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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, January 9, 1990, at 7:09 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Mock [left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.], Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

Absent: Councilman Nakano.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Boy Scout Troop #310 - Ray Enriquez, Scoutmaster.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Peter Kim, Torrance First Presbyterian Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 21, 1989, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Nakano 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

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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 [Councilman Nakano 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 Nakano absent].

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Transportation Committee

Met this date

Subject: Torrance Boulevard Study
Report forthcoming.

Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, February 7, 1990, 4:30 p.m.

Subject: Acutely Hazardous Materials.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. DONATION FROM TORRANCE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

Reverend Peter Kim of the Torrance First Presbyterian Church presented a donation from the church of \$500.00, to the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

Accepting with sincere appreciation were Mayor Geissert and Acting Parks and Recreation Director Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman noted that this generous gift will be utilized to help underprivileged children participate in youth program activities in the community.

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8b. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Following the interview of applicants for current Commission vacancies, Council made the following appointments.

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Paul Jacobsen
James McKee [reappointed]

CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD

Linda Dozier
Vera Little [reappointed]

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Gerry Rische [reappointed]

DISASTER COUNCIL

Meredith Eick [reappointed]

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pam O'Brien

FINE ARTS COMMISSION

Gelinda Quintile [reappointed]
O. James Vogl [reappointed]

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION

Irene Harter [reappointed]

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Sally Stowe

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Gene Drevno [reappointed]
Gary Kuwahara

PLANNING COMMISSION

Don Lee [reappointed]

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

May Amemiya [reappointed]
Lila Lee Barnes [reappointed]
Larry Gitschier [reappointed]

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

William Johnson [reappointed]
Gerald Snyder [reappointed]

WATER COMMISSION

Perry Baker [reappointed]

The oath of office was administered by City Clerk Bramhall following which Mayor Geissert extended congratulations to all appointees.

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At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Geissert called a recess. The Council reconvened at 8:18 p.m. [Councilman Mock left the meeting during this recess; Councilman Walker returned to Chambers at 8:20 p.m.]

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. REDUCTION OF SUBDIVISION BONDS:

TRACT NO: 45010
SUBDIVIDER: Oxford Properties, Inc.
ENGINEER: Albert C. Martin & Associates
LOCATION: 21250 Hawthorne Boulevard (Center
Pointe Plaza Phase I)
NO. OF LOTS: 3.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that the subdivision bonds be reduced as indicated and that the City Council approve a 2-year extension to November 12, 1991 to allow completion of public improvements per Subdivision Agreement dated November 12, 1987.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Engineering Department on Agenda Item 10a. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Mock and Nakano absent; Councilman Walker not as yet returned to Chambers].

10b. APPROPRIATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body appropriate \$60,000 from Gas Tax Funds for the modification of the traffic signal at Sepulveda Boulevard and Cabrillo Avenue to provide east-west left turn phasing and to defer the project to modify the Crenshaw/Del Amo intersection to the 1991-1992 Action Plan.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation including appropriation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilmen Mock and Nakano absent; Councilman Walker not yet returned to Chambers].

At the conclusion of Council consideration of this item [8:20 p.m.] Councilman Walker rejoined his colleagues in the Council Chambers.

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10c. ANZA AVENUE SERVICE ROAD MEDIAN LANDSCAPING:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL-AID-URBAN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF ANZA AVENUE SERVICE ROAD MEDIAN LANDSCAPING FROM 190TH STREET TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-5. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Mock and Nakano absent].

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. DISPOSITION OF RETIRED SURPLUS FIRE ENGINE [UNIT #103]:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE TITLE TRANSFER OF RETIRED SURPLUS 1954 MACK FIRE ENGINE (UNIT #103) FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-6. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilmen Mock and Nakano absent].

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. AQMD REPORT RE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF HYDROGEN FLUORIDE:

Mayor Geissert acknowledged the RECOMMENDATION of the City Manager on this agenda item that the Council reject as incomplete the AQMD Task Force report regarding the potential hazards of hydrogen fluoride.

In response to a direct question by Councilwoman Hardison, Assistant to the City Manager, Kathy Keane, affirmed that the three AQMD-appointed task force subcommittee members from the City of Torrance had no prior knowledge that the subject report was being issued and had no input into the report.

Council discussion ensued during which time the subject document was deemed by individual Councilmembers to be overwhelmingly flawed, disturbing and totally inadequate. Serious questions were also raised as to the reason for its apparently untimely release.

The following action was ultimately taken...

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for concurrence with the staff recommendation for rejection of the report. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Prior to roll call vote Mayor Geissert urged that, at the opportune time, the position of the City of Torrance be made clear to the AQMD. It was the Mayor's expressed hope that a more substantive report which is more in the City's interest will be forthcoming.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Mock and Nakano absent].

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Relocation of Outside Plant Facilities for Torrance City Hall to Include Telecommunication, Cables and Conduit System
Ref: Bid No. B89-76
Expenditure: \$66,305.00 including sales tax.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Purchasing Division and the Information Systems Department that your Honorable Body award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Irish Communication Company, Rosemead, California, in the total amount of \$66,305.00.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the staff recommendation on Agenda Item 20a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Mock and Nakano absent].

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At 8:34 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 8:36 p.m., and the regular Council agenda order was resumed.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson introduced David Kim, the City's new Communications Administrator.

22b. Councilman Applegate referenced recent correspondence from the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the possible expansion of the Friendship Festival to a two-day event. City Manager Jackson advised that this matter will be submitted to the Council as a regular agenda item.

22c. Mayor Geissert requested urgent City action from a legislative point of view regarding the Berguson legislation which affects land use planning within a two-mile radius of the Torrance Airport.

The Mayor outlined suggested approaches noting particularly the need to alert other cities in Los Angeles County as to the impact of this legislation.

It was Mayor Geissert's direction that this matter be referred to the Legislative Committee of the City Council. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

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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 and represented employee groups as well as certain other personnel matters;
- Pending litigation entitled John Rastello, et al., vs. Rollo Green, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 74882;
- Pending litigation entitled People of the State of California vs. Mobil Oil Corporation, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 719953;
- Pending litigation entitled Arleen M. Olmstead v. City of Torrance and Nolan Dane, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 80793;
- Pending litigation entitled Elia M. King v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SOC 92186.

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

At 8:45 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session for the above stated purposes, returning at 9:07 p.m., to take the following action.

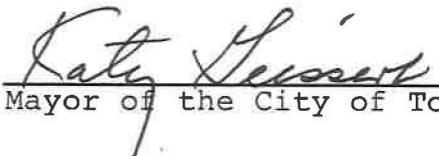
MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Attorney in the case of Arleen M. Olmstead v. City of Torrance and Nolan Dane, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 80793. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Mock and Nakano absent].

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24. ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:09 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, January 16, 1990, 5:30 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
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