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Peggy Laverty
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 at 6:05 p.m., on Tuesday, January 10, 1989, in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Mock, Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Geissert. Councilman Walker arrived at 6:06 p.m. [immediately following roll call].

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Nelson, and Staff representatives.

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Mayor Geissert announced that the City Council convened at this early hour for purposes of conducting the following Revenue Workshop.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

REVENUE WORKSHOP
[ALL COUNCILMEMBERS]

I. INTRODUCTION.

City Manager Jackson provided a brief introduction to this workshop session, advising that this is a follow up to actions authorized during the budget process and returned at this time for Council consideration and direction.

II. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this meeting, as outlined by Finance Director Giordano, is to present to Council the results of the user fee study performed by David M. Griffith & Associates, Ltd., and to have Council consider an increase in the Park and Recreation Facilities Tax.

Ms. Giordano noted that the user fee recovery rate, as set forth in staff's recommendation [Page 3 of these minutes], varies by department depending on economic and policy considerations, and is suggested by staff to generally be phased in over a three-year period.

III. PRESENTATION.

Presentation of the staff report [agenda material of record] was provided by the City's Revenue Administrator, Ben Murdoch. With the aid of transparencies Mr. Murdoch covered the two major areas of consideration as above noted, and setting forth the following --

RECOMMENDATION [re USER FEES]:

The Finance Department recommends that your Honorable Body, during the following Council meeting [Agenda Item 17d, Pages 19, 20 of the regular City Council meeting this date], adopt an overall recovery rate by department or division. It is further recommended that this rate be attained in annual increments over a period of three years as outlined in the schedule below.

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Dept./Division	Current	Recommended	Potential Add'l Rev. generated (Based on 87-88 service level)	Phased Recovery		
	Recovery %	Recovery %		88/89	89/90	90/91
Develop. Review	27%	59%	\$186,000	38%	49%	59%
Eng. Insp.	54%	100%	\$ 57,000	70%	85%	100%
Police	2%	31%	\$115,000	31%	31%	31%
Fire	11%	16%	\$ 88,000	13%	15%	16%
Recreation	33%	43%	\$352,000	33%	38%	43%
Bldg. Regs.	71%	100%	\$405,000	81%	91%	100%
Envior. Quality	8%	44%	\$175,000	20%	32%	44%
Traffic Eng.	0%	45%	\$ 39,000	15%	30%	45%
Other	0%	100%	\$495,000	34%	67%	100%

The above recommendation will generate additional revenues of approximately \$200,000 for the remainder of this fiscal year, \$1,255,000 in 1989-90 and the full \$1,912,000 in 1990-91 based upon 1987-88 service levels.

With the exception of Recreation program fees, which are advertised in the Reporter, the first phase of the proposed new fees could be implemented in two to four weeks. Recreation program fees could be changed effective July 1, 1989.

RECOMMENDATION [re PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES TAX]:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body direct staff to bring back an ordinance on January 17, increasing the Park and Recreation Facilities Tax to \$1,300 per unit and the \$750 increase be placed in the General Fund.

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IV. DISCUSSION.

Council discussion followed the above noted staff presentation, with clarification and expansion provided in response to Council inquiries and expressions of concern. A general synopsis of the comments of individual Councilmembers is set forth below.

Councilwoman Hardison inquired regarding the methodology used in establishing the various program fee percentages set forth by the consultant in the report entitled: City of Torrance, California Report on Fees and Revenue. The desired explanation was provided by Mr. Richard M. Pearl of the firm of David M. Griffith & Associates, Ltd., preparers of the report.

Discussion turned briefly to the manner in which these items will be returned to Council. Finance Director Giordano noted that the Park and Recreation fee is projected for return through the budget process; the matter of the user fees, she envisioned, would be brought back to Council in a two- to four-week period with an Ordinance.

Councilman Wirth requested that an attempt be made to notify affected parties of the time scheduled for further Council consideration.

Mr. Wirth also expressed his opposition to a Park and Recreation facilities tax which may not, because of legal constraints, be specified for Parks and Recreation use. He requested that he be provided with a copy of an earlier discussion paper covering this subject.

Continuing the discussion regarding the Park and Recreation facilities tax, Mayor Geissert requested that this specific item be returned to Council as quickly as possible with responses to Council questions including: the triggering mechanism for the paying of this tax; the formula for its implementation; how it might be related to a residential "addition" [substantial, but not complete demolition of the original structure]; etc.

