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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, January 3, 1989, at 5:33 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 Nelson, and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Ms. Lola Unger.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Fire Chief Scott Adams.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 22, 1988, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on the agenda for this meeting, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmem-

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ber the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

City Manager Jackson announced the withdrawal of Agenda Item 10a: NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Street Improvements on Plaza Del Amo; 229th Place; and along Arlington Avenue. This item is to be returned at a later date, per Mr. Jackson. [See Page 4].

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Employee Relations and Department Organization
Committee
Monday, January 9, 1989 - 4:30 p.m.
Subject: Transfer of Communications;
Review of Richter Report.

Revenue Workshop - All Councilmembers
Tuesday, January 10, 1989 - 6:00 p.m.
Subject: Review of Fee Schedules.

Community Planning and Design Committee
Tuesday, January 17, 1989 - 4:30 p.m.
Subject: Recommendations for R-1 Zone
Construction.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RETIREMENT RESOLUTION - PHILIP F. WALL:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERVISOR PHILIP F. WALL FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE THROUGHOUT HIS THIRTY TWO YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-1. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

This resolution was presented by Mayor Geissert, and gratefully accepted by Mr. Wall.

8b. RETIREMENT RESOLUTION AND PLAQUE - BILL UCHINO:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING TREE TRIMMER BILL UCHINO FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE THROUGHOUT HIS TWENTY SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-2. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

This resolution and a retirement plaque were presented by Mayor Geissert and accepted, with appreciation, by Mr. Uchino.

8c. TEN-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS:

Mayor Geissert presented awards in commemoration of ten years of City service to the following employees --

- Ms. Mary Gordon, Senior Account Clerk
- Mr. Robert Maag, Jr., Firefighter
- Mr. Al Sherman, Administrative Specialist.

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- 8d. PROCLAMATION naming Monday, January 16, 1989, as
"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day" in Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert [to be presented at a
later date].

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - STREET IMPROVEMENT OF:
a) Plaza Del Amo from Maple Avenue to Crenshaw
Boulevard;
b) 229th Place west of Arlington Avenue;
c) Various locations along Arlington Avenue
south of Sepulveda Boulevard (B87-87).

WITHDRAWN - See Page 2.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 12a. ZONING STUDIES - COLUMBIA SCHOOL SITE AND SURPLUS
LAND AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL
CENTER (SCROC):

RECOMMENDATION:

Based upon the fact that both the Columbia Elementary
School property and a portion of the SCROC property has
been declared surplus, the Planning Director and City
Manager recommend that your Honorable Body direct staff
to study these properties for zoning and land use
alternatives.

Audience input was invited by Mayor Geissert.

Ms. Lola Unger, 3903 Bluff Street, President of the
Torrance League of Women Voters, requested and received
clarification regarding various aspects of this agenda item, and
applauded the City's efforts in studying both of these properties
prior to consideration of an actual change of zone.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the
recommendation of the Planning Director and City Manager on
Agenda Item 12a. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Har-
dison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. EXAMINATION AND RECRUITMENT - INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Civil Service Administrator and Civil Service Commission recommend that your Honorable Body authorize the examination for Information Systems Director on an open competitive basis and approve the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement with Norman Roberts and Associates and appropriating \$18,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies for the recruitment of an Information Systems Director.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND NORMAN ROBERTS & ASSOCIATES FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN THE RECRUITMENT FOR THE POSITION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$18,000 FOR SAID SERVICES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-3. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Nakano expressed his desire that the salary range for this position be competitive with private industry in order that individuals of quality caliber are encouraged to apply.

It was ultimately indicated by Council consensus that the consultant should be invited to provide input regarding a desirable salary range for this position.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 89-3 was unanimously favorable.

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15. HEARINGS:

15a. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE:

Mayor Geissert announced that this is the time and place for a public hearing before the City Council on the revision of the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Torrance.

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

A brief staff report was provided by City Clerk Bramhall, who noted the following --

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the revisions to the Conflict of Interest Code as set forth by amendments to the Government Code and those revisions resulting from certain changes and additions within City departments.

Referencing Page 11 of the agenda material on this item, Section 500 relative to DISQUALIFICATION, Councilman Nakano requested specific clarification from the City Attorney as to the extent of the impact of this section on Planning Commissioners.

City Attorney Nelson advised that a Planning Commissioner, when prohibited from participating in the decision making process, is also prohibited from influencing that decision by lobbying his fellow commissioners.

As the discussion and inquiries continued, Mr. Nelson advised that he will provide the Council with precise information as to whether or not a Commissioner in such a position would be permitted to lobby members of the City Council, as well as specific information on how stringent the City may become in governing such activity.

There being no one in the audience who wished to address the Council concerning this matter, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES FOR
TRANSPORTATION WORKPLACE DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING FEDERAL
REGULATIONS REQUIRING MANDATORY RANDOM
DRUG TESTING AS OUTLINED IN THE DEPART-
MENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES FOR
TRANSPORTATION WORKPLACE DRUG TESTING
PROGRAMS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 89-4. This motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried
unanimously by roll call vote.

