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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, August 1, 1989, at 5:36 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Wirth.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Mr. Greg Hill led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Yung C. Kim, Hope United Methodist Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 27, 1989, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Wirth absent].

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 or-

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dinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Wirth absent].

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 [Councilman Wirth absent].

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PRESENTATION OF SISTER CITY PLAQUES:

Mr. Vic Kilburn, 4913 Sharynne Lane, past president of the Torrance Sister City Association, accompanied by Ms. Irene Harter, newly-elected president of that association, presented the plaque awarded to the City of Torrance at the recent Sister City International Conference.

Mayor Geissert and Councilman Nakano [liaison to the Sister City Association] received this honor with appreciation.

Ms. Mikko Henson was also present to provide background information regarding the recognition bestowed upon the Cities of Torrance and Kashiwa for their Sister City Programs.

8b. PRESENTATION OF ROADIUM OPEN AIR MARKET SCHOLARSHIPS:

Held until later in the meeting - see Page 7.

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8c. RESOLUTION COMMENDING PETER THOMSON:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING PETER
THOMSON FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE
TORRANCE COMMUNITY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-173. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Wirth absent].

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. LIBRARY COMMISSION 1988-89 ANNUAL REPORT:

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to receive and file the Library Commission's Annual Report, July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. FISCAL YEAR 1989-90 JTPA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONTRACTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
AND ATTEST THESE CERTAIN CONTRACTS BETWEEN
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE LOS ANGELES
PROJECT WITH INDUSTRY, DIAL SCHOOL OF
TRUCKING, TECHNICAL HEALTH CAREERS SCHOOL,
LONG BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND
CAREER PLANNING CENTER

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-174. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Wirth absent].

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15. HEARINGS:

15a. D 89-21, ALBERTO BESADA AND ROSS BESADA:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an applicant appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Division of Lot to allow a two-lot subdivision which would allow the reconfiguration of two existing lots located in the R-2 zone at 24240 Neece Avenue. D 89-21: ALBERTO BESADA AND ROSS BESADA.

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

During his staff presentation on this agenda item Principal Planner Gibson noted that the Planning Commission and the Planning Department recommend denial of the appeal and denial of the request. Staff's recommendation for denial, Mr. Gibson noted, is based upon the fact that two substandard parcels would be created; further, the applicant's stated goal for a single-family residential unit on each parcel could be accomplished as the lots are presently configured.

In response to inquiries from Councilwoman Hardison, Mr. Gibson affirmed that if the lot lines were reconfigured as requested, two units could conceivably be built on each of the lots.

Mr. Alberto Besada, 24240 Neece Avenue, advised of their willingness to sign a covenant stipulating that they will erect only one single-family residence on each parcel.

Responding to this proposal, City Attorney Nelson advised that a covenant would not be enforceable against future owners. The possibility of down-zoning the parcels was mentioned and cautionary comments relative to spot-zoning were offered.

Various alternative approaches were discussed. It was pointed out by Principal Planner Gibson that the applicants desire individual ownership of the lots, thus precluding the idea of combining the lots for purposes of developing two separate single-family dwelling units on the resulting single parcel.

Ms. Maurine Moore, 24249 Neece Avenue, registered opposition to the proposed lot division and submitted for the record an additional petition obtained subsequent to the Planning Commission meeting on this case. Ms. Moore explained that this petition, containing signatures of 29 individuals, was obtained because the validity of their previous petition was questioned by the applicant during the Planning Commission hearing.

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Denial was also urged by Ms. Sherida Dunfee, 24252 Neece Avenue, who cited precedent-setting possibilities as a major concern.

Mr. Ross Besada, 19928 Linda Drive, co-applicant in this case, stated that most signatures on the petition opposing the project were duplicated on his petition [submitted earlier] favoring the proposal. This speaker affirmed that he and his brother are opposed to a combination of the existing lots for purposes of development with two units on one parcel.

Speaking in support of the requested lot split was Mr. Robert Zach, 24243 Neece Avenue.

There being no further audience comments, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Wirth absent].

