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Marlene Lewis
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 30, 1989, at 5:34 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Applegate.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Nelson, City Clerk Bramhall, and Staff Representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Mr. Jock Cagaanan led in the salute to the flag.

Reverend Jim Park, Seventh Day Adventist Church, provided the invocation for this meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 2, 1989, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Applegate).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth 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

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ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Applegate).

5. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth 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 Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (absent Councilman Applegate).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. LIBRARY COMMISSION REQUEST TO HOLD MEETINGS AT BRANCH LIBRARIES:

The Library Commission requested permission to change its meeting time and location on the specific dates listed below in order to encourage greater public participation:

July 10, 1989	North Torrance Branch
September 11, 1989	Henderson Branch
October 9, 1989	Walteria Branch
January 8, 1990	Southeast Branch
February 19, 1990	El Retiro Branch

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to grant the Library Commission's request. Councilman Walker seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Applegate).

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PAVEMENT REFURBISHING OF THE PARALLEL AND HIGH-SPEED TAXIWAYS AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; REFERENCE BID NO. B89-21:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that the Torrance City Council authorize the award of contract to refurbish the high-speed and parallel taxiways and run-up areas at the Torrance Municipal Airport to the low bidder, Sully-Miller Construction Company, in the amount of \$197,158.80. It is further recommended that the engineering firm of Mohle, Grover, and Associates be retained to administer said contract at a fee not to exceed \$18,000.

Upon request by Mayor Geissert, City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AWARDING CONTRACTS AT TORRANCE AIRPORT FOR TAXIWAY PAVEMENT REFURBISHING AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-111. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Applegate).

10b. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 46588:

Subdivider: E. S. Development
Location: Between Garnet, Onyx Street,
Entradero Avenue and Victor Street.
No. of Lots: 7

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that Final Tract Map 46588 be approved.

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Responding to inquiries by Mayor Geissert, City Engineer Burtt and Principal Planner Gibson confirmed the R-1 zoning of this subdivision and three bordering lots and advised of plans to develop all of these parcels with single family dwellings.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth, seconded by Councilman Walker, moved to concur with the staff recommendation on Agenda Item 10b. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Applegate).

15. HEARINGS:

15a. ZC 88-7, GPA 88-8 (EA 88-34): CITY OF TORRANCE:

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for City Council consideration of a Planning Commission recommendation for a Zone Change from R-3 (Limited Family Residential) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential), and a General Plan Amendment from Low-Medium Density Residential to Low-Density Residential for properties located on the north and south sides of San Ardo Street and on the east side of Border Avenue for approximately 150 feet north of San Ardo Street, ZC 88-7, GPA 88-8 (EA 88-34): CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Principal Planner Gibson confirmed the Mayor's observation that this proposal came about as a result of a neighborhood petition in favor of down zoning the subject area.

The non-controversial aspect of this submittal was applauded by Councilwoman Hardison.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to close the public hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Applegate).

City Clerk Bramhall read number and title to the ordinance.

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ORDINANCE NO. 3273

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON EITHER SIDE OF SAN ARDO STREET AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF BORDER AVENUE FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET NORTH OF SAN ARDO STREET FROM R-3 (LIMITED MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-DISTRICT) TO R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-DISTRICT), ZC 88-7: CITY OF TORRANCE.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3273 at its first reading. There was a second to his motion by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Applegate).

The City Clerk then read number and title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED AUGUST 29, 1974, BY RESOLUTION 74-194, TO REVISE THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY ON EITHER SIDE OF SAN ARDO STREET AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF BORDER AVENUE FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET NORTH OF SAN ARDO STREET FROM LOW-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, GPA 88-8: CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-112. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Applegate).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. ALLOCATION OF BUDGETED FUNDS FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNCIL, PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Recommendation:

The City Attorney recommends adoption of a resolution providing an allocation of \$25,000 to contracts with the law firms of Liebert, Cassidy & Frierson and Epstein, Becker & Green for professional legal services

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relating to personnel matters and providing for an increase in the hourly rate of attorneys from the Epstein law firm from \$125 to \$150. Funds for this purpose are available in the City Attorney's budget for the current fiscal year.

City Clerk Bramhall read number and title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS TO THE LAW FIRMS OF LIEBERT, CASSIDY AND FRIERSON & EPSTEIN, BECKER, AND GREEN AND A RATE INCREASE FOR THE EPSTEIN LAW FIRM

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-113, with the appropriation. Councilman Walker seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Applegate).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish the City's annual requirement for miscellaneous custodial supplies.

Reference: Bid No. B89-33

Anticipated Annual Expenditure: \$96,543.76

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the General Services Director that Council award annual contracts to the following low responsible bidders for required bid items (as set forth in the agenda material of record):

1. Smart and Final Iris Company of Vernon, California, for bid items 7, 11, 15, 24, 25, 27, 28, 37, and 44, in the total amount of \$8,751.96, including tax.
2. Ball Industries of El Segundo, California, for for bid items 9, 18, 34, 42, and 43, in the total amount of \$1,831.80.

