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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, June 27, 1989, at 7:05 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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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the passing of Mr. Ed Kamper, a very active member of the senior citizen community who was honored in 1987 by receiving the Outstanding Older American award. The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Kamper.

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3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Ms. Georgean Griswold.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Allan Peterson, Bishop of the Redondo First Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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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 May 23, 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 Councilwoman Hardison 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 Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

City Manager Jackson announced the following requested agenda changes.

Item 8b - INTRODUCTION OF ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS -  
to be rescheduled.

Item 15a - CUP 70-38 (MOD), ARCO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS -  
Request for continuance.

Item 15b - PP 89-3, W 89-1, MARK AND LAURIE LLOBELL -  
Request for continuance.

Item 17b - PHASE I, HYDROFLUORIC ACID INITIATIVE -  
WITHDRAWN - encompassed in Agenda Item 17f.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a. PROCLAMATION proclaiming July 4, 1989, as "Spirit of America 5K Charity Run Day" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted by Mr. Joe Quinones and Mr. Ty Sturgess of the Torrance Exchange Club.

8b. INTRODUCTION OF ROTARY EXCHANGE PROGRAM STUDENTS:

To be rescheduled for a later date - see Page 2.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. COUNCIL AWARD OF TWO (2) ANNUAL CONTRACTS

For the Procurement of Miscellaneous Library Books "As Needed" for the Torrance Public Library System, F/Y 1989-90.

Total Expenditure: \$220,000.00 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended by the City Librarian that Your Honorable Body award two (2) annual contracts for the procurement of library books, on an "as requested" basis, to the following companies:

- (1) A one-year contract to the Baker and Taylor Company of Reno, Nevada, not to exceed \$130,000.00, including tax, with the understanding that expenditures will reflect only actual titles purchased.
- (2) A one-year contract to the Ingram Book Company of the City of Commerce, for the procurement of miscellaneous library books, not to exceed \$90,000.00, including tax, with the understanding that expenditures will reflect only the actual titles purchased.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Librarian. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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9b. MADRONA MARSH PERIMETER IMPROVEMENT PLAN MODIFICATIONS  
AND POLICY DIRECTION RE TRIANGULAR SUPPORT SITE:

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending that the City Council concur:

- o with the modification to the perimeter plan as proposed;
- o that a tubular steel fence material be used instead of chain link;
- o that the triangular parcel be used for an interpretive center and parking lot; and
- o that the entrance to the Marsh be located directly south of the triangle with pedestrian access provided via an at-grade, signalized crossing.

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the City Council concur:

- o with the modification to the perimeter plan as proposed;
- o that the triangular parcel be used for an interpretive center and parking lot;
- o that the entrance to the Marsh be located directly south of the triangle;
- o that a study be conducted by the Departments of Transportation and Engineering which evaluates matters of pedestrian and vehicular access;
- o that, before a final decision is made on tubular steel (wrought iron) fence material as a substitute for chain link, staff be directed to conduct a thorough study comparing the cost and maintenance implications related to the two materials, and return to Council for a final decision on the type of fencing to be installed.

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Following a formal staff presentation by Parks and Recreation Director Barnett, additional clarification and expansion as requested by Council were provided by Naturalist Walt Wright (regarding fencing); by Traffic Manager Vance (regarding vehicular/pedestrian traffic concerns); by City Engineer Burtt (regarding a forthcoming feasibility study pertaining to a pedestrian overcrossing); and by City Manager Jackson (regarding projected scheduling).

Individual Council comments which were offered at this time indicated a general concurrence with the elements of the Commission's recommendation with additional remarks concerning use of landscaping for a softening effect, placement of observation points throughout the Marsh area, provision for proper maintenance of the transition area, and design for proper school bus utilization/parking on the triangle.

Councilman Walker strongly urged that a pedestrian overpass be developed at this time to provide Marsh access from the interpretive triangle.

Mayor Geissert then invited input from the audience.

Mr. Sam Suitt, 1745 Maple Avenue, #73, recommended elimination of the bicycle path or combining it with the sidewalk to be located at the outer perimeter of the property and in a straight configuration. Tubular fencing, landscaping consistent with the historical resources of the property, and use of the triangular property for an interpretive center were all favored by this speaker, as was construction of a pedestrian overpass.

