These magnificent badges were accepted with sincere appreciation.

On behalf of the Committee, Administrative Analyst Brian Sunshine, then presented a picture of the Department's anniversary badge to Chief Adams, in appreciation for his outstanding support.

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8b. RESOLUTION RE HIRING PERSONNEL FROM COMMUNITY:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ENCOURAGING THE BUSINESS
COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO HIRE
PERSONNEL FROM THIS COMMUNITY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-254. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. SUNDAY STAFFING OF LIBRARY:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body approve an amendment to the contract with Library Management Systems providing for a total increase of \$608.00 to cover costs of increased staffing time for the Civic Center Library on Sundays.

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

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTOR OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR
POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTOR OFFICERS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-255. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

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11b. SETTING OF HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF 1985 UNIFORM FIRE CODE:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the request of the Fire Chief that your Honorable Body conduct a public hearing for the adoption of the 1985 Uniform Fire Code on Tuesday, November 24, 1987, at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the Fire Chief's recommendation that Council conduct the above referenced public hearing on November 24, 1987. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. FUND APPROPRIATION AND CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR TUSD:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THIS CERTAIN CONTRACT RENEWAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-256. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 87-37, GPA 87-9, ZC 87-5, KARL FECHNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of a Planning Commission recommendation for a General Plan Amendment from Public/Quasi-Public/Open Space to Light Industrial and Zone Change from PU (Public Use) to ML (M1-PP) (Limited Manufacturing with a Light Manufacturing Precise Plan Overlay) and an administrative appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to

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allow the construction of a light industrial business park and a mini-storage facility at the Grace Wright School site at 3828 Del Amo Boulevard and 3915 Spencer Street. CUP 87-37, GPA 87-9, ZC 87-5: KARL FECHNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

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

Mayor Geissert referenced the City Manager's earlier announcement of a requested continuance on this agenda item (see Page 2 of these minutes).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to continue Agenda Item 15a, CUP 87-37, GPA 87-9, ZC 87-5, KARL FECHNER ENTERPRISES, INC., to Tuesday, November 17, 1987, with the matter to be heard at 7:00 p.m. or later. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. ATTORNEY SERVICES:

RESOLUTION NO. 87-257

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING TWO NEW CONTRACTS WITH THE LAW FIRMS OF COX, CASTLE AND NICHOLSON, AND LIEBERT, CASSIDY AND FRIERSON, AND APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO TWO EXISTING CONTRACTS WITH THE LAW FIRMS OF POLLARD, BAUMAN, SLOME AND MCINTOSH AND EPSTEIN, BECKER, BORSODY AND GREEN

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-257. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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17b. BUDGET MODIFICATION RE APPROPRIATION OF STATE GAS TAX FUNDS IN LIEU OF GENERAL FUNDS:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that an additional \$81,000 of State Gas Tax funds be appropriated for transfer to the General Fund as a 1987-88 offset of street maintenance costs and that a like amount be reallocated to the Engineering Department budget for approved office modifications and word processing programs.

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

17c. VIDEOTAPING OF SANITATION DISTRICT PRESENTATION:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Cable Television Administrator that the City Council authorize the Office of Cable Communications to videotape the November 18 Sanitation District #5 Residential Source Separation Feasibility presentation.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Cable Television Administrator. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 9 and 10.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To provide Aerial Photographs of the City of Torrance.
Ref: Bid B87-73
Expenditure: \$18,900.00.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body authorize the Award of a Contract to provide Aerial Photographs of the City of Torrance to the Low Responsible Bidder, Jess L. McMartin Photogrammetric Consultant of Huntington Beach, California in the total amount of \$18,900.00.

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

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At 7:30 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adjourning as Redevelopment Agency at 7:31 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 2.

22b. City Attorney Remelmeyer related, at the request of Mayor Geissert, his experience in testifying before a State Senate Committee regarding Assemblyman Floyd's Bill which would make the wearing of motorcycle helmets mandatory. Mr. Remelmeyer also noted his interest in the feasibility of establishing an indemnity fund for local agencies from motorcycle license fees and sales.

22c. City Clerk Wilson related highlights of his recent trip to Kashiwa, Japan, where the Kashiwa Sister City 15th Anniversary was celebrated.

22d. Councilwoman Hardison requested that staff remove the "NARROW STREET" sign on 235th Place west of Cabrillo.

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22e. Councilwoman Hardison requested that staff provide additional information regarding development of the Grace Wright School site -- cumulative impacts, etc.

22f. Councilman Mock voiced appreciation for his recent observation of the Hazardous Materials Team demonstration at Fire Station No. 5, and suggested that his fellow Councilmembers view a like demonstration at Station No. 6.

Fire Chief Adams to coordinate.

22g. Councilman Nakano commented on the cultural differences and exchanges with Kashiwa, and expressed his appreciation for having been named leader of the delegation.

22h. Councilman Wirth expressed appreciation to staff for having provided information regarding gridlock and toy gun legislation.

The Council now returned to --

17d. 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 City Council will also receive advice from the City Attorney regarding potential litigation arising from the claim for property damage by Ms. Winefred L. Brase. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (b).

At 7:47 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 9:02 p.m., to take the following action.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and the City's Claims Administrator for settlement of the claim of Winefred L. Brase.

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

Further action was taken as indicated below.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-258

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION NO. 87-177

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-258. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

23. ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:03 p.m., the meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, November 17, 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

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