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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, October 3, 1989, at 5:32 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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Mayor Geissert announced with regret the passing of two former City employees:

HAROLD "BUD" WALSH

and

JIM GAGGOS

It was the Mayor's request that this meeting be adjourned in memory of these two individuals.

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3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Mr. Larry Gitschier led the salute to the flag.

The invocation was delayed; see below.

Heard out of order at this time...

22a. Noting his 86th birthday on October 6, Mr. Larry Gitschier thanked the City for the opportunity afforded him of serving as a Commissioner for the past 30 years. He also expressed his appreciation to various staff members.

22b. While at the podium, Mr. Gitschier reported that an overgrowth of foliage is blocking the street light at Sonoma Street and Madrid Avenue. Staff will follow through in this regard.

Continuing out of order, the Council considered . . .

8d. RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION - LAWRENCE A. GITSCHIER:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
LAWRENCE A. GITSCHIER
ON HIS EIGHTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY FOR
HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-229. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There was grateful acceptance by Mr. Gitschier.

The City Council then returned to Item 3...

Father Terence Lynberg, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

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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 September 5, 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 Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

- 16a. PP 89-19, Ronda Dobens (continued public hearing)
Applicant request for continuation to November 7.
[See Page 15.]

Planning Director Ferren advised of staff's efforts to inform concerned parties.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a. PROCLAMATION RE SUPPORT OF SCAG'S CONCEPT OF INCLUDING ALL RESIDENTS IN THE U.S. CENSUS OF 1990:

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

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8b. PROCLAMATION NAMING OCTOBER 6, 1989 AS GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY:

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

Ms. Frigga Breitenstein, Vice President of the German-American League, was present to accept this proclamation.

8c. RESOLUTION HONORING ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING THE
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON ITS
SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-230. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Father Lynberg and associates from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church were present to accept this recognition with expressed appreciation.

8d. RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION - LAWRENCE A. GITSCHIER:

Heard earlier; see Page 2.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. APPOINTMENT OF 1989-90 YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the Selection Committee recommendation for appointments to the 1989-90 Torrance Youth Council. Seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Gary Schmidt, liaison to the Youth Council, came forward with the new members, who introduced themselves as follows:

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Kristin Peters	Bishop Montgomery High School
Ricardo Vargas	Bishop Montgomery High School
Charles Schmitz	South High School
Keith Herbers	Torrance High School
Chrissa Davis	North High School
Debby Kawamura	El Camino College
Christy Chiang	El Camino College
Dana Drager	West High School
Lisa Pau	South High School
Margaret Carroll	South High School
Mike Oda	Torrance High School
Miki Kutsunai	North High School
Soo Im	Member at Large
Eric Chen	West High School

These new appointees were then administered the oath of office by the City Clerk.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. RESPONSE TO LOS ANGELES TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION [LACTC] DRAFT LIGHT RAIL REPORT:

Mayor Geissert noted that this matter was discussed by the City Council on August 22, 1989.

Director of Transportation Horkay explained that this report addresses the City's concerns and questions regarding the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission's draft report on the Light Rail Study, and noted the following...

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of response and transmit same to LACTC.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter (of response) to be transmitted to LACTC. Councilman Walker seconded the motion.

The writer of the letter (Transportation Planner Etherington) was commended by Councilman Walker for an excellent job.

It was the request of Mayor Geissert that there be reinforcement of the following in the letter, per the Council's previous discussion on this matter:

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1. A more thorough discussion of terminus sites.
2. Means of financing the acquisition of any property that might be necessitated for the terminus site.
3. A discussion of a third rail system as opposed to an overhead power supply.

Transportation Planner Etherington stated his understanding that the third rail system to be used on the Norwalk/El Segundo line is also being proposed for the South Bay line. The Transportation Planner said he would seek clarification regarding this point in response to the Mayor's concern that this concept be reinforced.

Councilman Wirth agreed the third rail concept should be emphasized and the balance of the Council indicated their concurrence with the Mayor's recommendations.

