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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 15, 1989, at 5:35 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.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Ms. Sandi Monda led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Randy Rhoades, Jubilee Fellowship.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of July 18, 1989, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. [Councilwoman Hardison later changed her YES vote to ABSTAIN as she was not present on July 18 - see Item 22a, Page 9].

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NOTE: Resolution No. 89-154 [July 18 minutes, Page 7, Item 15a] was assigned in error. That Resolution number will not be reassigned and will remain blank in the records.

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 Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RECOGNITION OF THOMAS E. NANCARROW:

Mayor Geissert, together with Police Chief Nash, recognized the outstanding efforts of Police Officer Thomas Nancarrow in the Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education [D.A.R.E.] Program. Officer Nancarrow was also congratulated for his receipt of the "Golden Apple" award for outstanding service to the youth of Torrance from the Torrance Unified School District.

The Mayor presented a plaque to Officer Nancarrow on behalf of members of the Council and citizens of the City of Torrance.

The Police Department's Commendation for Outstanding Performance was presented by Chief Nash to this exceptional member of his Department.

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8b. INTRODUCTION OF ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM JAPAN:

Capital Projects Administrator Tilden, accompanied by Mr. John Tootle of the Torrance Rotary Club, introduced visiting exchange students Naoya Ono and Kinue Uchino from Futtsu-Shi, Japan.

Mementos in honor of this occasion were presented to these students by Mayor Geissert.

...Considered out of order...

22a. Fire Chief Scott Adams introduced the Department's Hazard Materials Analyst, Dr. John Kulluk. A warm welcome was extended by the Mayor and Council.

...Returning to regular agenda order...

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. INTERIM FUNDING FOR COMMUTER BUS LINES:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF TORRANCE AND RANCHO PALOS VERDES TO SHARE EQUALLY IN THE INTERIM FUNDING OF A LIMITED COMMUTER BUS SERVICE ALONG THE PLANNED ROUTE OF THE COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (CTIP) LINE #2

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-190. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Michael Toman, 4006 Emerald Street, #307, approached the podium stating that he was representing riders on former Bus Line 685. This speaker urged adoption of the above resolution.

Mr. Will Tressle, 4558 Cathann Street, expressed appreciation for this action of the Council.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 89-190 was unanimously favorable.

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15. HEARINGS:

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

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council reconsideration 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.

During the staff presentation by Sr. Principal Planner Gibson it was noted that the Planning Department recommends denial of the appeal and approval of the project as modified.

Following further staff clarification regarding details of this most recent redesign, the proponent was invited to present his case.

Mark and Laurie Llobell, 5203 Ruby Street, described their efforts to bring their project into conformity with the neighborhood with a reduction in square footage and mass, removal of one deck on the south side, relocation of the entry, etc. In response to an inquiry from Mayor Geissert, Mr. Llobell advised that they are willing to install gutters around the entire perimeter of the roof.

Audience members who spoke in OPPOSITION to the project were:

- Mr. Ronald Forestal, 22632 Gaycrest Avenue
- Ms. Helen Wheeler, 22639 Gaycrest Avenue
- Ms. Ruth Gastelum, 22650 Gaycrest Avenue
- Ms. Jeanette Forestal, 22632 Gaycrest Avenue
- Ms. Jane Vartanian, 22608 Gaycrest Avenue
- Ms. Edna Cooper, 22645 Gaycrest Avenue
- Mr. George Cooper, 22645 Gaycrest Avenue
- Ms. Dorothy King, 22720 Gaycrest Avenue.

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Reasons given by the above speakers for their opposition to the latest redesign included -- that it is too massive for the buildable area of the lot; there has been only a minimal decrease in square footage and bulk; and that the project is not in conformity with the neighborhood.

During Ms. Wheeler's comments which included a request for guttering around the entire perimeter of the house, Mayor Geissert questioned the possibility of problems from subsurface run-off. Building Regulations Administrator Isomoto advised that the Council could add a condition requiring that the infiltration of water on the southerly boundary be minimized to the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety.

Ms. Helen Doyle, 18626 Yukon Avenue, urged that the driveway be a minimum of 18 feet in length. Sr. Principal Planner Gibson advised that the currently proposed driveway length is 23 feet from the garage to the sidewalk.

Mr. Llobell returned to note that his project is within the current allowable FAR for R-1 properties and, further, that within a three-block radius of the subject site there are homes of more than 2,000 square feet.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilwoman Hardison commented that this latest redesign basically meets the concerns she previously felt, particularly as to the impact on the Wheeler residence. The FAR at .61 of buildable lot area, the reduced height, and the appearance of a single story on the south side, were reasons specified by Ms. Hardison for her support of the project at this time.

It was the opinion of Councilman Wirth that the damaging impacts previously in evidence have now been mitigated.

Mayor Geissert noted her preference for a somewhat smaller house; however, she acknowledged an improved architectural appearance and lessening of impact with the current design. The need to modify the Code, if possible, to consider the "buildable" portion of the lot rather than only the total square footage of the lot in the hillside area of the City was pointed out by the Mayor.

