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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, May 9, 1989, at 7:06 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

NOTE: It was necessary for Councilman Nakano to be absent from the meeting between the hours of 8:42 and 9:50 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the passing of Mr. Bud Marble, one of the engineers at the Wilson Park live steamer operation and an active member of the community for many years,

and

Mr. Dean Cole, a former member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and a fine friend to parks and recreation.

The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in memory of these two individuals.

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3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

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

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Jim Park, Seventh Day Adventist Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 11, 1989, 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 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee
Met this date regarding the Capital Budget
Report forthcoming.

Budget Workshops
May 11 and 18, 1989 - 5:00 p.m.

Budget Hearings
May 23, 1989 - 7:00 p.m.
June 6, 1989 - 5:30 p.m.

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Armed Forces Day Parade
May 20, 1989 - 1:00 p.m.
5K and 10K Runs - 8:00 a.m.

Considered out of order --

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate announced that the Grand Marshal for the 1989 Armed Forces Day Parade will be Admiral Edney, Vice Chief of Naval Operations for the United States Navy. The presence of some 52 static displays at the Del Amo Mall during a period of time preceding the parade was also reported by Mr. Applegate.

The regular agenda order was resumed.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RECOGNITION OF CHARLES BRIGHT:

Mayor Geissert presented a plaque to Mr. Charles Bright in recognition of his receipt of the "Older American Award" for 1989. There was grateful acceptance by Mr. Bright.

8b. PROCLAMATION commending the Torrance Jaycees for forty years of service to the Torrance community.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted by former Jaycee, Ralph Grippo.

8c. PROCLAMATION naming May 15, 1989, as "Transportation Day" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and presented to the City's Director of Transportation, Art Horkay.

Mr. Horkay took this opportunity to relate an incident of outstanding service rendered by Department of Transportation employees and by Garage Superintendent Ralph Ishmael and his employees whereby use of the City's bus fleet was maintained under emergency conditions.

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8d. RESOLUTION COMMENDING MANUAL ALVAREZ:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-92

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING SENIOR
GROUNDSKEEPER MANUAL ALVAREZ FOR HIS
DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE
THROUGHOUT HIS TWENTY SEVEN YEARS OF
SERVICE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 89-92. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried
unanimously by roll call vote.

8e. RESOLUTION HONORING ANNA CONWAY:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING
ANNA CONWAY FOR BEING JAYCEE OF THE YEAR

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 89-93. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unani-
mously approved by roll call vote.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION 1988 ANNUAL REPORT:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file
the subject report. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Har-
dison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 45463:

SUBDIVIDER: Arthur Valdez
LOCATION: Bounded by Hawthorne Boulevard,
Lomita Boulevard, Ocean Avenue
and 230th Street
(Meadow Park School Site)
NO. OF LOTS: 54.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that Final Tract Map 45463 be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the recommendation of the Engineering Department on Agenda Item 10a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilman Applegate.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW FOR R-1 HOMES EXCEEDING A FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA RATIO (FAR) OF .6:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CRITERIA AND A PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS EXCEEDING F.A.R. OF .6 TO 1 AND PROVIDING AN APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR THOSE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS ON FILE AT THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3269

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-95. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Geissert invited the Planning Director to provide a brief overview of this item.

Planning Director Ferren explained the administrative approval process as proposed for those single-family applications in process with a greater than .6 FAR [a total of 15 projects].

From the audience, Ms. Cindi Wells, 23718 Pennsylvania Avenue, requested and received clarification relative to the processing of her project.

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Mr. William Deluca, 3411 West 227th Place [project at 23222 Falena] discussed his case and requested that he be grandfathered. Appeal rights were reviewed for Mr. Deluca's benefit, as was the length of time represented by an appeal.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 89-95 was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. APPROVAL OF THE 1989 JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM (SYETP) PLAN AND CONTRACTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE
CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST CONTRACTS
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER (SCROC),
OFFICE OF SAMOAN AFFAIRS, SWITZER CENTER, AND
LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-96. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried as indicated below.

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison,
Mock, Nakano, Walker, and Wirth.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Mayor Geissert [member of Board of
Directors of one of the agencies].

