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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, April 11, 1989, at 5:00 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, City Clerk Bramhall, and Staff representatives.

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Mayor Geissert announced that the City Council convened at this early hour for purposes of a workshop session to consider the proposed Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

At 5:01 p.m., the Council recessed and reconvened at 5:11 p.m. in the West Annex Meeting Room for that purpose, and the minutes for that workshop session are recorded on the pages immediately following.

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TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER WORKSHOP

[See Agenda Item 9c. - Page 13]

I. INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Geissert reviewed the history of the subject project and Council consideration and action to date.

II. STAFF PRESENTATION:

Management Programs Administrator Phil Tilden provided a brief overview of the project and introduced the following members of the architectural team.

- Mr. Bob Botton, Liebhardt, Weston & Associates
- Mr. Chuck Behling, Kitchell CEM
- Mr. Joel Davy, Project Architect, Liebhardt, Weston & Associates.

III. ARCHITECT'S PRESENTATION:

The current status of the project budget, as well as anticipated budgetary constraints and strategies were reviewed by Messrs. Botton and Behling.

Design issues were then addressed by the project architect, Mr. Joel Davy, who referenced a series of sketches and renderings on display for the edification of Council, staff, and members of the audience.

Mr. Davy also provided a sample of tiles proposed for the project and described other construction materials to be used. It was noted by this speaker that the skylight [previously removed for budgetary reasons] has now been reinstated in the theater design.

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IV. QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Council questions/comments were directed to the following areas of consideration --

- Security: Mayor Geissert suggested that the Police Department review the proposal from a security point of view.

Councilman Applegate noted the possibility of this uniquely designed building representing somewhat of an attractive nuisance for skate board activity, etc.] It was his suggestion that this problem be considered.

Security of the Japanese Garden was identified as a priority -- means of securing the Garden, as well as the Festival Plaza, were illustrated by Mr. Botton.

- Plaza Seating: The use of stacking or folding chairs was proposed by Parks and Recreation Director Barnett.
- Japanese Garden: Councilman Nakano, Chairman of the Committee for the Japanese Garden, announced that he has received a tentative commitment from a large corporation for the cost of this portion of the Center.

V. QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Various design details were addressed by members of the audience and clarification, as desired, was provided relative to matters such as stage size, aesthetics/finished texture, visual treatment of back side of theater building, etc.

The matter of kitchen facilities was also introduced and it was the request of the Mayor that staff contact other cities with community centers to obtain input to assist in the analysis this particular aspect of the development.

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VI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Optional approaches to financing certain elements of the project were addressed by the Council.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Applegate that certain items [such as road construction] which were earlier removed from the project, be added as bid items which would not have to be exercised until a later date, but which would serve to identify the cost of those items.

Mayor Geissert referenced previously discussed means of raising funds [purchase of seats; donors' wall; etc.] and invited all interested individuals to become involved in the process. It was noted by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Attorney that a support group in the form of a Foundation [a non-profit corporation] will have to be established for purposes of properly handling individual contributions from the community.

Ms. Janice Morimoto was introduced by the Mayor as one who is knowledgeable in matters of fund raising and program development, primarily in the area of corporate and foundation solicitation.

In closing, Mayor Geissert requested that staff liaison provide the City Council and Commissioners with a written two-page informational update on the project every four weeks.

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At 6:30 p.m., the City Council recessed to the Council Chambers for the regular portion of this meeting. Those minutes are recorded on the pages immediately following.

NOTE: It was necessary for Councilwoman Hardison to absent herself from the meeting for a period of time. Her return at 8:15 p.m. is noted on Page 16.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council, having been in an adjourned regular session [workshop] since 5:00 p.m. [Pages 1 - 4 of these minutes], reconvened for the regular portion of the April 11, 1989 meeting at 7:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

See Page 1. [Councilwoman Hardison now absent as indicated on Page 4 -- she returned at 8:15 p.m. as noted on Page 16].

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

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

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

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the passing of Mr. Al "Pappy" Helm, who assisted in forming the North Torrance West Little League and was valued as a true friend to the youth of the community. The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 7, 1989, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

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 Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

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 [Councilwoman Hardison absent].

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Mayor Geissert announced that Agenda Item 10b re Final Payment for Storm Drain Construction has been WITHDRAWN [see Page 9].

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee
Tuesday, April 24, 1989 - 6:00 p.m.
Subject: Capital Budget.

Considered out of order --

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Mayor Geissert welcomed Ms. Jolene Thomas and members of her Journalism class from El Camino College.