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to deny the appeal and approve PP 89-3 and W 89-1 [MARK AND LAURIE LLOBELL] with conditions, adding a condition requiring that there be total guttering of the roof to the satisfaction of the Building Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Mayor Geissert suggested expanding the condition regarding guttering to include additional drainage remedies that might be recommended by the Building Department. Building Regulations Administrator Isomoto clarified that the motion as stated does not control water which has infiltrated into the ground. Councilman Walker declined to so modify his above motion noting his opinion that the condition regarding guttering is satisfactory.

The motion as set forth by Councilman Walker carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: Councilman Mock.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STORY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 22633 GAYCREST AVENUE
PP 89-3: MARK AND LAURIE LLOBELL

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-191 as amended. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: Councilman Mock.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. ARCHITECT SELECTION - CITY HALL EAST WING REMODEL:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council concur:

1. With the Architectural Selection Committee and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with the architectural firm of BOA to provide working drawings for the remodel of the East Wing of City Hall;
2. With the retention of Marty G. Adriolo as Project Manager.

Management Programs Administrator Tilden provided a brief review of this agenda item, noting, in response to a concern voiced by Councilwoman Hardison, that a \$10,000 "cap" would be appropriate for the predesign phase [Phase I]. Ms. Hardison indicated that she, personally, would be more comfortable with such a "cap".

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager on Agenda Item 17a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH COOPERS AND LYBRAND:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM OF COOPERS AND LYBRAND, AND APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-192, including the appropriation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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17c. MEETING OF STATE ASSEMBLY SELECT COMMITTEE ON
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, PIPELINES, CHEMICAL PLANTS
AND REFINERY SAFETY:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council concur in requesting a hearing date for the California State Assembly Select Committee on Hazardous Materials, Pipelines, Chemical Plants and Refinery Safety. It is further recommended that the Torrance City Council Chambers be offered as an appropriate hearing area.

A brief staff report was provided by Management Assistant Sunshine.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Prior to roll call vote, the following members of the audience spoke in favor of the recommendation.

- Ms. Helen Doyle, 18626 Yukon Avenue, Northwest Torrance Homeowners Association.
- Mr. Noeth Gilette, partner in Pacific Energy Resources, 2935 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach - submitted written statement.
- Mr. John Bailey, 23404 Walnut Street, representing the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association and also speaking as a member of the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF A CONTRACT to conduct Computer Information System Analysis of Torrance Police and Fire Departments.
Ref: Proposal #1001 PD/FD
Anticipated Expenditure: \$36,363.00

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RECOMMENDATION:

Review and evaluation of Police and Fire information processes can improve public effectiveness and efficiency. Staff believes that now is the time to analyze Public Safety Information System design needs. It is with an eye on the year 2000 that the Police and Fire Departments, Purchasing Division and Information Systems recommend that your Honorable Body award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Schema Systems of Whittier, CA, in the amount of \$36,363.00 to conduct a Computer Information System analysis of the Torrance Police and Fire Departments.

FUNDING:

Funding all phases of this Police Information/Computer Systems Study can be met through the Police Department Drug Asset Forfeiture Account. This is appropriate use of the funds, and projections indicate there will be sufficient funds to cover all phases. Additional funding for the Fire Department's portion of this study is available through the Fire Department's Operating Budget.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

The funding from the Asset Forfeiture Fund requires an appropriation action in the amount of \$26,363.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the staff recommendation on Agenda Item 20a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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At 6:55 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was formally adjourned at 9:05 p.m. and the regular City Council agenda order was resumed.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 3.

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22b. Councilwoman Hardison requested that her vote on Agenda Item 4, APPROVAL OF MINUTES, [Page 1 of these minutes] be changed to ABSTAIN as she was absent from the July 18, 1989 meeting.

22c. Councilwoman Hardison expressed appreciation for information regarding the Juvenile Diversion Program which was provided by the Police Department in response to her earlier request.

22d. Councilwoman Hardison requested that staff bring back an agenda item including options on the Amapola Avenue moratorium which she noted will expire August 31.

22e. Councilman Nakano noted recent action by the City of Rolling Hills Estates prohibiting truck traffic and requested that staff's analysis of the impact on the City of Torrance be submitted as quickly as possible.

22f. Councilman Mock requested that the City Manager's office monitor agendas of neighboring cities' Council meetings for items which could impact the City of Torrance.

22g. Councilman Wirth requested staff investigate a traffic problem involving delivery trucks and other vehicles stopping in traffic lanes on major streets throughout the City.

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, represented employee groups, elected and appointed officials, as well as certain other personnel matters;

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- 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; and,
- Pending litigation entitled John Rastello, et al., vs. Rollo Green, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 74882.

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

At 9:13 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session returning at 10:48 p.m. There was no action required as a result of the executive session.

24. ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:48 p.m. this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, August 22, 1989, 5:30 p.m. for purposes of a workshop on the Light Rail Transit Project Route. The regular Council meeting of that date will convene at 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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