Councilman Mock SO AMENDED his motion to include the points stipulated by the Mayor. Councilman Walker, as seconder of the motion, had no objection and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10b. EXECUTIVE STAFF TRAFFIC TASK FORCE REPORT - TORRANCE BOULEVARD:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Staff Traffic Task Force, with the concurrence of the full Executive Staff, recommends that Your Honorable Body review the subject report and refer to the Council Transportation Committee all of the following recommended improvements for Torrance Boulevard:

1. Remove or restrict parking to provide three travel lanes in each direction from Cravens to the west City limit.
2. Install remainder of Hardwire Traffic Signal Interconnect System as called out in the Action Plan.
3. Make the following traffic signal modifications:

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- a. Remove the signal at Cota.
- b. Install protective-permissive left-turn phasing northbound and southbound at Maple as called out in the Action Plan.
- c. Remove the median mounted signal on the east leg of Torrance at Madrona.

Providing background on this item, Director of Transportation Horkay announced that the report on Torrance Boulevard prepared by the Executive Staff Traffic Task Force as its first project was ready to be forwarded to the Transportation Committee of the City Council.

Speaking as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Councilman Wirth suggested the need for a series of meetings to allow sufficient time to study the findings. It was his desire that there be expanded notification -- notice by mail to residents and business owners of affected neighborhoods to the north and south of Torrance Boulevard -- for these Committee meetings.

City Manager Jackson said it was anticipated that this first Task Force report would be sent to Committee for a determination of how such reports should be processed and would serve as a model for the future.

Agreeing the matter should go to Committee, Councilman Applegate observed:

1. That there is currently insufficient parking on Torrance Boulevard, east of Crenshaw Boulevard, where there are mostly older buildings.
2. That to remove the parking that is there now would be disastrous. The problem the City originally tried to alleviate would be compounded by driving people to park on adjacent, narrow residential streets, some that have parking only on one side.
3. That the removal of the signal at Cota would mean there would be no signal between Crenshaw Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue. With no break in traffic, it would be impossible for anyone to make a left-hand turn from the interior streets.

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It was Mr. Applegate's observation that people north and south of Torrance Boulevard are becoming landlocked.

Councilwoman Hardison agreed the Task Force recommendations should be analyzed as to ramifications and that there should be a number of Committee meetings to study the matter. She stressed the importance of notification.

Members of the audience were invited to speak.

Ms. Pam O'Brien, 5005 Sepulveda Boulevard, suggested the homeowners groups surrounding the area also be notified of the Committee meetings.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. AMENDMENT OF THE EXTERNALLY FUNDED AND LIMITED TENURE RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-231

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 EXTERNALLY FUNDED AND LIMITED TENURE RESOLUTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano, seconded by Councilman Walker, moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-231. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14b. ADDITIONAL STAFFING IN THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Attorney and the City Manager that City Council concur in the addition of a second Assistant City Attorney position in the City Attorney's Office, to be funded for the remainder of fiscal year 1990 through appropriation for liability claims.

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the staff recommendation on agenda Item 14b. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 88-78, ISCO INDUSTRIES:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an applicant appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit, Tentative Tract, and a General Plan Amendment to allow construction of 19 condominium units in the Residential Professional (RP) zone located at the northeast corner of Yukon and 182nd Street. CUP 88-78, TT 46938, GPA 88-6, (EA 88-27): ISCO INDUSTRIES.

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

During his staff presentation on this item, Principal Planner Gibson noted that the original project, which was denied by the Planning Commission, consisted of 20 detached condominium units. Subsequent to appealing that denial, the applicant submitted a redesign for 19 condominium units -- it is that redesign which is before the Council for consideration at this time and is recommended for approval by the Planning Department.

Questions from individual Councilmembers were then addressed by various members of staff. Topics covered included zoning considerations; guest and resident parking provisions; traffic impact [transportation study of record]; etc.

The proponent was then invited by the Mayor to present his case.

Mr. John Wesley Killen, director of design at the Withee Malcolm Partnership, Architects, 2200 Pacific Coast Highway, Hermosa Beach, reviewed the history of the project and, with the aid of slides, addressed major issues of concern which he identified as zoning, density, traffic and parking.

Mr. Killen pointed out that, although R-3 development is permissible under the property's RP zoning criteria, the density proposed does not approach the maximum allowed under the R-3 standards. This speaker maintained that surrounding development is predominantly R-2 and R-3, as well as commercial, and expressed his opinion that the project as proposed is compatible with the area. Stating that many of the surrounding R-1 and R-2

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uses fall below the 6000 square-foot minimum lot size for R-1, Mr. Killen compared the subject development [at 5,579 square foot lots] as a "good fit" to the neighborhood.