Representing the Torrance Investment Company [TIC] and Santa Fe Pacific Realty [successor to Santa Fe Land Improvement Company] was Mr. Tim Graves, who referenced specific sections of the Settlement Agreement and Torrance Municipal Code which provide for a review and comment period for TIC and Santa Fe prior to any action by the City. Mr. Graves noted that they were informed of this item only yesterday.

Responding, City Manager Jackson stated the City's position that what is being proposed is consistent with that which was previously discussed with the developer; however, he suggested that final action of the Council be deferred for a required two-month design phase -- when the project is returned to Council for formal action, the matter of street crossing, fencing and final plans and specifications will then be ready for final approval. Mr. Jackson suggested that the interim 60-day period would afford the developer an opportunity to meet with the City and discuss any concerns or problems they might have with the design.

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Mr. Graves concurred with the proposal that the Council conceptually adopt the revised plan tonight, subject to TIC/Santa Fe review and approval within 60 days.

City Attorney Nelson reinforced the City's position that the actions being recommended are consistent with the original Settlement Agreement and, therefore, do not trigger the specific clauses of concern to Mr. Graves. Mr. Nelson concurred, however, that the City would wish to providing an opportunity for input by the developer, as well as all interested parties.

Ms. Georgean Griswald, 244 Avenida Atezada, speaking on behalf of the Friends of Madrona Marsh, related the Friends' preference for no bike path at all along Maple Avenue; a speed limit of 25 mph in the area; and a pedestrian overpass.

At this point City Engineer Burtt outlined a proposed joint departmental study in which elements pertaining to bike paths, methods of access, pedestrian/vehicular traffic, etc. will be reviewed in depth.

City Manager Jackson briefly addressed, as one of the options to be considered, the matter of the interpretive center and the possibility of a two-story structure with a connection across the street at the second-story level.

Councilman Applegate pointed out that many bicyclists are not comfortable using an on-street bike lane because of the mixture of bicycle/vehicular traffic involved. He suggested the "super block" [Madrona-Plaza Del Amo-Crenshaw-Sepulveda] be approached from the standpoint of retaining sufficient width in the sidewalk/bike path to allow reasonable participation thereon. Placement of the fencing to allow for uncrowded use was also recommended by this Councilmember.

Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, shared Marsh-related photographs with members of the Council. NOTE: These photographs were NOT retained for the City's records, but were, rather, returned to Ms. Turner. This speaker submitted [for the record] correspondence dated February 5, 1989, which she read aloud at this time recommending installation of a cross-walk from the triangle to the Marsh. A speed limit of 25 mph on Plaza Del Amo was also urged by this speaker.

Identifying herself as a microbiologist, Dr. Marjorie Crandall, 23930 Los Codona #115, urged approval of the interpretive triangle.

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**MOTION:** Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation as stated, with the provision as recommended by staff regarding information on a pedestrian overpass and other options for handling pedestrian access to the Marsh, review of speed limits, etc. This approval is to be in concept, subject to review with TIC.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was noted, in response to Councilman Wirth, that Naturalist Wright has been in contact with Unocal personnel regarding the necessity to relocate foxes from their tank farm at Crenshaw and Lomita Boulevards.

As a matter of clarification, City Manager Jackson inquired regarding the Council's desire to route traffic questions through the Traffic Commission. Mayor Geissert so directed.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett extended particular commendation to Naturalist Wright and Administrative Analyst Alario for their efforts on this agenda item.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. TRACT NO. 44948  
Subdivider: Gascon Mar  
Location: B/W Carson Street and Border Ave.,  
213th Street and Western Avenue  
No. of Lots: 21.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve a six-month extension (to December 16, 1989) to allow the completion of public improvements per Subdivision Agreement dated June 16, 1988.

**MOTION:** Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendation on Agenda Item 10a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Nakano ABSTAINED because of a possible future conflict of interest].

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10b. MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT ANNUAL PARKING DISTRICT ASSESSMENT:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that Your Honorable Body approve the Fiscal Year 1989-90 assessment of \$15,750 for maintenance of the parking district spaces in the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project and that the appropriate users be billed.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Department of Transportation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. David Pierson, #4 Larriat Lane, Rolling Hills Estates, owner of building at 23880 Madison Street, stated his opinion that the subject fee is excessive considering the lack of maintenance and state of landscaping on this property. A cost breakdown for affected property owners was requested by this speaker.

