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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 Monday, May 8, 1989, at 5:08 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall for the purpose of conducting the First Budget Workshop Session.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Nakano.

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

FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP:

I. INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Geissert extended a warm welcome to all present and outlined the format for consideration of the City Manager's proposed budget for 1989-91.

II. STAFF PRESENTATION:

A. CITY MANAGER'S OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED BUDGET.

City Manager Jackson, with the aid of transparencies, highlighted the fundamentals of the proposed 1989-91 Budget and expanded briefly on the following key elements.

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- Ongoing budget strategy
- Change within existing budget levels
- Budget process
- Budget concerns
- Matching revenues to expenditures
- Reduction in expenditures
- Adjustments to revenue base
- Enhancements to be considered at mid year
- Capital equipment to be considered at mid year
- Reserves.

B. COUNCIL ACTION.

No Council action was taken at this time.

III. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:

Mayor Geissert invited Council questions and comments.

Councilwoman Hardison requested and received clarification from staff regarding certain specific areas of concern in the budget document. She was advised by Finance Director Giordano that an analytical schedule will be in the hands of Councilmembers shortly.

Mrs. Hardison expressed concerns regarding the "green sheet" prioritization and expressed her frustration regarding the City's on-going inability to fund some of these items.

In response to a further inquiry by Councilwoman Hardison, Deputy Police Chief Popp indicated that specifics of the Criminal Justice Planning Grant will be reviewed in order to ascertain if any of those Grant monies can be used to assist in funding Priority #1 [Police Officer for D.A.R.E./Gang Program] and the Council will be so advised.

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Councilman Mock recalled his earlier request for a study sheet regarding Airport fees, and noted that this information has now been provided by the Finance Director. Mr. Mock requested that the matter of landing fees be submitted to the Airport Commission for review and comment before consideration by the Council -- the balance of the document, Mr. Mock requested be submitted directly to Council.

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Councilman Wirth requested that, during this budget process, he be able to see the updated report on the Department of Transportation personnel status including vacancies, employee identification, etc.

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Mayor Geissert requested a detailed study be provided regarding the cost effectiveness of adding one Deputy City Attorney position in the Civil Division.

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Audience input was invited at this point.

Ms. Mary Perry, 1414 Cravens Avenue inquired regarding Section 8 Housing and was referred to Planning Department staff for the clarification desired.

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Ms. Lucy Ritorto, 3920 Pacific Coast Highway, distributed current bus schedules to members of the Council and pointed out difficulties in making connections on certain runs. This speaker was referred to Department of Transportation staff and the Mayor requested that Council be provided with a report.

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Mr. Bob Newhard, 24451 Ward Street, speaking for the Friends of the Torrance Library, addressed the need for completion of the Civic Center Library basement. Mayor Geissert advised that a method of funding is being recommended and will be considered at a meeting of the Council's Finance and Governmental Operations Committee scheduled for 6:00 p.m., May 9, 1989. Mr. Newhard was invited to attend.

Councilman Wirth requested that Council be provided with information on a small bond issue for construction of the Library basement and he requested that this information be shared with the Friends of the Library.

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Mr. Joe Arciuch, 23521 Kathryn Avenue, voiced his concerns that the aeronautical operations at the Torrance Airport are subsidized by City funds. A brief explanation of this area of the budget was provided.

Councilman Wirth requested that Revenue Discussion Paper #9 dealing with Airport User Fees be shared with Mr. Arciuch and members of the Airport Commission.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:01 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, May 9, 1989, 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


Clerk of the City of Torrance

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