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 88-85, GUY MATO:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of a Councilmember appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of an 8,080 square-foot office building on property located in the ML Zone at 17915 Western Avenue. CUP 88-85: GUY MATO.

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

Staff report, including a brief history of the area, was provided by Principal Planner Gibson who noted that staff continues to recommend approval of the request with conditions.

Individual Councilmembers requested and received clarification from staff concerning Code required construction of the alley at the rear of the subject property and consideration of options regarding alley treatment and access. Concerns regarding alley extension and construction as expressed at the Planning Commission level by adjacent residential property owners were acknowledged by Council [appeal of this item by Councilmembers Hardison and Nakano were based on these neighborhood concerns].

Various approaches to the alley issue including the possibility of not requiring alley dedication for this parcel were touched upon during this discussion, as were: vertical access clearance required for emergency vehicles, delivery and trash vehicles; trash enclosure location; etc.

The proponent's representative, Architect Donald Shimasaki, 2807 Oregon Court, indicated concurrence with all City requirements as presently perceived and noted a willingness to redesign as necessary to conform with the Council's ultimate decision as to alley treatment and access.

Councilman Applegate posed the concept, should the Council decide to vacate the alleyway behind this property, that a one-foot strip at both the north and south end of this proposed alleyway be dedicated to the City, for purposes of denying access to the subject property from the alley. Mr. Applegate also suggested a maintenance easement which would require the property owner to maintain these strips in a proper manner. Mr. Shimasaki concurred with these suggestions, as well as a proposal by Mr. Applegate that a five-foot landscaped buffer be provided at the rear of the property adjacent to the adjoining residential use.

As discussion continued regarding the possible vacation of the alley and, in that event, means of exercising desired access control, the City's Assistant Fire Marshal, Captain Hall, stated the Fire Department's desire for emergency gated access from the rear of the property.

Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia advised that, if this portion of the alley is vacated by the City, the existing portion of the alley will not at any time be serviced by the

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City's street sweeping crews inasmuch as there is insufficient turning radius in a 20-foot alleyway for the street sweepers to negotiate.

Audience comments were invited by the Mayor.

The following residents of the area voiced strong opposition to construction of the alley behind the subject property and the ultimate opening of that alley for the entire block. Concerns of these citizens centered around traffic, littering, and criminal/transient-related activities. Speakers were:

- Mr. Herbert Kaku, 17810 Manhattan Place
- Mr. George Deradoorian, 17922 Manhattan Place
- Ms. Mariann Gramolty, 17705 Western Avenue
- Ms. Tecki Poletti, 1845 West 189th Place
- Mr. Les Kurakazo, 17928 Manhattan Place.

There being no further audience speakers, Councilman Applegate, seconded by Councilman Walker, moved to close the public hearing. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council, having indicated concurrence with the concept of alley vacation at this location, took the following action.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to instruct the City Attorney to return at the May 23, 1989, Council meeting with Findings of Fact that would permit deletion of the alley dedication and would also prohibit alley access with the exception of a gate to provide for emergency vehicle access, the design for which would be approved by the Planning Department.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recognizing that the above action precludes the completion of a through alley for this block, Councilman Wirth requested that residents inform the City of any problems that may develop because of the two remaining dead-end alley situations.

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The hour being 8:42 p.m., Councilman Nakano departed from the meeting at this time to return at 8:50 p.m. [see Page 18].

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16. APPEALS:

16a. SIGN CASE APPEAL S87-15, BANK OF AMERICA:

Staff presentation on this agenda item was provided by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy, who advised that the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission as well as Building and Safety Department staff recommend denial of the appeal and denial of the request for a ground sign on Hawthorne Boulevard.

During her review of the case, Ms. McElroy advised the Council that the Bank of America is relocating from the second floor of the building to the lower floor, and in so doing proposes to remove their prominent wall signs from the top floor and install new wall signs at the lower level [20-inch high letters approved by the Commission; the proponent is electing to install 12-inch copy].

Ms. McElroy also advised that of the two monument signs requested by the bank, the Commission approved one for the Carson Street frontage, but denied the request for such a sign on Hawthorne Boulevard, and it is this sign that is being appealed.

A lengthy Council discussion ensued centering primarily around the question of sign visibility or the lack thereof at this location; the question of needed sign visibility from Hawthorne Boulevard; etc.