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The Council returned to its regular agenda order.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a. PROCLAMATION declaring April 10 through 14, 1989, as
"Public Schools Week" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and presented to Mr. Gerry Keaneman, chairman of Public Schools Committee for the Torrance Masonic Lodge.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

- 9a. ACCEPTANCE OF 1990 ROSE FLOAT DESIGN:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Council Ad Hoc Committee for the Rose Float recommends to the City Council approval of the design concept entitled, "WORLD TOUR", for the 1990 Float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, and the selection of C. E. Bent and Son, Inc. as the float builder.

Councilman Mock, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Rose Float, provided the committee report following which Ms. Doris Greene, 3205 Onrado, president of the Rose Float Association, presented a rendering of the design proposed.

Representing C. E. Bent and Son was Mr. Bill Lofthouse, who also briefly addressed the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the recommendation of the Council Ad Hoc Committee for the Rose Float for acceptance of the design. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

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9b. APPROVAL OF 1990 ROSE FLOAT CONTRACT:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND C. E. BENT AND SON, INC., FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ENTRY, DISPLAY AND OPERATION OF A FLOAT IN THE 1990 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-65. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

9c. ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS - TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER:

Design development drawings reviewed during workshop session this date [Pages 1-4 of these minutes].

Action taken later in the meeting as reflected on Page 13 of the minutes.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. 1989 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - RESOLUTION OF INTENTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS AND RUBBISH UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 89-66. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

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10b. STORM DRAIN CONSTRUCTION:

WITHDRAWN - see Page 6.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONTROL DATA INSTITUTE (CDI)
UNDER THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA):

RESOLUTION NO. 89-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
AND ATTEST A CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AND CONTROL DATA INSTITUTE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 89-67. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll
call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. D 88-37, GARY WELLS:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and
place for City Council consideration of an appeal by the ap-
plicant of a Planning Commission denial of a Division of Lot to
allow two existing lots to be subdivided into three lots on
property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone
at 439 Via el Chico: D 88-37, GARY WELLS.

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

During his staff presentation on this agenda item,
Principal Planner Gibson noted that the Planning Commission
recommends denial of the appeal and denial of the project; the
Planning Department recommends approval of the appeal and ap-
proval of the project.

Following staff response and clarification to Council
inquiries, the proponent was invited to speak.

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Mr. Gary Wells, 23718 Pennsylvania Avenue, requested that his presentation be deferred until later in the meeting pending the arrival of his soils engineer. This request was granted by the Mayor and testimony from the public was then solicited.

Speakers voicing OPPOSITION to the subject lot division request were:

- Mr. William Forrest, 452 Via el Chico
- Ms. Sara Horn, 412 Via el Chico
- Mr. Mike Dyer, 5508 Riviera Way
- Mr. Eldred, 5502 Riviera Way
- Mr. Tom McCarthy, 440 Via el Chico
- Mr. Dale Gasteiger, 5434 Riviera Way
- Mr. Sam Jewik, 443 Via el Chico.

Concerns voiced included slope stability; narrowness of the street; traffic congestion; effect of recontouring the hillside; possible resultant liability; existing density; easement/drainage problems and overall safety. Messrs. Dyer and Eldred indicated a sense of personal injustice should this request be granted in that they were told at the time of the original lot split that further splitting of the property would not be considered.

The proponent, Mr. Gary Wells, returned to the podium and advised that his soils engineer had not arrived. Mr. Wells noted that if approval is not granted, he will be left with two very large lots with inherent design difficulties.

Mayor Geissert pointed out the extreme slope of these lots and noted that she had opposed the original lot split because of her concern about the terrain and access from Via el Chico, "a very long, narrow, hazardous cul-de-sac."

At the request of Councilman Nakano, the question of possible liability on the City's part was addressed by City Attorney Nelson, who cautioned that a great deal of care must be exercised. Building and Safety Director Grippo offered his opinion that approval of the lot split in this case should be predicated on a consultant's study and analysis of the safety and stability of the parcel itself.

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Noting that the City committed to not having three lots at this location, Councilman Walker pointed out that there presently exists the capability of constructing two homes on these lots.

Architect for the proposed project, Mr. David Olin, 1233 Hermosa Avenue, Hermosa Beach, noted their intent to provide minimal height impacts to existing residences across the street. This speaker also advised, in response to the Mayor's question, that Mr. Wells had purchased the property being fully aware that there were two existing lots, not three.

There being no one else who wished to speak, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the Planning Commission, including their findings, for denial of the appeal and denial of D 88-37, GARY WELLS. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

Councilman Applegate commented on the severe degree of the slope, noting that the length and width of the area which would have to be retained and back-filled is substantial, adding to other problems inherent in recontouring of the hill, etc.

