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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 Thursday, May 11, 1989, at 5:10 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall, for the purpose of conducting the Second Budget Workshop Session.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Walker.

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

3. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to receive and file the City Clerk's report on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Walker absent].

SECOND BUDGET WORKSHOP:

I. INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the second in a series of three scheduled budget workshops, with this evening's meeting primarily to receive public input.

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II. OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Nakano noted for the record that although he had been absent from the first workshop session on May 8, he has viewed the tape for that meeting as well as the budget document.

A question was then posed by Councilman Nakano regarding the City's current graffiti removal efforts, in response to which General Services Director White explained the newly instituted graffiti removal program. Mr. White noted that this program includes a contractor on site, a program coordinator, hot line telephone number, schedule for follow-up, etc.

It was suggested by Mr. Nakano that the graffiti hot line number be advertised on City Cable and also by way of water bill inserts.

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Mayor Geissert acknowledged receipt of a document entitled Tracking and Analytical Schedules which was prepared by the Finance Department as a result of Council inquiries at the May 8 Budget Workshop.

City Manager Jackson advised that a cost comparison regarding the hiring of an attorney to handle some of the civil litigation is being explored.

III. COMMUNITY INPUT:

Mayor Geissert invited members of the audience to address the Council at this time.

Ms. Mary Perry, 1414 Cravens Avenue, made inquiries related to Section 8 Housing and was informed that her concerns are not related to the budget document under consideration. This citizen was referred to Principal Planning staff for information.

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Mr. Charles Lobb, 1843 West 244th Street, member of the City's Disaster Council, submitted a written statement [of record] requesting an upgrade for the position of Disaster Preparedness Specialist to Senior Administrative Analyst and urging a survey of City facilities for disaster safety.

An appropriation of necessary funds to cover these needs was requested by Mr. Lobb on behalf of the Disaster Council.

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Mr. Joe Arciuch, 23521 Kathryn Avenue, referenced specific areas in the proposed budget document centering around Airport operations and his previously noted concerns [First Budget Workshop session] regarding the subsidizing of aeronautical operations.

During his presentation Mr. Arciuch suggested that Airport revenue be placed in the General Fund, rather than Airport Fund to which Mayor Geissert responded that such action would require a Charter amendment. City Manager Jackson recalled that Councilman Mock had previously made an inquiry along those lines which the City Attorney is presently exploring -- a report will be forthcoming.

Mr. Arciuch then pointed out difficulties in correlating programs and organizational charts within the budget document, the area of specific concern to this speaker involving Noise Abatement personnel.

It was ultimately decided that a meeting will be established between Mr. Arciuch and Finance Director Giordano in order that the concerns voiced by this citizen might be addressed in detail.

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Mr. Paul Jacobson, 22937 Audrey Avenue, representing the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, introduced the matter of tiedown fees at the Airport, strongly recommending that those fees be increased.

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Mr. Jacobson submitted a document [of record] supporting his stand and requested that he be provided with detailed information regarding losses from aeronautical operations.

Councilmembers, as well as the City Manager, responded to certain of this speaker's implications regarding the City's budgetary approach. It was suggested by Mayor Geissert that a meeting with the Finance Department might be helpful in providing information desired by Mr. Jacobson.

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Ms. Ilene Hawkins, 1303 Date Avenue, related circumstances surrounding her receipt of a \$24.00 parking citation while stopped in a red zone to allow a child to disembark at the Fern Avenue School.

Mayor Geissert requested that the Police Department provide information covering this problem prior to the next budget workshop.

Ms. Hawkins also discussed the removal of certain street trees in the City and was provided with an explanation regarding this on-going program by Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia.

Details as to certain City fees and charges were then related at the request of this speaker.

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Mr. Dick Johnson, Building #615 New Horizons, inquired regarding installation of a turn signal at the Sepulveda/Maple intersection. City Engineer Burtt indicated he will provide Mr. Johnson with scheduling information regarding this signal.

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Ms. Lucy Ritorto, 3920 Pacific Coast Highway, spoke regarding the need for new City Hall directories and was informed by staff that this project is in progress.

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Ms. June Wheeler, 22627 Drale Drive, Seaside Homeowners Association, requested and received information relative to Noise Abatement funding within the City. It was recommended that Finance Director Giordano meet with this individual.

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Mr. Dennis Kikuno, 2340 West 238th Street, requested that Parks and Recreation needs be considered during mid-year budget review.

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IV. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:

Councilwoman Hardison requested that the Council be provided with detailed information as to the ranking of priorities to be considered during the mid-year budget review.

It was also requested by this Councilmember that a revised manner of indicating Noise Abatement funding be devised for future budget documents.

V. CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Geissert reviewed the scheduled budget meetings as follows:

Third Budget Workshop - May 18, 5:00 p.m.  
First Budget Hearing - May 23, 7:00 p.m.  
Second Budget Hearing - June 6, 5:30 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:14 p.m., this meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, May 16, 1989, 5:30 p.m.

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