The suggestion was made by Councilwoman Hardison that the existing dense foliage might be thinned, thus opening up visibility to signage.

It was Councilman Applegate's firm position that no monument signs should be allowed for either the Carson Street or Hawthorne Boulevard frontage in that this bank is part of a financial complex, a landmark which is readily identified by residents of the community; it was primarily established as a commercial, rather than a retail, bank; and the approval of these ground signs will open the door for like requests from other service-oriented tenants in the building.

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Of a differing opinion was Councilman Walker, who likened the need to identify this service facility as similar to that of the restaurants in the Skypark development whose monument signs for the Hawthorne Boulevard frontage were recently approved.

Mayor Geissert invited a representative of the Bank of America to speak.

Representing MSI, the sign consultant for Bank of America, was Mr. Scott Fife, 1097 Blanche Street, Pasadena. Mr. Fife affirmed information received by the Mayor that, following the Commission meeting at which this case was considered, he met with the landlord of the property who advised that they will be proposing a multi-tenant sign on Hawthorne Boulevard within approximately one year, at which time the two ground signs presently requested will be removed.

Responding to an inquiry by Councilman Wirth, Ms. McElroy advised that [per information received from the bank's representative] there will be another tenant occupying the area now being vacated by Bank of America. Councilman Wirth voiced strong opposition to a multi-tenant sign at this location. His preference would be for a monument sign for the bank on Hawthorne Boulevard rather than one on Carson Street, but taking extreme care to retain the landscaped look on the Hawthorne Boulevard frontage.

Discussion returned to the visibility of signage at this location. Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy offered her opinion that if the bank were to use the 20-inch high letters on the building [as approved by the Commission] they would be seen very clearly from Carson Street. Further, she stated that if the monument sign [permitted by Commission action] on Carson is moved closer to the Hawthorne intersection, it would capture much visibility from that intersection.

After reiterating her opinion that the trimming of trees to open visibility on Hawthorne Boulevard would help the situation, Councilwoman Hardison explained that her approval of monument signs for the restaurants in Skypark as being for an impulse-type business. Patrons of a bank, Ms. Hardison pointed out, do not act on impulse. Adding to these reasons her belief that approval of this monument sign would make it difficult to deny other similar requests at this location, Ms. Hardison stated her opinion that the Commission acted fairly.

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Councilman Applegate stressed his opinion that this particular branch is a commercial, rather than retail, facility, with a retail branch complete with an outside versa-teller machine being located one block further down Hawthorne Boulevard.

Returning to the podium, Mr. Fife advised of the intent of the subject branch to install two ATM units on Carson Street near the entrance to the bank, thus gearing toward a retail atmosphere. Building and Safety Director Grippo pointed out that ATM's would require City approval for this Planned Development site.

Audience comments were invited by the Mayor.

Ms. Pam O'Brien, 5005 Sepulveda Boulevard, agreed with the opinions expressed that if this monument sign is approved, other tenants will submit like requests. Trimming of the foliage to provide improved sign visibility was also recommended by this speaker.

Mayor Geissert indicated her opinion that a particular problem exists for Bank of America because of the terrain, removal of their larger wall sign from the second-story level, and the prominent signing displayed for the Union and Metro Banks at this location.

The practice of negotiating sign rights as part of the lease agreement as well as a brief history of the ownership of this complex were noted by Councilman Applegate, who advised that it is the Bank of America's choice to "draw back into a smaller posture".

The following series of motions was offered.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to allow the two wall signs as outlined by the Commission, but eliminating both of the monument signs. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, but FAILED TO CARRY as indicated below.

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock.

NOES: Councilmembers Hardison, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

ABSENT: Councilman Nakano [not as yet returned to the meeting].

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve the wall signs and one monument sign on the Hawthorne Boulevard frontage. This motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to grant the appeal. This motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to deny the appeal for the ground sign on Hawthorne Boulevard [concurring with the Commission for a monument sign on Carson Street, as well as wall signs as requested]. This motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to grant the monument sign on Hawthorne Boulevard and delete the monument sign on Carson Street and allow the wall signs as approved by the Commission. This motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, FAILED TO CARRY as indicated by the following tie vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison and Mock.