As a historic note, Mayor Geissert recalled that in the late 1970's when residents of Riviera Way desired to split off their back yards she, personally, was opposed because that was not the way the area was originally laid out. The Mayor stated that she is "doubly offended" that someone would now come in and want to further divide those unreasonably steep lots.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS;

17a. RECREATION FEES:

Held until later in the meeting - see Pages 18 and 19.

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES;

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3263:

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 91.15.2
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING
TO THE HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS IN THE A-1 ZONE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3263 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

18b. ORDINANCE NO. 3264:

ORDINANCE NO. 3264

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 91.8.3
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED
TO BUILDING HEIGHT IN THE R-R-3 ZONE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3264 at its second and final reading. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

18c. ORDINANCE NO. 3265:

ORDINANCE NO. 3265

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 91-7.5
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, TO DELETE
A REFERENCE TO A 5 FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3265 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To install traffic striping, pavement markers and traffic signs on Sepulveda Boulevard from Crenshaw Boulevard to Hawthorne Boulevard.
Expenditure: Total expenditure \$15,586.57.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that Your Honorable Body award a contract to install traffic striping, pavement markers and traffic signs on Sepulveda Boulevard from Crenshaw Boulevard to Hawthorne Boulevard to Orange County Striping Service, Inc. in the amount of \$15,586.57.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff's recommendation on Agenda Item 20a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

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At 7:56 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adjourning the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:57 p.m. and reconvening as the City Council at that time.

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The Council now returned to --

- 9c. ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS FOR THE TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER:

RECOMMENDATION;

The City Manager recommends that the City Council accept the Design Development Drawings as prepared by Liebhardt Weston and Associates for The Torrance Cultural Arts Center and authorize the proceeding of the Working Drawing Phase.

MOTION; Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

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Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Applegate requested [as was discussed during the workshop] that staff work with the architects to develop the possibility of other bid alternatives such as the roadway, etc. No objections were voiced.

Councilman Walker SO AMENDED HIS MOTION; there was acceptance from Councilman Wirth as seconder of the motion, and the motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

The regular agenda order was resumed at this time.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 6.

22b. City Manager Jackson introduced Ms. Felice Fromm, the City's newest Purchasing Agent.

22c. Councilman Applegate requested appropriate recognition for the Central Torrance Girls AYSO Section I Championship Teams. [To be scheduled as a future agenda item].

22d. Councilman Applegate noted that after the agenda for this meeting was closed, there was substantial publicity regarding Councilman Walker's initiative measure to control hydrofluoric acid at the Torrance Mobil Oil Refinery.

It was Mr. Applegate's desire that the position of the remainder of the Council should be made available to the media, whereupon, in accordance with requirements of the Brown Act, Councilman Applegate MOVED to establish that this matter arose after the agenda for this meeting was posted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

Councilman Applegate then suggested that the six remaining members of the Council [sans Mr. Walker] write a joint letter explaining their individual or collective views in this case, with this letter to be presented to the media for publication in order that the citizens of the City of Torrance might be informed of all aspects of the issue.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the Mayor be requested to construct a letter in consultation with other members of the Council and that the letter, jointly signed by those members, then be presented to the media. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Strong support for the above motion was voiced by members of the Council who noted their long-standing concerns regarding hydrofluoric acid, such concerns, Councilman Nakano observed, were voiced publicly by him in March of 1988. Subsequent and continuing Council/City activity in this regard was outlined by Mayor Geissert, who underlined her feeling that clarification of the City's stand is most desirable.

Roll call vote on Councilman Applegate's above motion was unanimously favorable [Councilwoman Hardison not yet returned].

22e. Councilman Walker expressed appreciation for support of the form in which his initiative was drafted and its content as received from one of the big ten environmental organizations in Washington, D.C., and also for comments from Assemblyman Felando indicating his support of the initiative.

22f. Councilman Wirth requested that the Council be provided with a report on an existing problem at Seaside Elementary School. Police Chief Nash to follow through.

22g. Councilman Wirth commended the Police Department of the City of Torrance for their outstanding service to the community and suggested, wherever possible, letters of appreciation from citizens be shared with the public.

22h. Councilman Wirth commented on his enjoyment of the recent Fine Arts Awards presentation, and expressed his disappointment that there was no Cable TV coverage of this event.

22i. Mayor Geissert concurred with Councilman Applegate's earlier request for recognition of two teams of Girls AYSO Champions [Item 22c, Page 14], and noted that this is the first such championship for Central Torrance in some 25 years.

