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Valerie Whippie
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 29, 1989, at 5:35 PM, in the Council Chambers of 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:

The flag salute was led by Mr. Charles Lobb.

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 August 8, 1989 City Council meeting 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

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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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION designating August 1989 as "Flashlight and Extra Battery Month" in the City of Torrance as part of the Earthquake Survival Program.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted with appreciation by Disaster Council member Charles Lobb. Administrative Specialist Terese Condon of the Torrance Police Department briefly addressed earthquake preparedness in the community.

8b. WAIVING OF FEES FOR THE ANNUAL FIESTA OF THE SAINT CATHERINE LABOURNE CHURCH

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that Your Honorable Body waive the carnival license fees for the annual Fiesta of the Saint Catherine Labourne Church contingent upon the church's payment of the safety inspection fee.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

10a. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAIN IN SPENCER STREET NEAR EARL STREET (B 89-57):

RESOLUTION NO. 89-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO COLICH & SONS (JV) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORM DRAIN IN SPENCER STREET NEAR EARL STREET (B89-57) AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-200. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

10b. RETENTION OF CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM REHABILITATION WORK ON ELM AVENUE TANK

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Water Department that the City Council authorize:

1. The retention of Associated Industries, Inc. to replace the Elm Avenue water storage tank roof and to perform related improvements, and,
2. The appropriation of an additional \$220,000 from retained earnings in the Water Revenue Fund to fully finance the rehabilitation project.

Clarification was provided by Acting Water Utility Director Heisner, and with no one wishing to speak to the matter the following was offered:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Water Department, with the appropriation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

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10c. RETENTION OF JAMES M. MONTGOMERY, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE ELM AVENUE STORAGE TANK

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Water Department that the City Council authorize the retention of James M. Montgomery Consulting Engineers, Inc., to provide engineering and technical services for the rehabilitation of the Elm Avenue storage tank and associated facilities at a fee of \$25,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JAMES M. MONTGOMERY, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE ELM AVENUE WATER FACILITIES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-201, including the appropriation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS

14a. ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

RESOLUTION NO. 89-202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS
RESOLUTION NO. 89-178

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-202. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

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14b. ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

RESOLUTION NO. 89-203

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION (TMEO)
RESOLUTION NO. 89-157

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-203. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

17a. SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE CERTAIN SHIPS OPERATING WITHIN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATERS TO HAVE DOUBLE HULLS

At the request of Mayor Geissert, City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to ...

RESOLUTION NO. 89-204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE ALL SHIPS OPERATING WITHIN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATERS AND CARRYING POTENTIALLY HARMFUL BULK MATERIALS TO HAVE DOUBLE HULLS BY JANUARY 1, 1993.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-204. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and was ultimately adopted; see final action.

Mr. Applegate stated that while he is deeply disturbed about the recent oil spill off the coast of Alaska, he would be abstaining from this matter because of his opinion that the City should have much more detail at hand prior to taking a position regarding the subject matter and its viability.

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Noting that he would be supporting pending action, Councilman Wirth felt that adoption of Resolution 89-204 would be merely issuing a statement from the Torrance City Council reflecting its concern about oil tankers off the coast of California and the prevention of oil spills and associated problems. His position was echoed by Councilwoman Hardison.

Because of the environmental disaster and severe economic impact represented by the Exxon Valdez incident, Councilman Nakano stated he would be supporting pending action to ensure that something similar does not occur off the coast of California.

Councilman Walker noted that he would be supporting the motion as well, stating that he felt it beneficial that all communities indicate to the State Legislature and to the operators of vessels without double hulls their concerns about the coastal waters and he said that doing so would weigh heavily in the decision making process at the Federal level.

Noting that no one would disagree with the intent to send a strong message to Federal and State legislators regarding potential pollution to the California coastal waters, Mayor Geissert stated that while she would be supportive of such a safeguard she could see substantial doubts cast upon requiring certain ships to have double hulls as being the answer. Referring to the ANALYSIS section of staff report she noted that a question was raised as to whether pending action might not cause a greater disaster (that question reads; "if the Exxon Valdez had been constructed with a double hull, the vessel would have likely capsized and gone to the bottom losing its entire cargo.")

The Mayor stated she would prefer to send a strong statement to Congress by way of resolution and to support pending National legislation that would require the National Science Foundation to study the issue and merits of double hulled ships. In lieu of such an option, Mrs. Geissert reported that she would support the proposed Resolution, with the above stated doubts in mind.