ABSENT: Councilman Nakano [not yet returned to the meeting].

At this point City Attorney Nelson suggested that the item could be continued to allow Councilman Nakano an opportunity to view the tape, whereupon the full Council could then participate in making a decision on the case.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to hold S87-15, Bank of America, for two weeks [City Council meeting of May 23, 1989]. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried as is indicated below.

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

NOES: Councilman Applegate.

ABSENT: Councilman Nakano [not yet returned].

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Considered next out of order --

17c. APPOINTMENT OF RELOCATION APPEALS BOARD:

REVISED RESOLUTION
[Supplementary material]

RESOLUTION NO. 89-97

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF
THE MEMBERS OF THE RELOCATION APPEALS BOARD
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-97 [supplementary material of record]. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Nakano not as yet returned].

City Clerk Bramhall administered the oath of office to those newly-appointed members of the Relocation Appeals Board who were present in the audience --

Ms. Cherryl Liddle
Mr. Perry Baker
Mr. Frank Cribbs.

[Appointees Elizabeth Lanzer and Robert Billett were unable to attend this meeting].

The Council now returned to --

17a. AIRCRAFT NOISE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

URGENCY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 3270

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS
46.8.3 AND 46.8.4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL
CODE TO ELIMINATE A ONE-THOUSAND FOOT ABOVE
GROUND LEVEL HEIGHT JURISDICTIONAL
RESTRICTION

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 3270 at its first and only reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Nakano not as yet returned].

17b. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FEES:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Your Honorable Body adopt the Resolution establishing a Park Rehabilitation and Open Space Preservation Fee and an Ordinance establishing a general tax on dwelling unit construction or remodeling. Also, that Your Honorable Body approve the Park Rehabilitation and Open Space Preservation Report.

Councilman Applegate noted his understanding that, while the above noted tax can be deducted from an individual's income tax, the comparable fee cannot; therefore, he deemed this a major disservice to the homeowner.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR
PARK REHABILITATION AND OPEN SPACE
PRESERVATION

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-98. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: Councilman Applegate.

ABSENT: Councilman Nakano [not as yet returned].

ORDINANCE NO. 3271

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO
DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE,
COMMENCING AT SECTION 231.1.1 IMPOSING A
GENERAL TAX ON DWELLING UNIT CONSTRUCTION
OR REMODELING

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3271 [at its only reading.] His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano not as yet returned].

City Attorney Nelson requested that on Page 3 of the above Ordinance, Section 231.1.6.b) the appropriate Resolution number be inserted: 89-98. This instruction was so noted.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett commended Ms. Toni Alario of his staff for her fine work on this agenda item and also members of various City department for assisting with the study. Mayor Geissert also voiced her praise of the document presented.

17c. APPOINTMENTS TO RELOCATION APPEALS BOARD:

See Page 13.

17d. APPROVAL OF LEXUS LEASE, WILLIAM J. ADKINS:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN
THE CITY AND WILLIAM J. ADKINS FOR CERTAIN
LAND AT 3215 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO
ESTABLISH AN AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-99. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Nakano not yet returned].

20. CONSENT CALENDAR;

20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT; To purchase two (2) new budgeted-replacement front-loading type refuse trucks utilizing a "cooperative" purchase with the City of Los Angeles
Ref: Los Angeles Bid No. E1-134
Expenditure: \$240,913.65.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Purchasing Division, Fleet Services Department and Street Department staff's recommendation that
a) Council award a contract to ENGS MOTOR TRUCK CO. of

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Pico Rivera for the purchase of two (2) new Peterbilt refuse trucks in the total amount of \$240,913.65 including tax; b) authorize disposal of existing units specified for replacement at the appropriate time, i.e. public auction.

- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To provide one (1) self-contained, high pressure, airless line striping machine
Expenditure: \$6,714.83 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION

After demonstrations at the City Yard of the Prostriper 5000 and the StreetWalker Machines, Transportation Department Staff determined that the StreetWalker did not meet our bid specifications and reached the following conclusions:

- 1) The paint guns on the StreetWalker were not easily removed for cleaning,
- 2) The three wheel configuration on the StreetWalker made it more difficult to keep the lines even,
- 3) The StreetWalker vibrated and was much noisier to operate (an important feature since striping work is sometimes done early in the morning throughout the City),
- 4) The StreetWalker did not have a low oil warning system that automatically shuts the engine off, which was a requirement of our bid specification to protect equipment; and
- 5) Staff's past experience with Tecumseh engines is that repair parts are difficult to find whereas Honda (Prostriper 5000 was a 5HP Honda engine) parts are readily available.