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22j. Mayor Geissert suggested consideration of naming a North Torrance West Little League Field in honor of "Pappy" Helm as a living memorial of his contributions to the youth of the community.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett advised that the matter will be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission and a report will be provided to the Council.

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At this point [8:15 p.m.] Councilwoman Hardison returned to the meeting and joined her colleagues.

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22k. Mayor Geissert stated that members of the Council have received a number of letters from individuals concerned with the demolition of single-family homes in the City and replacement with very large homes under the current R-1 standards. It was the Mayor's request that, while awaiting the results of a Planning Commission study on R-1 standards, an agenda item be prepared for next week's Council meeting allowing the Council to consider a possible 45-day moratorium on demolition of R-1 structures.

As discussion proceeded, the Mayor modified her request to exclude any structures which present a health and safety problem.

City Manager Jackson proposed that alternative ordinances be brought forward for covering substantial demolitions as well as the total clearing of lots.

It was the request of Councilwoman Hardison that material furnished the Council with this agenda item include a history of the number of demolitions in 1987, in 1988, and to date in 1989.

It was ultimately established that this matter be returned to the Council in two weeks [April 25, 1989].

22l. Ms. Mary Comon, 1011 Amapola, submitted a petition containing 16 signatures [representing 11 of 16 addresses] requesting a Historic Heritage Overlay for a single block which is part of a larger area recently downzoned from R-3 to R-2.

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Mayor Geissert requested that staff provide a discussion paper on this matter prior to May 1. City Manager Jackson indicated that his department will review the above proposal and share with the Council the options available.

22m. Mr. Dick Johnson, who gave his address as Building 615, New Horizons, Nadine Circle, requested construction of wheelchair ramps at 229th and Nadine Circle. City Engineer Burtt indicated that this project is scheduled for the near future.

22n. Mr. Al Haverman, 3430 West 225th Street, noted that a home next door to him is scheduled for demolition probably within the next two weeks and registered his concerns regarding the size of the new construction which is planned for that lot, its impact on his property and the neighborhood.

22o. Mr. Robert Thompson, [no address given], Madrona Homeowners Association, expressed concerns regarding R-1 demolitions and encouraged favorable consideration of a moratorium.

22p. Ms. Pam O'Brien, 5005 Sepulveda, requested and received clarification relative to moratorium considerations on R-1 properties.

22q. Mr. Ambrose Hahn, 2810 Sonoma Street, expressed opposition to a proposed lot split in his neighborhood.

22r. Councilman Walker commented on his enjoyment of the recent Medal of Valor recognition luncheon.

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At 8:50 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a recess. The Council returned at 9:17 p.m.

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The Council returned to --

17a. RECREATION FEES:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Finance Director and the City Manager recommend that Your Honorable Body adopt a recovery rate of 43% for recreation programs and the rate be attained in two phases beginning July 1, 1989.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that --

- Fees be increased 5% each year for the next two years
- The 43% cost recovery rate not be adopted
- The Parks and Recreation Director be asked to investigate new ways of raising revenues.

A staff presentation was provided by Revenue Administrator Murdoch, who also responded to Council requests for clarification.

Mr. Richard Pearl of David M. Griffith and Associates, consultants, outlined pertinent factors relative to their study and analysis of City fees.

A lengthy Council discussion ensued during which the pros and cons of the various options available were weighed.

From the audience, Mr. Dick Johnson, 23059A Nadine Circle, voiced his concurrence with the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation.

Ms. Linda Brown, 1617 El Prado, Chairwoman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, indicated personal concerns that an increase in fees could result in a reduction in participation.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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The Council confirmed, at Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett's question, that the above action included a directive to staff to explore other revenue alternatives.

The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

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;

The possible purchase or lease of the Columbia School site from the Torrance Unified School District; and

Current litigation entitled People of the State of California, et al. vs. Mobil Oil Corporation, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 719953.

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

At 9:58 p.m., the Council recessed to executive session, returning at 10:50 p.m. No action was required as a result of the executive session.

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24. ADJOURNMENT;

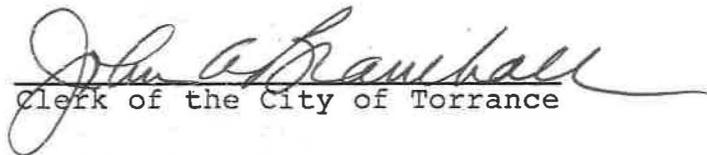
At 10:50 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, April 18, 1989, 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of
Mr. Al "Pappy" Helm

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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