Councilman Applegate at this point indicated he would be willing to offer a motion capturing the flavor of Mayor Geissert's statement. He reiterated that while the Body as a whole is greatly concerned about the issue at hand he felt it possible to express that concern without trying to take a

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position on a certain solution which might not be the best solution. He further stated that he would be most receptive to something which would reflect the concern of the City and at the same time ask that the safety aspects be examined with a protective attitude.

Mayor Geissert suggested a possible amendment to the Resolution which might include the words -- "in the event this is found to be a substantial safeguard."

Councilman Wirth stated that he too noted the suggestion that a double hull might create more problems, however he added that the finding was made by Exxon, whose credibility he noted was at question. Indicating that he might find such a suggestion more convincing if made by an independent agency, Mr. Wirth reported that he would prefer to take a strong stand at this point, allowing for questions and/or doubts during the legislative process.

With no one else wishing to be heard, roll call was taken for adoption of Resolution 89-204 and proved unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate ABSTAINED for reasons noted above.]

17b. SENATE BILL 1133 (GREENE); AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27007 OF THE VEHICLE CODE RELATING TO VEHICLES (SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM).

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager and Chief of Police recommend the City Council support SB 1133 (Greene), and that this support is directed to the appropriate state legislators through letters drafted for the Mayor's signature.

With no one responding to Mayor Geissert's invitation for input, the following was offered:

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager and Chief of Police. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

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Following roll call vote, Police Chief Nash affirmed, for the benefit of Councilwoman Hardison, that SB 1133 does not require a certain speed limit for enforcement.

17c. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF SALES AND USE TAX

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For reasons of record, Councilman Nakano announced that he would be abstaining from consideration of this Item and exited the Chambers.

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Mayor Geissert announced that this item was the first of several on the Agenda dealing with the sale of tax allocation bonds for the Industrial Redevelopment Project Area [other items included Redevelopment Agency Items 3B and 3C and Torrance Financing Authority Item 4B.]

The Mayor clarified that as none of the items noted above required a public hearing, they would be considered in turn as they appeared on the various agendas. She further noted that Item 17C pertains to repayment by the Redevelopment Agency of loans made to it by the City Council over the past several years.

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance Director and the City Treasurer recommend that your Honorable Body adopt a resolution approving an agreement between the Agency and the City providing for the reimbursement of sales and use taxes not needed to pay or secure annual debt service on Agency bonds.

City Attorney Nelson noted the following correction to paragraph 4 of the proposed Resolution re this matter:

Delete the words "and Transfer of Appropriations Limit" from line three.

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RESOLUTION NO. 89-205
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING
AN AGREEMENT REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF
SALES AND USE TAXES

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-205, as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval (Councilman Nakano ABSTAINED.)

17d. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF SELF-INSURED LIABILITY CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 8, 1989 TO OCTOBER 7, 1990.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-206
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT
TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CARL
WARREN AND COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-206. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval [Councilman Nakano had not yet returned to Chambers.]

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Councilman Nakano returned to Chambers and joined his colleagues at this time, 6:00 PM.

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17e. MOBIL OIL RELATED MEASURES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council concur with the following multi-phased plan to address the health and safety issues regarding the Mobil Oil Refinery:

1. Concur with the Fire Department's plan to return to Council in 60 days with an enabling ordinance dealing with hazardous material storage and usage which will supplement existing local, state and federal regulations.
2. Direct staff to develop a permit process which might include using the Chemical Board to initially hear requests for permits for new or existing use or storage of all acutely hazardous material.
3. Direct staff to evaluate the feasibility of a City-administered program for the certification of pipefitters, including the use of an outside consultant to recommend an appropriate fee structure.
4. Concur with the City Attorney that a specialized law firm be hired to prepare the needed material related to a permit process for acutely hazardous material use and storage. (RESOLUTION)

Staff presentation was provided by Assistant to the City Manager Keane who noted that staff seeks concurrence with item #1 while items 2, 3 and 4 may require further direction and additional study as well as the possible use of outside experts.

In response to Councilwoman Hardison, Fire Chief Adams confirmed that the issue of transportation will be included in item #1 at the appropriate point in time.

With respect to item #4, Mrs. Hardison reported that she would be uncomfortable with engaging a law firm until cost parameters had been determined for Item 2.

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Councilman Walker sought counsel from City Attorney Nelson with respect to a future potential conflict with items 1 & 2 above, and the passage of the Initiative to be placed on the March 1990 ballot. While Mr. Nelson reported that most of the concepts involved with implementation of Items 1 and 2 would likely be compatible with the Initiative, he noted that should a conflict present itself, the Initiative would govern.