Building and Safety Director Grippo advised that Council direction will be required regarding the residential applications presently in plan check as to whether or not those units would be grandfathered in.

Strong feelings were expressed by Councilman Applegate in opposition to charging a fee for services such as street sweeping, and also his desire to protect fees collected for Parks and Recreation for use in that area. As to user fee increases in

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general, this Councilmember requested that when the item is returned to Council it be in a very clear and concise form so that an informed decision can be made, and also that it be organized so that individuals from the community could address their concerns without having to attend more than one meeting.

At this point City Attorney Nelson clarified the legal aspects involved in consideration of a special vs. general tax, noting that there is litigation pending regarding the possibility of increasing an already established special tax without putting the matter to a vote. This litigation, Mr. Nelson advised, will not be concluded for some time.

The Council generally agreed that a means should be established which would allow adherence to a Council commitment of to Park and Recreation facilities funds for parks and recreational uses.

Councilman Nakano inquired regarding his earlier requested analysis of the cost to the City of Mobil refinery incidents. City Manager Jackson advised that this study is in process and will be at least another four weeks from finalization.

Addressing the area of the facilities tax, Councilwoman Hardison stated that she would find it helpful, when this matter is returned to Council, to be provided with a scenario representing the effects of different fee changes, etc.

Further detail and expansion of figures presented by the consultant were requested by Mrs Hardison.

At this point it was suggested by Revenue Administrator Murdoch [with no objection voiced by Councilmembers] that the subject might be broken down into the following segments for further consideration.

- Development,
- Recreation, and
- Safety and all others.

Mayor Geissert set forth her concept and requests regarding the facilities tax which included the following.

Park and Recreation facilities tax is to be returned along with responses to Council inquiries and explanations of the various options; also the impact of this as a general purpose tax with controls providing for use in Park and Recreation facilities.

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This should be brought back in a timely manner.

The total impact on a commercial developer, on a residential developer, on a private citizen doing construction in his home should be indicated.

As to recreation program fees, the Mayor indicated concerns regarding another increase because of a drop in attendance after the last fee increase in certain areas. Specific figures in that regard were requested by the Mayor.

Agreement regarding not charging for such things as street sweeping was noted by the Mayor, who further suggested that public safety issues should generally not have fees attached. As an exception, a fee for excessive false alarms or similar items would seem justified, in her opinion.

The Mayor directed that this agenda item be brought back in segments with the Park and Recreation Facilities issue returned at a very early date.

V. QUESTIONS.

The Mayor invited questions from the audience.

Mr. Dennis Kikuno, 2340 West 238th Street, requested and received further clarification regarding the legalities surrounding the issue of the Park and Recreation facilities tax. Agreement that a change in name for that tax is in order was expressed by this speaker.

VI. CONCLUSION.

City Manager Jackson recapped the Council's direction as follows.

- To be brought back in segments as three agenda items, not to be considered on the same night.
- Background information, particularly in the area of the Park and Recreation fee, to be provided as to the legalities and constraints pertaining to that specific area of revenue.
- Expanded notification to the user population.

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Mr. Jackson requested that the Council take formal action under the regular Council meeting agenda directing that the matter be returned to Council at a later date with follow-up on the elements noted.

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The Council immediately commenced the regular portion of the January 3, 1989, meeting at this time, the minutes for which are on the pages immediately following.

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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 10, 1989, at 7:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

See Page 1.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Boy Scout Troop 310 - James Gordon, Scoutmaster, led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Tom Rothhaar, Walteria Methodist Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 29, 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 Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

See Pages 1-4 re Revenue Workshop.

Employee Relations and Department Organization
Committee

Monday, January 9, 1989 - 4:30 p.m.

Subjects: 1) Transfer of Communications
2) Review of the Richter Report.

Community Planning and Design Committee

Tuesday, January 17, 1989 - 4:30 p.m.

Subject: Recommendations for R-1 Zone
Construction Changes.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

3a. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Following introductions of the candidates present, the Council, by unanimous ballot, duly appointed the following individuals to fill existing Commission vacancies.

Airport Commission

Michael Bedinger
Thomas Nosek.