Access to the site was next discussed by this speaker, who described traffic mitigating measures proposed and pointed out that the traffic report [prepared for a 24-unit development] projects ". . . no adverse effect on the adjacent street system." Rationale for the single-access only [from 182nd Street] and negative factors which would result from an access from Yukon Avenue were reviewed by Mr. Killen.

Concluding his formal remarks, Mr. Killen described Caltrans' proposal to incorporate a high-occupancy vehicle lane on the freeway and the subsequent possibility of an added enforcement lane which would widen the freeway some seven to nine feet at this location. Details regarding parking and storage provisions were also provided.

Councilwoman Hardison questioned the above speaker's statements regarding lot size, noting that after allowing for private streets, the total square footage per parcel would be approximately 4,446, rather than 5,579 as stated.

Mayor Geissert pointed out that the applicant is proposing to put 3,000 square-foot units on these smaller lots, whereas R-1 lots in the area were developed with 1,200 to 1,500 square-foot dwellings. The Mayor also pointed out that any statement regarding an inherent right to build to a certain density is misleading in that any development under RP zoning is subject to Planning Commission review with appeal rights to the City Council.

Audience comments were invited at this point.

Ms. Marilyn Throssel, 3909 West 176th Street, indicated that her major concern is traffic and safety considerations because of the single access to the development. It was her suggestion that a less dense project, such as an office/professional building which would not represent as much peak-hour entering and exiting from the site be considered.

Acknowledging the preference of the Department of Transportation that there not be an access from Yukon, Councilman Wirth inquired regarding the optimum location for a driveway if one were required on Yukon. Traffic Manager Vance advised that the most level point would probably be the most acceptable.

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The next speaker, Ms. Jennie Ross, 3712 West 170th Street, spoke in favor of the project, enumerating the following as positive safety factors designed into the project: the long entrance driveway; the extra 19 parking spaces plus two- or three-car garages; and the walled and gated community aspects.

A history of the zoning of this property was provided by Mr. Fred Bradley, 18307 Patronella Avenue. He also stated that all lots on Yukon and Patronella between 185th and 182nd Streets are at least 7500 square feet with houses mainly built at 1300 square feet -- elsewhere in the area where there are smaller lots, the homes are also smaller. Zoning in area is mainly R-1 according to this speaker.

This speaker maintained that the traffic study should have taken into account traffic between 6:00 and 9:00 a.m. and between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. in order to correctly reflect the existing serious traffic problem. Offering his opinion that the proposed project would destroy the aesthetic value of the neighborhood, Mr. Bradley advised that he would favor a professional building or an R-1 development because of density.

Stating that he lives "right around the corner" from the subject site, Mr. Rick D'Amico, 3131 West 179th Street, described existing severe traffic problems and offered his opinion that residential units, but significantly less than 19, would be the best development for the site, access being the main problem, in his opinion.

Ms. Laurie Woo, 3759 Sandgate Drive, expressed concerns regarding traffic and density and also indicated displeasure regarding the notification for this hearing. Parking problems related to nearby North High School were described by this speaker and a low-density development was recommended for the site.

Problems relating to a high water table in the subject area were described by Ms. Gail Cole, 3701 West 182nd Street, who stated that many residents have to pump water from under their homes during the rainy season. Storm drain construction in this area of the City was recounted by City Engineer Burttt, who noted that the next phase of this work will reach into this particular neighborhood in the Spring of 1990. Ms. Cole stated her opinion that the proposed project is not compatible with the rest of the neighborhood.

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Mr. Clifford Heiss, 18425 Patronella Avenue, discussed the proposal to establish a 35-foot turning radius at the corner of Yukon and 182nd Street and questioned the effectiveness of such action in allowing large vehicles to execute right turning movements. Staff responded by noting various options available to allay this citizen's concerns. Mr. Heiss noted traffic as a major factor in his opposition to the project.

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At 7:45 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a recess. The Council reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

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Mr. Michael Stallings, 17202 Falda Avenue, a teacher of architecture at El Camino College, spoke in favor of the subject proposal noting his opinion that the best possible ingress and egress to the site is proposed and the units are oriented on the site in a "very good manner."

Strong objections to the project were voiced by Ms. Frances Romero, 18325 Patronella Avenue, who noted that her concerns evolve around safety hazards as they relate to the fire station, as well as to residents in the area.