Councilman Mock requested more information regarding item #2 in terms of a cost evaluation on the permit process as well as the inclusion of a process whereby smaller uses of acutely hazardous material would be subject to an easier process than larger uses, as long as conditions were met.

Mr. Mock added that broadening the power of the Chemical Board would provide the City with a better degree of control as it relates to the use of various substances, and in response to his inquiry, City Attorney Nelson addressed the governing parameters of the proposed Initiative compared with the purview of the Chemical Board.

City Manager Jackson further clarified the nature of the Chemical Board and its potential function in dealing with applications for businesses that would want to use or store acutely hazardous materials, noting that staff would elaborate further if so directed. Mr. Jackson also noted that establishing a policy for existing users of acutely hazardous materials would be very complex in nature.

Councilman Mock reported that he would be against a grandfathering clause, adding that he would want all users of such materials to be evaluated through some sort of review and abatement process. He subsequently requested that an analysis be prepared of how such a process might be accomplished.

Councilman Wirth requested that item #2 be returned in a timely fashion and City Manager Jackson indicated that staff could return the item in approximately 60 days, further elaborating upon the role of the Chemical Board and the need for outside counsel in dealing with the issue of existing businesses who use or store acutely hazardous materials.

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With respect to item #3 Mr. Wirth reported that he would assume that any consultant hired to establish the costs of a certification program would be working with the pipefitters who initiated the request. He also noted that City staff has been presented with a great deal of information from other agencies regarding pipefitter certification and that he would be hopeful that such information would be utilized to its fullest extent.

Regarding item #2, Councilman Applegate concurred with Mr. Mock's opinion for a need of separate procedures for small vs. large users, stating that he felt another essential consideration would be those situations where a small quantity could be used in a highly dangerous way. He felt that evaluation should be based not only on quantity, but use as well; i.e., whether a substance might be mixed with another chemical, making it more volatile. Mr. Applegate also noted that the reverse could be true; i.e., a large user utilizing a substance in such a way that it's not a dangerous situation.

With respect to item #3 Councilman Applegate suggested that the City may wish to explore the certification of pipefitters or require a certified pipefitter to work on a particular type of device; i.e., to be certified if working on the creation of pipe framework that would carry hazardous substances or be subject to pressure.

Councilman Applegate ended by stating that he would not want to see the City absorb the costs associated with implementing a certification program and suggested that if such a need is established, funding through the State should be pursued.

Mayor Geissert raised serious concerns with respect to the manageability of item #2 after Fire Chief Adams offered input regarding the volume of acutely hazardous users in the City. Pondering the scope of a permit process she said it would be difficult to assess the costs of enforcement, inspection, hearings, etc.

Regarding item #3 Mayor Geissert raised concerns with whether a certification program should be limited to pipefitters exclusively and questioned how such a program would be administered. She requested further input regarding the Los Angeles city and county program.

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The Risk Management and Prevention Plan (RMPP) process and its applicability to this issue was addressed by Fire Chief Adams in response to Councilwoman Hardison.

During discussion, in response to Councilman Walker, City Manager Jackson affirmed that action of the Chemical Board would be subject to councilmanic appeal. However, he described the unique structure of the Board noting that a paid professional specialist would be serving as the Chairman which could be a consideration with respect to dealing with appeals from a technical standpoint. Mr. Jackson noted that the issue required further study in terms of the makeup of the Board and the appeal procedures. Councilman Walker stated that he would be very concerned if a mechanism were established whereby the City Council would not have the final authority.

In response to Councilman Walker's question about the prospect of an abatement process, City Manager Jackson noted that all parties involved in such consideration would be subject to due process and appeal rights as it relates to the question of abatement. A reasonable time frame in which to make any conversions would be provided for as well, per Mr. Jackson.

City Attorney Nelson noted that the issue of the Chemical Board and its makeup will be studied in depth, including the matter of appeals related to technical matters.

With respect to item #2, Councilman Nakano indicated that he would like to review a list of all companies in the City using acutely hazardous materials, after which Fire Chief Adams provided clarification with respect to the identification of acutely hazardous chemicals.

At the conclusion of discussion Mayor Geissert, after noting that there were no objections to item #1, indicated that the items would be considered separately, as indicated below:

1. Concur with the Fire Department's plan to return to Council in 60 days with an enabling ordinance dealing with hazardous material storage and usage which will supplement existing local, state and federal regulations.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

2. Direct staff to develop a permit process which might include using the Chemical Board to initially hear requests for permits for new or existing use or storage of all acutely hazardous material.