Noting that the requested cost breakdown will be provided, City Manager Jackson also indicated that appropriate staff will follow through on the complaints regarding landscaping and maintenance, with a report to be submitted to the Council.

Mayor Geissert requested that the service be improved in this area.

Roll call vote on the motion was unanimously favorable.

10c. ORDINANCE FOR VESTING TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAPS:

ORDINANCE NO. 3277

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 92.29.31 TO DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR VESTING TENTATIVE MAPS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3277 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

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Following detailed clarification by City Engineer Burt regarding the purpose of the subject ordinance and its anticipated impact, the Mayor invited comments from the audience. There was no response.

Roll call vote on the motion was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 70-38 (MOD), ARCO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an appeal by the applicant of a Planning Commission approval of a Modification to a previously approved Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a mini-mart in an existing service station on property located in the C-5 zone at 23510 Crenshaw Boulevard: CUP 70-38 (MOD) ARCO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC.

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

Mayor Geissert noted staff's receipt of a written request from a neighbor for rescheduling of the subject case. Council discussion developed as to the most appropriate date for hearing this appeal, taking into consideration planned vacations for certain of the Councilmembers.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to continue Agenda Item 15a [CUP 70-38 (MOD), ARCO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC., to August 8, 1989, 7:00 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and it was so ordered without objection.

15b. PP 89-3, W 89-1, MARK AND LAURIE LLOBELL:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development and a Waiver to allow the construction of a new two-story residence with less than the required front yard setback for a garage facing the street on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 22633 Gaycrest Avenue: PP 89-3, W 89-1, MARK AND LAURIE LLOBELL.

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

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Mayor Geissert acknowledged the request of the applicants for postponement of this agenda item.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to continue PP 89-3, W 89-1, MARK AND LAURIE LLOBELL to Tuesday, July 11, 1989, 7:00 p.m. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried without objection.

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At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Geissert ordered a recess. The Council returned at 9:17 p.m.

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16. APPEALS:

16a. UNDERGROUND WAIVER APPEAL - 106 PASEO DE SUENOS - CLARENCE JONES:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was an appeal of a neighboring resident of a decision of the Waiver Committee for Underground Utilities to allow overhead utility service to remain on property located at 106 Paseo de Suenos, CLARENCE JONES.

The staff presentation [per agenda material of record] was provided by Building and Safety Director Grippo, who set forth the major facts of the case as follows:

The appellants [Kelterborn's] feel the best interest of the neighborhood would be served by removal of the utility pole and overhead wires, as well as removal of an overhead transformer some six feet from their swimming pool. The Kelterborn's are also concerned about view impact.

The Jones' [proponents] feel that undergrounding of the utilities would represent a hardship because of their extensive remodel project which is nearing completion.

During his presentation, Mr. Grippo submitted, as part of the official record, a sketch of the Jones' rear yard as it is presently being developed.

The proponent, Mr. Clarence Jones, 106 Paseo de Suenos, provided a sequential outline of events surrounding his major remodel project which is now in its final stages, his neighbors'

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request that the utilities be undergrounded, and his strong desire that he not be required to underground the utilities for his property.

Mr. Jones maintained that his first knowledge of a written statement by the Kelterborn's indicating their willingness to assume all costs for the undergrounding was by way of tonight's agenda packet which includes Mr. Kelterborn's correspondence to that effect dated April 20, 1989. A statement from Traverse Tree Service relative to the danger trenching, etc. would represent to existing trees on the Jones property was submitted for the record by this speaker.

Ms. Pamela Kelterborn, 113 Vista del Sol, appellant, read aloud a statement [submitted for the record] requesting that the utility pole on their property be removed and the utilities be undergrounded.

Mayor Geissert acknowledged [per supplementary material on this agenda item] a telephone call this date from Ms. Claire Lichter in which she registered her concerns relative to cost.

Mr. Erhard Kelterborn, 113 Vista Del Sol, emphasized their willingness to assume all costs associated with the pole removal and associated undergrounding and advised that they would endeavor to complete work on the Jones property as quickly as possible so as not to cause a substantial delay in his remodel.