Mr. Robert Borneno, 3733 West 181st Street, expressed dissatisfaction regarding notification for this appeal hearing and noted serious concerns regarding the proposed development. Citing traffic and parking considerations [compounded during the school year by the close proximity of North High School], as well as the "sinking" and shifting foundations of three homes on the south side of 181st Street, this speaker recommended a maximum of R-1 density on the subject site.

Mr. Stan Jamison, 18202 Patronella Avenue, requested that, if this project is allowed, left turning movements into the development be prohibited. This speaker pointed out that, although the location and zoning maps included in the agenda packets correctly indicate that the area behind his property is zoned R-2, that property is not so developed because of the existing Southern California Edison power line easement. It was the request of Mayor Geissert that staff look into the need for rezoning that property in conjunction with the General Plan update for the City.

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At this time, Councilman Applegate MOVED to close the public hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable with the exception of Mayor Geissert who HELD her vote in abeyance in order to allow the proponent an opportunity to re-address the Council.

Mr. Killen returned to the podium to solicit support for the proposal under consideration, noting that a conventional R-1 development with driveways off of public streets would not be advisable at this location.

Mayor Geissert then cast her vote in favor of closing the hearing which completed the action per Councilman Applegate's motion above.

Council discussion then ensued with a general expressed concurrence regarding the inherent difficulties in developing the subject site.

At the request of Councilwoman Hardison, Planning Director Ferren reviewed staff's observations and concerns relating to gated communities [per recent memorandum received by all Councilmembers], noting that Planning staff is now seeking direction from the Council regarding the desired future approach to such developments.

Councilman Walker commented in favor of the subject development, noting his opinion that residents would not likely all want to leave or return at the same time and traffic for 19 units will likely not impact 182nd Street. With the 19 additional parking spaces provided, Mr. Walker anticipated no parking problem for the project which he did not consider to be a high density development.

A differing opinion was offered by Councilman Wirth who stated that his opposition to the project is principally because of concerns regarding ingress and egress from the site. Mr. Wirth also addressed staff's memorandum regarding gated communities and stressed his opinion that, while certain concerns mentioned by staff need to be addressed, planned development projects as a whole should not be prohibited.

Councilman Nakano favored the project and, because of traffic considerations, expressed his opposition to any commercial development or office building for this site. This Councilmember advised that he would not anticipate that a severe traffic problem would be caused by residents either leaving for, or returning from, work at the same time.

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Objections to the building density [as opposed to unit density] were voiced by Councilwoman Hardison who pointed out that the proposal calls for dwellings of approximately 3200 square feet on 4500 square-foot lots. Although she offered her opinion that a carefully laid out professional building might be more appropriate for the site, Ms. Hardison observed that, in reality, a residential development will probably be more likely to happen, in which case she would favor more of a typical R-1 development with the concept of smaller homes to smaller lots, driveway aprons and possibly some street parking.

Mayor Geissert recommended, because of the cumulative effect on traffic of any intense development at this location, that a land use study be initiated for the site. The Mayor noted that her opposition to the project under consideration emanates from her basic concerns regarding the appropriateness of housing on the site because of access, sound factors, etc.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to deny the appeal and deny the project without prejudice [CUP 88-78, TT 46938, GPA 88-6 - ISCO INDUSTRIES]. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: Councilmembers Applegate, Nakano and Walker.

Councilman Applegate indicated his concerns regarding a single ingress and egress off of 182nd Street and suggested the possibility of eliminating a unit and creating some alternate egress from the project onto Yukon Avenue. Mr. Applegate offered his opinion that the best use for the property is residential, any type of office building having a much higher trip generation than any residential use would have.

Support for a "mini-study" for the appropriate use of the property was urged by Mayor Geissert, who expressed her opinion that a single-story professional building might be appropriate.

Councilman Walker voiced firm opposition to using City staff and City funds for a study of this site. He further noted that he would oppose any type of office or professional building that would bring large numbers of people onto the site, especially those who are not familiar with the area.

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Commenting that a majority of the Council favored residential development for the site, Councilman Wirth also observed that because of the denial without prejudice, the developers themselves will likely be doing a land use study, prior to returning with another project.

16. APPEALS:

16a. PP 89-19: RONDA DOBENS:

It was explained by Mayor Geissert, as announced earlier (Item 6, Page 3), that the proponent was requesting this matter be continued to November 7, and that interested parties were notified.