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3. Ingram Paper Company of Commerce, California, for bid Item 48 in the total amount of \$2,824.38, including tax.
4. Lever Brothers Company of New York, New York, for bid items 40 and 56 in the total amount of \$3,685.97, including tax.
5. Peerless Wiping Materials Company of Los Angeles, California, for bid Item 35 in the total amount of \$3,832.30, including tax.
6. Gale Supply Company of Los Angeles, California, for bid items 2, 3, 6, 22, 23, 29, 30, 36, and 46, in the total amount of \$22,843.19, including tax.
7. Unisource Company of Commerce, California, for bid items 17, 39, and 50, in the total amount of \$1,149.56, including tax.
8. Waxie Enterprises of Santa Ana, California, for bid items 4, 10, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 26, 31, 32, 41, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55, in the total amount of \$8,644.82, including tax.
9. Sysco Continental Company of Los Angeles, California, for bid items 33, 45, 47, and 49, in the total amount of \$41,622.44, including tax.
10. Karmi Industries of Los Angeles, California, for bid Item 38, in the total amount of \$511.20, including tax.
11. Chip Distribution Company of Carson, California, for bid items 1, 5, 8, 12, and 20, in the total amount of \$846.14, including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve Consent Calendar Item 20a. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (absent Councilman Applegate).

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At 5:46 p.m. the City Council met in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. Upon the conclusion of Redevelopment Agency business at 5:47 p.m., the Council returned to regular Council agenda order, but remained in joint session for purposes of an executive session to be held later in the evening (see Page 9).

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson reported that Item 8 on the executive session list, City of Torrance vs. Walter J. Egan, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 694935, would be held.

22b. The need for qualified applicants for vacancies on the Torrance, Lomita, Carson Private Industry Council was announced by City Clerk Bramhall, who stated that applications must be mailed or delivered to the PIC, 3231 Torrance Boulevard, by 5:00 p.m., June 8, 1989.

22c. Regarding the Private Industry Council openings, it was Councilwoman Hardison's understanding that the two incumbents will seek reappointment, leaving one actual vacancy under the large business category with only one or two applicants left on the list.

22d. Councilwoman Hardison commented on a letter received from the city manager of Palos Verdes Estates regarding the Sepulveda Boulevard/ Cabrillo Avenue intersection and expressed her interest in receiving updated action plan information concerning this matter, with this item moved forward, if possible. She was surprised by Director of Transportation Horkay that a revised action plan would be returned to Council the following week.

22e. Community interest in the possibility of senior housing at the Columbia School site was acknowledged by Councilwoman Hardison, who urged that staff include this idea in any options brought forth at a public meeting to be held for citizen input.

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22f. It was Councilman Mock's request that Fire Chief Adams prepare a report on the impact to this area from the closure of trauma centers in various hospitals.

22g. Councilman Nakano requested and received an update from City Engineer Burtt regarding plans for extending Plaza del Amo, the design of which the City Engineer anticipated would be studied again next year with the assistance of a consultant.

22h. Speaking on behalf of the entire Council, Mr. Walker expressed prayers and best wishes to former City Attorney Stanley E. Remelmeyer, during his convalescence.

22i. A request from resident Sandi Monda that the rebroadcasting of Council meetings be scheduled at an earlier hour on Wednesday and Thursday evenings because of the length of the meetings was related by Mayor Geissert. Information regarding current programming and the restructuring of schedules was provided by Cable Television Administrator Carter and City Manager Jackson.

22j. Mayor Geissert expressed her appreciation for the work of Minute Secretary Peggy Laverty and all of the minutes secretaries.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

The Redevelopment Agency/City Council having remained in joint session (see Page 8), Mayor/Chairwoman Geissert made the following announcement at this time:

The Council/Agency will now recess to closed session, to confer with the City Manager/Agency Director and/or the City Attorney/Agency Counsel regarding the following subjects:

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

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2. 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;
3. Pending litigation entitled Harbor Animal Hospital, Inc. vs. Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 709569;
4. Pending litigation entitled Mary Cosoleto vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 75407;
5. Pending litigation entitled Lucy Flores vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 96828;
6. Pending litigation entitled Regina Samuels vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 83072; and
7. The acquisition of residential property at 2514 Carson Street for the expansion of Fire Station No. 1.

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

The Council/Agency took a brief recess at 5:59 p.m., followed immediately by a joint closed executive session for the purposes notes above.

At 6:26 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency returned, at which time action was taken by the City Council as is reflected below.

City Attorney Nelson recommended the City Council concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney in the following cases:

Pending litigation entitled Mary Cosoleto vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 75407;

Pending litigation entitled Lucy Flores vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 96828; and

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Pending litigation entitled Regina Samuëls vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 83072.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney (above). Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Applegate).

24. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: At 6:27 p.m., Councilman Wirth moved to adjourn both the Agency and the Council to June 6, 1989, at 5:30 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried without objection (absent Councilman Applegate).

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Marlene Lewis
Minute Secretary

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