Cable TV Advisory Board

Robert Feuerstein
Susan Gibbons

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Civil Service Commission

Lynn Solomita
Philip Tamoush
Lizbeth McDannel

Disaster Council

Paul Myers

Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission

Willis Delperdang
Bill Wright

Fine Arts Commission

Gloria Jacobs
Charlotte Kyes
Janice Morimoto

Human Resources Commission

Kate Beley
Maureen O'Donnell
Jackie Saner

Library Commission

Timothy Beck
Cindi Hammond
Patricia McIntyre

Parks and Recreation Commission

Linda Brown
John McGee

Planning Commission

Harvey Horwich
John LeResche
Jo-Anne Waller

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Public Facilities Building Corporation

John Whalen

Senior Citizens Council

Arthur Callen
Howard Gendall
Betsey Matthews

Traffic Commission

Arthur Foster
Jerry Nishioka

Water Commission

Danny Sprague
Kay White

The above appointees were duly sworn by City Clerk Bramhall. Congratulations and a warm welcome were extended to all by Mayor Geissert on behalf of the entire Council.

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At 8:15 p.m., a recess was called. The Council reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

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9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. PER CAPITA GRANT APPLICATION - PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS,
MADRONA MARSH FRONTAGE:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING
THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE
PER CAPITA GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE
CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL, AND PARK
LAND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1988 FOR THE
MADRONA MARSH

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 89-6. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilwoman Hardison re-
quested and received from Parks and Recreation Director Barnett,
an update on current scheduling and improvement accomplishments
in this area.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously
favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. STREET AND ALLEY VACATIONS - TRACTS 2381 AND 2807
PROPONENT AND BENEFICIARY: REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HONDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION
OF ENGRACIA AVENUE, LLEWELLYN AVENUE,
PORTIONS OF MULLIN AVENUE AND SANTA CLARA
AVENUE, AND ALLEYS IN TRACT NOS. 2381 AND
2807

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 89-7. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried
unanimously by roll call vote.

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10b. GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY ON CITY PROPERTY IN LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 9, TORRANCE TRACT:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT DEED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND APPURTENANCES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-8. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

10c. 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).

RESOLUTION NO. 89-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING THE WORK FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON: A) PLAZA DEL AMO FROM MAPLE TO CRENSHAW BOULEVARD; B) 229TH PLACE WEST OF ARLINGTON AVENUE; AND C) VARIOUS LOCATIONS ALONG ARLINGTON AVENUE SOUTH OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD (C-2894)

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-9. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. ZC 88-2, GPA 88-2, CUP 87-20 (MOD) (EA 88-9), MARRIOTT COURTYARD HOTELS (JACK BLOODWORTH):

Mayor Geissert announced that this is a PROPOSAL TO RECONSIDER THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION OF NOVEMBER 22, 1988, DENYING THE FOLLOWING: an appeal of a denial of a request for a zone change from M-2 (heavy manufacturing) to C-3 (solely commercial), a General Plan Amendment from heavy industrial to retail commercial and a modification of a previously approved Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction and operation of a four-story, 151-room hotel containing a restaurant/lounge with the on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on property located at 1995 190th Street. ZC 88-2, GPA 88-2, CUP 87-20 (MOD) (EA 88-9): MARRIOTT COURTYARD HOTELS (JACK BLOODWORTH).

Based on a redesign of the parking concept for this project, Councilwoman Hardison offered the following --

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved that the matter of the Marriott Courtyard Hotels [ZC 88-2, GPA 88-2, CUP 87-20 (MOD)] be reconsidered. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

As a point of clarification, Mayor Geissert noted that there is no commitment on the part of anyone voting for reconsideration to vote for the project.

12b. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ACCESS CONSIDERATION:

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission recommends adoption of an ordinance with the criteria for granting a driveway curb-cut exception couched in language identical to that used for granting waivers.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION;

The Engineering and Planning Departments concur with the conceptual approval of the Planning Commission and recommend adoption of the ordinance which has been prepared by the City Attorney.

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Planning Director Ferren explained the rationale behind the above recommendation which would place the entire process of granting curb-cuts under the jurisdiction of the City Engineer. On projects requiring a Conditional Use Permit, Mr. Ferren advised that the engineering and planning processes would be "dovetailed."

Further clarification of the procedural aspects was provided by City Engineer Burtt in response to inquiries by Councilwoman Hardison. There was concern on the part of Mrs. Hardison that there be built-in safeguards to ensure appropriate control of curb cuts where no CUP process is required.

Concerns from a procedural standpoint were voiced by Councilman Applegate and, following discussion of the appeal process, the following motion was offered.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendations of the Engineering and Planning Departments. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Mayor Geissert then called for a number and title to the following --

ORDINANCE NO. 3250

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 74.4.1
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING
STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS TO
PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAYS IN
RESIDENTIAL AREAS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3250 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Sanford Cohen, 3407 West 190th Street, registered strong objection to the above action and questioned the fulfillment of legal notification requirements on the item. Mr. Cohen advised that, although he is an affected property owner, he had received no notification of this agenda item, nor did the agenda indicate that "property and vehicular access rights were being taken away from the property owner."