The Purchasing Division and Transportation Department therefore recommend that Your Honorable Body award the contract for the purchase of the required line striping machine to the Bauer Coatings Company, the lowest responsive bidder, in the total amount of \$6,305.00 (plus sales tax) for a total amount of \$6,714.83.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a and 20b. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Nakano not as yet returned].

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At 9:35 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 3.

22b. Police Chief Nash announced the Police Memorial Services to be held on May 19, 1989 at 10:00 a.m.

22c. Battalion Chief Rogers noted that there will be an open house at Torrance Fire Stations on Saturday, May 13.

22d. Councilman Applegate requested staff investigate noise registered by a plane taking off from the Torrance Airport at 5:15 a.m. this date.

22e. Councilwoman Hardison pointed out impending vacation schedules and requested that the conclusion of the R-1 studies by the Planning Commission be projected so that the matter can ultimately be brought before a full Council.

22f. Mayor Geissert announced that the County Sanitation District is offering tours of Sanitation District facilities and requested that staff determine if there is sufficient interest in the community for the scheduling of such a tour. City Manager's office to follow through.

22g. Mr. Nick Damavandi, owner of a business at 3760 West 242nd Street, described on-going problems caused by the U-Haul business in that location and requested strong action by the Council to alleviate the problem.

City Manager Jackson advised that appropriate action is being taken and a report will be provided to the Council and Mr. Damavandi will be kept informed of progress.

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22h. Mr. Gary Berkes, 3770 West 242nd Street, echoed the concerns above noted by Mr. Damavandi. Urgent action by the City and a report of progress were requested by this speaker.

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Councilman Nakano returned at this point - 9:50 p.m.

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22i. Mr. Paul Cramer, 20023 Bernist Avenue, described his pending R-1 construction project and his need to proceed in that regard. Council's action this date [see Pages 5 and 6 of these minutes] establishing an administrative approval process was reviewed by the Mayor who suggested that Mr. Cramer discuss his specific case with the Planning Director.

22j. Ms. Ilene Hawkins, 1303 Date Avenue, noted the need for graffiti removal at the northwest corner of Crenshaw and Manhattan Beach Boulevard. This speaker was referred to the City Manager's office for guidance as to the appropriate agencies to contact inasmuch as this location is outside the jurisdiction of the City of Torrance.

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;
- Pending litigation entitled People of the State of California, ex rel., vs. Mobil Oil Corporation, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 719953;

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- Pending litigation entitled Linda Wiegel vs. Milo Stanko, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 95585;
- Pending litigation entitled John Rastello, et al., vs. Rollo Green, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 74882; and
- Pending litigation entitled Gretchen Oak vs. City of Torrance and Milo Stanko, its employee, SWC 97256.

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

At 10:00 p.m., a brief recess was called by the Mayor following which the Council went immediately into executive session as above announced. The Council returned at 11:08 p.m. to take the following action.

City Attorney Nelson recommended that the Council concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney in the case of Linda Wiegel vs. Milo Stanko, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 95585.

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

In the Case of Gretchen Oak Vs. City of Torrance and Milo Stanko, its employee, SWC 97256, City Attorney Nelson recommended that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney.

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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24. ADJOURNMENT;

At 11:12 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Thursday, May 11, 5:00 p.m. for purposes of the Second Budget Workshop Session.

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Adjournment was dedicated to the memories of

Mr. Bud Marble

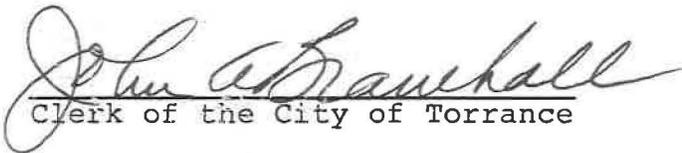
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Mr. Dean Cole.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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