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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, April 17, 1990, at 5:36 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.
Councilwoman Hardison arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

Considered out of order...

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mayor Geissert announced that the City Council would now recess to executive session, returning as closely as possible to 7:00 p.m., to conduct the regular business of this date.

Mayor Geissert then 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:

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- Salaries, salary schedules and compensation for certain unrepresented employees and represented employee groups as well as certain other personnel matters;
- 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 Nancy Prichard vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 107755;
- Current litigation entitled Fred Smith vs. The City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 620563;
- Property acquisition at 1860 Torrance Boulevard (Shoe Factory) involving Dan Stumpus and Nicholas Peters;
- Lease amendment negotiations with American Real-Corp for Madison Park Development - Instruction to City Representatives;
- Potential litigation regarding a claim that has been filed by Francisco, Leticia and Sonia Nunez; and
- Potential litigation regarding a claim that has been filed by Gwendolyn Barns.

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

At 5:39 p.m., the Council recessed to executive session, returning at 7:17 p.m., to consider the balance of the agenda in regular order.

[The Council returned to executive session later in the meeting - see Page 9.]

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Regular Agenda Order was resumed...

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

Mr. Frank Lee, a Torrance High School student, led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by George Robinson, Church of Christ.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 20, 1990, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison 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 Councilman Mock 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

City Manager Jackson noted a request that Agenda Item 15b, STEVEN KAM, be carried forward for one week [to April 24].

Mayor Geissert advised of receipt, this date, of a letter signed by neighbors who are protesting the addition, requesting continuance to May 15, 1990.

Planning Director Ferren suggested that the matter be continued, at this time, to April 24, and the proponent be contacted for his concurrence with the May 15 date [see Page 6 for formal action].

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Transportation Committee

April 23, 1990, 5:00 p.m.

Subjects: Taxi Back Operations at Municipal Airport, Review of Transportation Department Organization, Update of Park and Ride Lot on Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Transportation Committee

April 30, 1990, 7:00 p.m.

Subject: Torrance Boulevard Study.

Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee

Councilman Applegate provided an update of events planned for the May 19 Armed Forces Day Parade and celebration.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS

8a. RESOLUTION HONORING MR. SOICHIRO HONDA

RESOLUTION NO. 90-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING MR. SOICHIRO
HONDA FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE AUTOMOTIVE
HALL OF FAME

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-54. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Willie Tokoshi, Vice President of Corporate Community Relations for the Honda Motor Company, was present to accept this resolution on behalf of Mr. Honda.

Mr. Tokoshi read aloud a telegram [submitted for the record] from Mr. Honda expressing his sincere appreciation for this resolution.

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8b. PROCLAMATION proclaiming April 1990 as "Occupational Therapy Month" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

This proclamation was accepted, with appreciation, by Mr. Paul Zulak, President of the South Bay Chapter of the Occupational Therapists Association and Director of Occupational Therapy at Little Company of Mary Pavilion.

8c. PROCLAMATION naming April 22 through 28, 1990, as "National Library Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted by Ms. Gudrun Kimmel, a member of the Torrance Library Commission.

8d. PROCLAMATION declaring April 28, 1990, as "Health Fair Expo Day" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert. This proclamation was accepted by Ms. Jane Rawls, Manager of the Pacific Inn.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS

9a. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM TOYOTA CORPORATION

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director recommend that the City Council accept this donation [of \$5,000] from Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. and transmit a letter of appreciation. It is also recommended that the money be appropriated for the Fourth of July account to cover costs of the concert.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 9a. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

12a. DENIAL OF APPEAL - SEQUOIA REAL ESTATE FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 90-60

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS
AND DENYING THE APPEAL AND DENYING THE
PROJECT OF SEQUOIA REAL ESTATE FUND
BETWEEN THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL AND 166TH
STREET, AND 3215 AND 3211 166TH STREET
TT47671 SEQUOIA REAL ESTATE FUND

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-60. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS

15a. PP 89-41, W 89-25: STEVEN KAM

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development and a Waiver to allow the construction of a second-story addition to an existing two-story single-family residence with less than the required twenty-foot average front yard setback on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 4438 Vista Largo. PP 89-41, W 89-25; STEVEN KAM.