Notification requirements were reviewed by City Attorney Nelson, who stated his opinion that this agenda item was legally noticed.

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Councilman Applegate explained, for the benefit of Mr. Cohen, the rationale behind the procedure being established and also pointed out the availability of appeal rights.

Maintaining that the subject proposal could result in severe adverse impacts on certain property owners, Mr. Cohen stated his opinion that theoretically there should have been an Environmental Assessment on this agenda item. This speaker proceeded to explain his position that the denial of a curb cut, per the proposed ordinance, could effectively eliminate the possibility of building the maximum number of units on an R-3 lot. It was ultimately suggested by this speaker that the ordinance be amended to state that if a curb cut is not permitted, credit be granted for a Code-required guest parking space.

Planning Director Ferren clarified that the entire concept of the alley access problem is almost a waiver process -- if a problem arises which is unreasonably difficult or materially detrimental to the property, there may be justification for approval.

Mr. Cohen requested that this procedure be specifically spelled out in the ordinance.

Roll call vote on the approval of Ordinance No. 3250 was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. DEVELOPMENT STANDARD CHANGES TO R-2 TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for continued City Council consideration of development standard changes to the R-2 Two-Family Residential District.

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

During the staff presentation by Planning Associate Pryor, the following was noted --

RECOMMENDATION:

In order to address the small lot remodeling issues, restore a reasonable level of administrative consistency between the development standards of the residential zones, it is recommended that the original parking requirement of two spaces for each dwelling

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unit be restored and that open/tandem parking be allowed by approval of a Conditional Use Permit. Staff also recommends that a storage requirement of 200 c.f. per unit be implemented. Staff will return with ordinance changes as directed by your Honorable Body.

Following a brief period of questions by Councilmembers with appropriate clarification by staff, Mayor Geissert invited audience input.

Mr. Edward Wooley, 23207 Ocean Avenue, President of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, expressed disappointment that homeowners and interested residents were not afforded an opportunity [as developers had] for informal review of the subject proposal, and suggested that a delay in consideration of this item would be in order for that purpose. Reconsideration of the impact on neighborhoods from the standpoint of parking and traffic circulation was also voiced by this speaker.

Mr. Bob Basen, 21738 Anza Avenue, observed that reduction in building size, a significant consideration in the R-2 ordinance review, has been accomplished with the F.A.R. requirements. Mr. Basen maintained that the subject proposal would provide for ample off-street parking, and voiced his concurrence with the staff recommendation.

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

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 2518 CARSON STREET;

RESOLUTION NO. 89-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 2518 CARSON STREET, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND APPROPRIATING \$265,000 FOR THE PURCHASE.

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-10. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. OUTSIDE ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN INCREASE
IN FUNDING FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE LAW
FIRM OF COX, CASTLE & NICHOLSON

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-11. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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At 9:48 p.m., the City Council recessed and convened in JOINT SESSION with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance.

During the course of that meeting, the following Council agenda item was considered in conjunction with a companion Agency item. An excerpt of that portion of the Redevelopment Agency minutes of this date is reflected below.

Considered together:

3a. Redevelopment Agency Annual Report:

Companion City Council Item --

17c. Redevelopment Agency Annual Report:

AGENCY ITEM 3A RECOMMENDATION:

Redevelopment staff recommends that the Agency approve the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1987-88, and direct the said report be submitted to the City Council for its review, and filed with the State Department of Housing and Community Development as required by Redevelopment Law.

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COUNCIL ITEM 17C RECOMMENDATION:

Redevelopment staff recommends that the City Council accept the Redevelopment Agency's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1987-1988 and file said report without further action.

MOTION: Councilman/Member Applegate moved to receive and file and Redevelopment Agency's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1987-1988. His motion was seconded by Councilman/Member Wirth, and it was so ordered without objection.

At 9:52 p.m., the Redevelopment Agency meeting of this date was formally adjourned, and the regular City Council agenda order was resumed as follows.

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17d. ACTION RE WORKSHOP ON USER FEES AND PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES TAX:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Your Honorable Body direct Staff to bring back to the January 17, Council meeting an ordinance increasing the Park and Recreation Facilities Tax to \$1,300 per unit and that the \$750 increase be placed in the General Fund for appropriation in any manner the Council feels appropriate.