The builder for Mr. Jones, Mr. Jim Veta, 2309 West Torrance Boulevard, Suite 202, stated that his main objection to the Kelterborn's request is that Mr. Kelterborn [a licensed electrical contractor] wants to come onto the Jones site and do the work. Mr. Veta's liability as general contractor for the project, as well as the time delays involved, were deemed by him to be negative factors related to the Kelterborns' request.

Mr. Jones returned to the podium to emphasize his opposition to the undergrounding of his utilities. Ms. Kelterborn returned to protest Mr. Jones' statements.

A representative of Southern California Edison, Mr. Ted Porter, 505 Maple Avenue, explained to the Council that, if desired, it would be possible to install conduit underneath the proposed patio area and cap same pending a final agreement between parties.

During the Council discussion which developed it was generally acknowledged that a basic disagreement between property owners exists in this case. The majority of the Council indicated a reluctance to grant the appeal in light of the stage of

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the Jones' construction and Mr. Jones' opposition to any tunneling underneath his property. The fact that approval would involve one neighbor to enter another's property involving a liability problem, etc., was generally considered a negative consideration relating to this request.

Councilman Walker favored removal of the pole for aesthetic reasons and considering the willingness of the appellant to assume the cost.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to deny the appeal and grant the waiver. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried unanimously except for Councilman Walker's negative vote.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. DAILY BREEZE LEGAL ADVERTISING - FY 1989-90:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING  
THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND  
ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR ADVERTISING  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE DAILY  
BREEZE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989-90

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-139. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17b. PHASE I FINANCIAL IMPACT REPORT - HYDROFLUORIC ACID INITIATIVE:

WITHDRAWN -- information encompassed in Agenda Item 17f, Page 14.

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17c. EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE - 7/1/89-7/1/90:

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that Your Honorable Body accept the proposal from National Union Insurance Company to provide the City's excess workers' compensation coverage for the period July 1, 1989 to July 1, 1990 at a cost of \$43,000. Funds for this coverage have been provided in the 1989-90 City Manager's Budget.

MOTION; Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager on Agenda Item 17c. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17d. FIRE/PROPERTY AND BUS PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE:

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that Your Honorable Body accept the proposal from Robert F. Driver Company on behalf of National Union Fire Insurance Company to provide combined Fire/Property and Bus Physical Damage Insurance coverage at a total cost of \$79,536. Funds for this coverage have been provided in the 1989-90 City Manager's Budget. Effective dates would be 7-1-89 to 7-1-90 for Fire/Property portion and 7-31-89 to 7-1-90 for Bus Physical Damage portion.

MOTION; Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17e. REPORT REGARDING SUFFICIENCY OF PETITION FOR THE DAN WALKER INITIATIVE:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the report of the City Clerk concerning the count of signatures on the petition. The Mayor then invited a presentation by the City Clerk.

City Clerk Bramhall noted that his office has reviewed the petitions submitted by the applicant and referred them to the County Registrar's office for verification -- the verification has been ascertained to be substantive, so that the City Clerk's office is certifying the sufficiency of the petition.

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**MOTION:** Councilman Applegate moved to accept the Certificate of Sufficiency of the Dan Walker Initiative. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17f. CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS REGARDING WALKER INITIATIVE:

Mayor Geissert requested an executive session with legal counsel prior to consideration of this agenda item. She then 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 subject:

- 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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At 10:22 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 11:15 p.m., to continue as follows with consideration of the subject agenda item.

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Mayor Geissert noted that since the Council has certified the sufficiency of the initiative [Item 17e above] the following options are available for consideration --

1. Adopt the Walker Initiative Ordinance as presented.
2. Call a special election for the Walker Initiative.
3. Direct that the Walker Initiative be placed on the next municipal election ballot.
4. Direct that a fiscal report be made to Council within thirty (30) days.

**MOTION:** Councilman Walker moved that the Walker Initiative be introduced this evening for a first reading (Option 1, above). The motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

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Councilman Wirth indicated his preference that the issue be set for the March ballot because of the cost represented by placing this as a special election with the November ballot. Councilman Wirth SO MOVED; seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, the motion carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: Councilman Walker.

Mayor Geissert then invited City Treasurer Rupert to address the matter of a companion ballot measure to the Walker Initiative which would provide a financing mechanism for the enforcement and potential litigation as a result of the Walker Initiative, should it pass.