Council discussion ensued with concerns generally expressed regarding the undesirability of substandard size lots; design possibilities; optional future development possibilities; etc. Councilwoman Hardison pointed out that, although it is not the specific goal of the applicants, they would have the option, were the lots combined, of building two single-family homes through a condominium-type process.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to deny the appeal [D 89-21] and deny the request. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Wirth absent].

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. REIMBURSEMENT - CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS:

ORDINANCE NO. 3281

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.10.1
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING
TO COMPENSATION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3281 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Wirth absent].

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17b. PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTY FOR USE OF FIRE STATION NO. 1:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-175

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 2514 CARSON STREET, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$310,000 FOR THE PURCHASE AND \$70,000 FOR SITE CLEARANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-175. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Wirth absent].

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3280:

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 6 OF DIVISION 7 COMMENCING AT SECTION 76.3.1 ESTABLISHING A CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM TO PROTECT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY

MOTION; Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3280 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock, Nakano, Walker and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Hardison.

ABSENT: Councilman Wirth.

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At 6:25 p.m., the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency, returning to Council agenda at 6:26 p.m., but remaining in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session to be held later in the meeting [see Page 8].

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate requested that staff advise the Council of the effect on the City of Torrance of a recent ban on heavy trucks imposed by the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

Report forthcoming shortly, per Director of Transportation Horkay.

22b. Councilman Applegate requested that staff investigate the possibility of implementing a computer-operated system to check on the safety of senior citizens in the community who live alone.

22c. Councilman Walker requested that the matter of scholarship awards be considered [deferred earlier - see Page 2].

The Council now returned to consideration of....

8b. PRESENTATION OF ROADIUM OPEN AIR MARKET SCHOLARSHIPS:

Councilman Walker, accompanied by Mr. Joel Grushkin, General Manager of Pioneer Theaters and the Roadium Open Air Market, presented \$1,000 scholarship checks to the following individuals:

- Michael Bean - South High
- Kara Hogue - Torrance High
- Terence Chin - West High.

Presented later in the evening upon her arrival...

- Mary Yogi - North High.

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Regular agenda order was resumed...

22d. Mayor Geissert requested that a workshop session be scheduled for Council consideration of the proposed light rail route refinement study.

22e. Ms. Andrea McFarlan, 169 Paseo de las Delicias, voiced a complaint regarding a police matter and was referred to Chief Nash for assistance.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session [see Page 7] Mayor/Chairwoman 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, represented employee groups, elected and appointed officials, 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;
- Pending litigation affecting both the City and the Redevelopment Agency entitled The City of Torrance vs. Walter J. Egan, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 694935;
- Pending litigation entitled John Rastello, et al., vs. Rollo Green, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 74882;
- Pending litigation entitled Melissa Duncan vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number SWC 96946; and

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- As the Redevelopment Agency Board, to confer with the Executive Director and Agency Counsel regarding the Owner Participation Agreement with Gascon-Mar, Ltd.

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

NOTE: Agency Member Nakano announced that, upon the advice of the City Attorney, he will abstain from consideration of the Redevelopment issue due to a possible future conflict of interest. Mr. Nakano absented himself from the meeting room during that discussion.

At 6:40 p.m., the Council/Agency recessed to joint executive session, returning at 8:22 p.m. to take the following City Council-related actions.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 30, 1989, THROUGH JULY 31, 1990

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-176. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Wirth absent].

RESOLUTION NO. 89-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 88-172

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-177. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Wirth absent].

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RESOLUTION NO. 89-178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES,
HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS, FOR THE
PERIOD FROM JULY 16, 1989 TO JUNE 30, 1992

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 89-178. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unani-
mously approved by roll call vote [Councilman Wirth absent].

City Attorney Nelson recommended that the Council con-
cur in the City Attorney's offer of settlement in the case of
Melissa Duncan vs. City of Torrance, Case No. SWC 96946.

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED. His motion was seconded
by Councilwoman Hardison and carried unanimously by roll call
vote [Councilman Wirth absent].

24. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:25 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency
formally adjourned to Tuesday, August 8, 1989, 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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