It is further recommended that Your Honorable Body adopt the following fee recovery rates phased over three years by Department/Division and that Staff be directed to come back in four weeks with the appropriate resolutions. Recreation's recovery rate will take effect July 1, 1989.

<u>Department/Division</u>	<u>Recommended Recovery Rate</u>
Develop. Review	59%
Eng. Insp.	100%
Police	31%
Fire	16%
Recreation	43%
Bldg. Regs.	100%
Envir. Quality	44%
Traffic Eng.	45%
Other	100%

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City Manager Jackson affirmed the consensus of the Council as indicated during the Revenue Workshop session [Pages 2-7 of these minutes]. No further action was taken at this time.

17e. POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION;

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager for the Council to adopt a position opposing the proposed consolidation of the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and the County Parks and Recreation Department.

It is further recommended that letters of opposition to this consolidation be drafted for the Mayor's signature and sent to the County Supervisors.

Mayor Geissert deemed this agenda item a moot point at this time inasmuch as the Board of Supervisors, this date, decided not to follow the recommendation and the Beach and Harbor Department will not be considered for consolidation with the Parks and Recreation Department at this time.

17f. COMPLETION AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE TORRANCE CITY SERVICES FACILITY:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the work be accepted, and that the City Clerk be directed to file the Notice of Completion with the County of Los Angeles, and that final payment be made to Shirley Bros., Inc.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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17g. CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENTS ON FAA PART-150 AIRPORT NOISE PROGRAM:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Building and Safety Department recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution to send a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration providing comments on the study of the Airport Noise Compatibility Planning Program.

From the audience, Mr. Joe Arciuch, 23521 Kathryn Avenue, offered observations and comments on the above subject and submitted, for the record, a copy of his correspondence in this regard dated January 5, 1989, addressed to the FAA Office of Chief Counsel.

Of expressed concern to Mr. Arciuch is the fact that the City of Torrance is apparently not on the mailing list to receive pertinent information concerning FAA and Caltrans activities. The City Manager and City Attorney indicated their intention to follow through in that regard.

At the request of the Mayor, City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 89-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REGARDING A STUDY OF THE AIRPORT NOISE COMPATIBILITY PLANNING PROGRAM

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 89-12. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Edward Wooley, 23207 Ocean Avenue, expressed his appreciation to the Council for their above action.

Roll call vote on the above motion proved unanimously favorable.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To furnish the City's
Annual Requirements of Miscellaneous Computer
Paper
Ref: Bid B88-64
Expenditure: \$18,399.87 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body award a one-year firm price contract to the low bidder, Vanier Graphics Corp. of Carson, California, to provide the City of Torrance's annual requirements of computer print out paper, in the total anticipated amount of \$18,399.87 including tax.

20b. RELEASE OF BONDS - TRACT NO. 43377

SUBDIVIDER: Torrance Investment Co.
ENGINEER: E. L. Pearson
LOCATION: N.W.C. Sepulveda & Crenshaw Blvds.
NO. OF LOTS: 6 Lots.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that Storm Drain Bond Number 5240-87-13 and Street Performance and Payment Bonds Number 5240-87-10 be released.

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Hardison recalled Council's earlier request for follow up regarding the Airport nighttime suspect list. So noted by the Director of Transportation.

22b, Councilwoman Hardison also inquired regarding the status of the touch-and-taxi information that is to be forthcoming from the Environmental Division of the Building and Safety Department. Appropriate staff will follow through.

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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 subjects:

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

Potential litigation with Mobil Oil Corporation concerning the Torrance Refinery.

The acquisition of residential properties at 2514 and 2518 Carson Street for the expansion of Fire Station Number One. The agent with whom the City is negotiating is Chuck Curry of Clark Realty.

Authority to hold an executive session for these purposes is contained in Government Code Sections 54957 & 54957.6 (a); 54956.9 (b) (1) & 54956.9 (c); and, 54956.8.

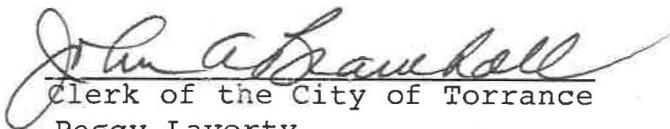
At 10:13 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 12:30 a.m. [Wednesday, January 11, 1989]. No action was required as a result of the executive session.

24. ADJOURNMENT:

At 12:30 a.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, January 17, 1989, 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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