Councilman Applegate stated that he would like the questions raised by both himself and his colleagues explored by staff and the matter returned to Council for further evaluation. Staff concurred, indicating that a time frame of approximately 60 days would be required to accomplish the direction.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that Staff be directed to evaluate questions raised on item #2 above and return the matter to Council within 60 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

3. Direct staff to evaluate the feasibility of a City-administered program for the certification of pipefitters, including the use of an outside consultant to recommend an appropriate fee structure.

Councilman Wirth noted that he would like more detailed information regarding item #3 above (except as it relates to an outside consultant) to include information submitted by the pipefitters to the City, as well as City Treasurer Rupert's notation (earlier suggested by Councilman Applegate) that a "legislative exploratory review" should be accomplished to determine State interest in funding such a program.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that staff be directed to return with another agenda item on item #3 above, responding to Council inquiries, and providing pertinent details, as noted above. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

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4. Concur with the City Attorney that a specialized law firm be hired to prepare the needed material related to a permit process for acutely hazardous material use and storage (item #2). (RESOLUTION)

Councilman Mock suggested that item #4 above be held in abeyance until the Council receives further input on the permit process for new and existing uses as well as broadening the role of the Chemical Review Board. He stated that he would like staff to outline what might be anticipated in terms of an abatement process as well as the distinction between the benefits of hiring a specialized law firm vs. utilizing the City's resources.

Noting that more information was to be returned within 60 days for City Council review regarding item #2, Mayor Geissert announced that item #4 would be held in abeyance until such time. The Council indicated unanimous agreement.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FOR THE HOUSING OFFICE OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of the Nan McKay software program for the management and automation of the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program of the City of Torrance, at a cost of \$9,031.20 to be paid with preliminary funds for the Section 8 Existing Certificate and Voucher Programs.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

Although this item is for an expenditure of less than \$25,000, it has come before Your Honorable Body for approval because it was not specifically mentioned previously in the Department's budget.

20b. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION GUARANTEE TRACT NO. 25712 -

Subdivider: Withee-Malcolm Partnership (Yukon Court)

Engineer: Gerald E. Ruse

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Location: 16632-16714 Yukon Avenue
of Lots: 1 Lot (50 Unit Condo)

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that the \$10,000 cash deposit for Tract No. 25712 be released.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a and 20b. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

At 6:40 PM, the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency, recessing at 6:50 PM, and reconvening as the Torrance Financing Authority. The Authority adjourned at 6:55 PM, with the City Council/Redevelopment Agency remaining in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session [see page 17].

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

22a. Councilman Nakano noted that an abandoned gas station and restaurant on the southeast corner of Artesia and Prairie should be investigated with respect to safety considerations.

22b. Councilman Nakano suggested that stickers reflecting the Graffiti Hotline number be included with bimonthly water bills.

22c. Councilman Walker informed City Manager Jackson that he was sorely missed at the August 22nd Council meeting, which adjourned on August 23rd at 1:42 AM.

22d. Councilman Walker discussed Mobil Oil and their most recent advertisement regarding permits for its proposed Open House. Mobil's most recent minor incident [8/29/89] was discussed by Mr. Walker as well.

22e. Councilman Wirth commended the Building and Safety Director for cleaning and securing the site at Sepulveda and Kent as well as the former Eagle tire location.

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22f. Councilman Wirth reported on the Transportation Committee's tour of the Torrance Airport.

22g. Councilman Wirth requested that staff review a pending resolution before the State Assembly regarding local control over airports and determine its effect, if any, on the City.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session [see page 16] 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 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 entitled Kenneth Latzer vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 89747;
- Pending litigation entitled John Rostello, et al., vs. Rollo Green, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 74882.
- As both the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency Board, we will consider the proposed acquisition of a portion of the Columbia School site for Senior Citizen Housing.
- Potential litigation entitled Leland van Andler vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. not yet assigned.
- Lease negotiations with Los Angeles County regarding Civic Center property.

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- The lease of City-owned airport property at Pacific Coast Highway and Madison Street, a shopping center known as Madison Park.

Authority to hold an executive session for these purposes is contained in Government Code Sections 54957 & 54957.6 (a); 54956.8; 54956.9(a); and, 54956.9(b)(1).

At 7:00 PM, the Council/Agency recessed to joint executive session, returning at 8:37 PM, to take the following City Council-related action:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION NO. 89-155

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-207. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

City Attorney Nelson requested that the Council concur with the City Attorney's recommendations in the case entitled Kenneth Latzer vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 89747.

Councilman Applegate **SO MOVED**. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 PM, the City Council/Redevelopment Agency formally adjourned to Tuesday, September 5, 1989, 5:30 PM.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

John A. Bramhall
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