17b. REAL PROPERTY RESOURCES/SPECIALTY RESTAURANT LEASE:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN
THE CITY AND SKYPARK RPR ASSOCIATES I, A
CALIFORNIA GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, FOR LAND
CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY SPECIALTY RESTAURANTS
AT 2780 SKYPARK DRIVE, AND AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST
A TERMINATION OF LEASE FOR SPECIALTY
RESTAURANTS, AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS
TO EFFECTUATE THE CHANGE OF LEASEHOLD

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 89-5. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried
unanimously by roll call vote.

17c. LOS ANGELES COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO SCAQMD:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body either offer
a new candidate or re-affirm your support for Marvin
Braude, the candidate originally selected at a previous
Council meeting.

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Following a brief Council discussion, during which time Councilmembers Applegate and Walker indicated their support of Mr. Tom Heinsheimer, action was taken as is indicated below.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to reconfirm the support of the City of Torrance for Mr. Marvin Braude. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock, Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: Councilmembers Applegate and Walker.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3248:

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 51.7.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF AIRPORT ORDINANCES BY DESIGNATED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3248 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

18b. ORDINANCE NO. 3249:

ORDINANCE NO. 3249

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 3180 PERTAINING TO THE WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE TORRANCE CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3249 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish City's Annual Requirements of Asphalt and Related Street Maintenance Products.
Ref: Bid No. B88-62
Anticipated Expenditure: \$687,713.10
including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that Your Honorable Body authorize the award of an annual contract for the purchase of asphalt and related Street Maintenance products from the Low Responsible Bidder, Vernon Paving Co. of Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$687,713.10.

- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish annual requirements of Crushed Aggregate Base (per Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction).
Ref: Bid No. B88-61
Anticipated Expenditure: \$181,113.90
including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division is recommending that Council award a contract to the low bidder, Cal Mat Company of Los Angeles, CA for the City's annual requirements of Crushed Aggregate Base, in the anticipated amount of \$181,113.90, including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a and 20b. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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At 6:16 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. At 6:17 p.m., the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned, and the Body immediately convened as the Cable Television Public Access Foundation of the City of Torrance. At 6:20 p.m., the Cable Television Public Access Foundation meeting was adjourned and the City Council reconvened.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson announced that, upon the retirement of Gerry Boutwell as Information Systems Director, Kathy Peyton-Jenno was appointed to act in that capacity.

22b. City Attorney Nelson advised that there may be a technical amendment forthcoming to Ordinance No. 3248 [Agenda Item 18a, Page 8 of these minutes].

22c. Councilwoman Hardison wished everyone a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

22d. Councilman Nakano requested that consideration be given to amending the City's current sign ordinance pertaining to signs that are displayed in a foreign language. Mr. Nakano requested that a sign in English be required of equal or greater size than the foreign-language sign; that English appear first or on top; and that the English sign have precedence if space does not allow for two signs.

City Manager Jackson will bring this back [directly to Council at Councilman Nakano's request] as a regular agenda item.

22e. Councilman Wirth requested that the City Manager's office explore the possibility of requiring certification of workers [such as pipe-fitters] at the Mobil refinery.

22f. Councilman Wirth suggested that the display recently provided by the Engineering Department be exhibited in the lobby of City Hall, particularly on Council meeting nights. It was suggested by Mayor Geissert that the Cable TV administrator investigate the possibility of working this historical display into a Cable TV presentation.

22g. Mayor Geissert congratulated all who worked on the City's rose float entry for 1989, with a special acknowledgment of the efforts of Parks and Recreation Department employees.

22h. Mayor Geissert extended best wishes for the New Year.

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22i. In response to a question by Mayor Geissert, City Attorney Nelson advised that the legal report regarding Mobil Oil Refinery problems should be available for the Council in approximately one week. City Manager Jackson also noted that a staff analysis of the Gage-Babcock report is under way, and that material should be submitted to Council in approximately two weeks.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

Mayor Geissert read the following statement into the record.

The City Council will now recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager and/or the City Attorney on the following subject:

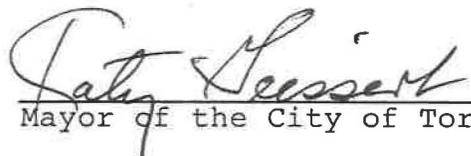
Salaries, salary schedules and compensation for certain unrepresented employees and represented employee groups as well as certain other personnel matters.

Authority to hold an executive session for these purposes is contained in Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6(a).

At 6:32 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session for the above stated purpose, returning at 7:10 p.m.

No action was required as a result of the executive session, and the meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, January 10, 1989, at 6:00 p.m. for purposes of a Revenue Workshop -- the regularly scheduled Council meeting of that date will commence at 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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