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

The earlier-acknowledged request for continuance of this item [see Page 3] resulted in the following...

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to continue PP 89-41, W 89-25, STEVEN KAM to May 15, 1990. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

In accord with the recommendation of the Planning Director [Agenda Item 6, Page 3], Councilman Applegate offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION to continue PP 89-41, W 89-25, STEVEN KAM to April 24, 1990, 7:00 p.m. This motion, which would allow both affected parties to be contacted, was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried by unanimous roll call vote with the exception of a negative vote by Councilman Walker.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

17a. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. 90-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT
AND FILING OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF
INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE YEAR 1990

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 90-61. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and
roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. EXCHANGE CLUB POLICE/FIRE CHARITY BOWL BANNER

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that your
Honorable Body authorize waiver of the insurance
requirement for the placement of an advertising banner
on the walk-over on Prairie by the Exchange Club
Police/Fire Charity Bowl Inc.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the
recommendation of the City Manager on Agenda Item 17b. His mo-
tion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by unanimous roll call
vote.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR

20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of Annual
Requirements for Various Tapping Sleeves and Gate
Valves for the Water Department.
Ref: Bid No. B90-10
Expenditure: \$67,075.54 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Purchasing Division and the Water Depart-
ment's request that your Honorable Body award a
contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Familian
Pipe & Supply, North Hollywood, CA, in the amount of
\$67,075.54 (including sales tax).

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20b. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL REJECTION OF BIDS
Bid for Council Chambers Audio Retrofit
Ref: Bid No. B90-11.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division requests that your Honorable Body reject both bids received and authorize staff to rebid the requirements.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a and 20b. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 7:45 p.m., the City Council recessed and met as the Redevelopment Agency. This meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. and the City Council reconvened.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

22a. Director of Transportation Horkay announced that MAX commuter services will commence on Wednesday, April 18, with dedication ceremonies to be held at 10:00 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m.

22b. Deputy Police Chief Popp announced the Police Department-sponsored run to benefit the D.A.R.E. program at the Friendship Festival on Saturday, April 21.

22c. Councilwoman Hardison expressed concerns regarding Downtown Development Standards for Residential Construction as they compare to current R-3 zone standards.

Noting that she shares those concerns, Mayor Geissert suggested that this matter be sent to Committee.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved that an item concerning Downtown Standards for Multiple Residential Construction be sent to the Council Committee on Community Planning and Design. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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22d. Councilman Mock announced that he was recently selected as vice president of the Independent Cities Association.

22e. Councilman Wirth expressed appreciation for the inception of the MAX commuter program.

22f. Mayor Geissert noted her receipt of correspondence from the Torrance Community Council of Torrance, Scotland, requesting a renewal of relationship with the City of Torrance, California.

22g. City Clerk Bramhall provided historical information regarding the former contact between the cities of Torrance, California and Torrance, Scotland.

22h. Mr. Frank Lee, 2346 West 233rd Street, pointed out that pavement markings are faded on Fashion Way on Del Amo Mall property. Director of Transportation Horkay will follow through with Mall personnel, also advising them of concerns expressed by the Mayor regarding the absence of cross walk markings near the Marriott.

22i. Councilwoman Hardison noted the need for shrubbery to be cut back on Fashion Square property in the area of the sump.

The Council now returned to...

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mayor Geissert announced that the Council would now recess to executive session to continue consideration of items previously announced [see Page 1].

At 8:00 p.m., following a brief recess, the City Council recessed to closed session, returning at 9:40 p.m. to take the following action.

City Attorney Nelson requested Council concurrence in the recommendations of the City Attorney in the following cases.

- Nancy Prichard vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 107755;
- Claim filed by Francisco, Leticia and Sonia Nunez;

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- Claim filed by Gwendolyn Barns.

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-62

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

MOTION: Councilman Nakano, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-62. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:43 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, April 24, 1990, 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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