Mayor Geissert then announced that this was the time and place for a continued public hearing of City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow construction of a first- and second-story addition to an existing one-story residence in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone located at 5622 Andrus Avenue. PP 89-19: RONDA DOBENS.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to continue Item 16a (PP 89-19: RONDA DOBENS) to November 7, at 5:30 p.m. Councilman Walker seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Land Management Team and the City Manager to proceed with the sale of a small portion (131 square feet) of City-owned property located at 4539 Vista Largo to Mr. and Mrs. G. Albright. It is further recommended that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary documents.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendation on agenda Item 17a. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

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In response to an inquiry by Councilman Applegate, City Attorney Nelson affirmed that his office has reviewed this item and concurs with the recommendation, whereupon the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17b. EXTENSION OF MOBIL OIL PIPELINE FRANCHISE NO. 1435

ORDINANCE NO. 3285

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING FOR SIX MONTHS THE TERM OF A PIPELINE FRANCHISE ORIGINALLY GRANTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1435

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3285 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. RELEASE OF BONDS - TRACT NO. 45406

Subdivider: Dan Butcher
Engineer: David Breiholz
Location: 4350 Spencer
No. of Lots: 52-unit condominium

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that the subject bonds be released.

20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of Ready-Mixed Concrete, Class "A" and Class "C"

Reference: Bid No. B 89-61
Expenditure: \$179,816.73, including sales tax

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Street Department recommend that Your Honorable Body award an annual contract to the lowest responsible bidder, A & A Ready Mix, Gardena, California, for the purchase of Ready-Mix Concrete, Class "A" and Class "C," in the total amount of \$179,816.73.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 20a and 20b. Councilman Mock seconded his motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 8:50 p.m., the City Council met in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. At 8:53 p.m., the City Council agenda order was resumed, the Council/Agency remaining in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session to be held later in the meeting - see Page 18.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 2.

22b. See Page 2.

22c. Councilman Applegate requested that immediate action be taken by the City in correcting erroneous information which has again been put forth by the Riviera Homeowners Association to its members regarding the possible future opening of Via Colusa to through traffic [see Oral Communications, Page Item 22 of the September 26 City Council minutes].

City Manager Jackson noted that the Department of Transportation has contacted that homeowners association in writing and by telephone with regard to this matter.

The regrettable and extremely disturbing aspects of such misinformation being distributed to the community were noted by the Mayor, who deemed such action "irresponsible" and "malicious."

22d. Councilman Applegate described a recent bicycling vacation in the Pacific Northwest area.

22e. Councilwoman Hardison requested that homeowner groups be notified of the Airport fee item scheduled for hearing at the October 10 Council meeting.

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22f. Councilwoman Hardison pointed out the need to return the matter of R-1 projects with a greater than .6 floor area ratio to Council for review.

22g. Councilwoman Hardison announced the October 6 symposium on substance abuse to be held at the Torrance Marriott.

22h. Councilman Wirth requested that a memo be prepared for Council prior to its October 10 meeting outlining requirements in order to place a bond issue for the Library basement on the ballot.

22i. Mayor Geissert noted receipt of correspondence from the City of Carson challenging a member of the Torrance City Council to join in a race at the Velodrome. There were no volunteers from the Council.

22j. Mayor Geissert commented on the highly successful City picnic held on Sunday, September 24. The Mayor commended members of staff who were involved in organizing the event and expressed the hope that this will be an annual occurrence.

22k. City Clerk Bramhall mentioned that a member of his family recently departed on a trip to the Soviet Union bearing City of Torrance pins to be presented as exchange gifts.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session [see Page 17] 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;

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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;
- Pending litigation entitled John Rastello, et al., vs. Rollo Green, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 74882.
- Pending litigation entitled Joan Leadbeater vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number SWC 78235; and
- As the Redevelopment Agency Board, Council will confer with Agency Counsel regarding eminent domain litigation entitled Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs. Thomas G. Woolson, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C 544910.

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

At 9:16 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to joint executive session, returning at 10:13 p.m. No action was required as a result of the executive session.

24. ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:14 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, October 10, 1989, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of

Mr. Harold "Bud" Walsh

and

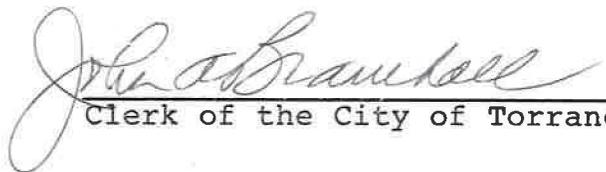
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