Noting that he, along with the City Attorney, had met with representatives of O'Melveny and Myers [without cost to the City] to discuss the matter of a legal defense fund, City Treasurer Rupert explained that there is a special tax levy available to the City of Torrance outside the Gann spending limit which would be for monies to be used specifically for the purpose of a legal defense fund.

The levy for this fund, which he noted was suggested as \$20 million maximum, Mr. Rupert recommended be spread over five years at a rate of 5.7 cents or approximately \$100/year for the average home in the City of Torrance.

Following a review of the limitations, restrictions and guarantees which would be built into the initiative itself, City Treasurer Rupert recommended that the initiative [which would go into effect only in the event that the Dan Walker Initiative passes] be called "The Dan Walker Initiative Legal Defense Fund."

Responding to Mr. Rupert's clarification regarding the purpose of the fund, Councilman Walker challenged the specified amount of \$20 million and voiced strong opposition to the defense fund initiative as set forth.

Voicing an opposing viewpoint, Mayor Geissert mentioned the very deep concern regarding the legal exposure that passage of the initiative might bring to the City, as well as the tremendous potential cost involved.

After receiving procedural direction from City Attorney Nelson, who advised that expert outside counsel will likely be in order, Councilman Wirth offered the following.

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to instruct staff to present a proposal as outlined by the City Attorney to the City Council for approval. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Geissert affirmed that the Council is not "locked in" to a name or amount for the defense fund initiative.

City Attorney Nelson pointed out that the legal firm of O'Melveny and Myers may not be the firm used by the City -- they were consulted for preliminary discussion only.

Further comments were offered by Councilman Walker in defense of his initiative and other members of the Council responded by reiterating their support of the direction in which the Council is proceeding this evening and reaffirming their strong support of the City's actions.

Roll call vote on the above motion was as follows:

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

NOES: Councilman Walker.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3278:

ORDINANCE NO. 3278

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE MONETARY LIMITS OF THE CITY MANAGER'S PURCHASING POWER

MOTION; Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3278 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried as shown below:

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

NOES: Councilman Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For required Hardware Maintenance Service on the VAX 11/750 and the Microvax II computer system located at the Police Department  
Expenditure: \$33,957.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is essential for Police operations to keep their computers operating and on line at all times. Therefore, the Purchasing Division and Information Systems Department recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize the renewal of the maintenance contract with Digital Equipment Corporation in the total annual amount of \$33,957.00 (\$2,829.75 per month).

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff's recommendation on Agenda Item 20a. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 11:46 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 11:47 p.m.

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At 11:47 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Torrance Cable Television Public Access Foundation. The meeting of the Foundation was adjourned at 11:49 p.m., and the regular City Council agenda order was resumed.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- 22a. City Manager Jackson introduced Ms. Kathy Payton-Jenno as the City's new Information Systems Director.

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22b. Councilwoman Hardison inquired regarding a lighting problem at the end of Monterey near the Madrona Marsh [referenced in recent Parks and Recreation Commission minutes]. Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett indicated that his department will investigate and follow through with a report.

22c. Councilman Wirth inquired regarding the scheduled revocation hearing for the Sepulveda/Kent service station Conditional Use Permit. City Manager to advise.

22d. Mayor Geissert acknowledged the outstanding achievement of Torrance High School student, Ken Kuniyuki, in finishing third in a recent nationwide citizenship competition in Washington, D.C. The Mayor directed that the City Manager's office make arrangements for appropriate Council recognition of this student's accomplishments.

22e. Mayor Geissert congratulated Councilwoman Hardison and all involved in assisting a citizen in handling a problem caused by a skunk.

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 subject:

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

Authority to hold an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Sections 6254.25; 54957.6(a); 54957; and 54956.9(a).

At 11:55 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 12:29 a.m. to take the following action.

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur in concept with the Memoranda of Intent for the following employee organizations:

- Torrance City Attorneys Association
- Torrance Professional Park and Recreation Association
- Torrance Fire Fighters Association.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with a 5.1% increase beginning July 2, 1989, to all classes covered by Externally Funded and Unrepresented Employees, and to carry forward all other items listed in the memorandum of June 27, 1989, pertaining to the Externally Funded Resolution.

His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

24. ADJOURNMENT:

At 12:30 a.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, July 11, 1989, 7:00 p.m. [July 4, being a National Holiday].

Adjournment was dedicated to the  
memory of  
Mr. Ed Kamper

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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