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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 24, 1990, at 7:05 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, Assistant City Attorney Quale, Deputy City Clerk Hong, and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

Ms. Peggy Coleman-Dalton led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Charles F. Kothe, St. Luke's Presbyterian Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 27, 1990, 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 Councilmem-

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ber 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 Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced the requested continuance of Agenda Item 15a [CUP 89-82, V 89-2, Ferydoun Foladpour] to May 8, 1990. See Page 6 for action.

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 Legislative Committee

May 16, 1990, 4:30 p.m.

Subject: Review of June Ballot Propositions.

Public Safety Committee

June 14, 1990, 4:30 p.m.

Subject: Acutely Hazardous Materials Review and Permit Process.

Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee

An update of the May 19 schedule was provided by Councilman Applegate.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS

8a. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTATION

Mr. Kevin Peterson, president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, accompanied to the podium by Ms. Barbara Glennie, Chamber Manager, and Ms. Peggy Coleman-Dalton, presented to the Mayor and Council leather-bound copies of a newly published book on the City of Torrance written by Ms. Coleman-Dalton.

Mayor Geissert accepted this gift on behalf of her colleagues on the Council, acknowledging it as an outstanding publication.

Considered out of order at this time...

22a. Mayor Geissert presented to Councilwoman Hardison a fifth-place trophy won by Ms. Hardison in Saturday's Police Department-sponsored 5K Run to benefit the D.A.R.E. Program. This trophy was accepted with delight by Ms. Hardison.

8b. PROCLAMATION declaring April 27, 1990, as "National Youth Service Day" in the City of Torrance

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted by Mr. Eric Chen, president of the Torrance Youth Council.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS

9a. 1990 ROSE FLOAT ENTRY CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO. 90-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND C. E. BENT AND SON, INC., FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ENTRY, DISPLAY AND OPERATION OF A FLOAT IN THE 1991 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-64. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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9b. SUBSTITUTION OF SUBCONTRACTORS/CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council permit the substitution of two listed subcontractors [J.C. Electrical, Inc., in lieu of Amer-Way Electric Co., Inc.; and Austin/Halladay, Inc., in lieu of Whisper Walls/Innerspace Control Systems] as requested by Moran Construction Company for the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION DATED APRIL 24, 1990

The contractor on the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Moran Construction Company, proposes to substitute Lawrence Electrical Construction in lieu of J.C. Electrical, Inc., to perform the electrical work on the subject project.

At the request of Councilman Wirth, Management Programs Administrator Tilden provided information regarding the requested substitution.

From the audience Mr. Bob Deluna, 8729 Boeing, Downey, who identified himself as the business representative for the electricians in the area, advised that J.C. Electrical, Inc. is not licensed with the State of California.

Ms. Nomi Castle, an attorney representing Moran Construction Company, confirmed the position of that company to be as set forth in their correspondence dated April 19 [included in agenda packets].

A sales representative who would handle the electrical material for Amer-Way Electric Company, Mr. Don Johnson, 24722 Morningstar Lane, Dana Point, stated that his company is willing to provide a surety bond that all material will be correct and arrive in a timely fashion.

Responding to a question by Councilman Applegate, Assistant City Attorney Quale affirmed bonding requirements as set forth by the City and noted that the bond proposed by Mr. Johnson to be signed by a supplier, is not the bond being sought.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the request of Moran Construction for substitution of Lawrence Electric. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

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It was pointed out by Mayor Geissert that the required bond was to have been provided by March 31...a stipulation which was not met by Amer-Way.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable.

9c. LICENSE AGREEMENT RE MINI-TRAIN RIDES AT WILSON PARK

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that the City Council approve the license agreement with the Southern California Live Steamers, Inc. to provide free mini-train rides to the public at Charles Wilson Park.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager on Agenda Item 9c. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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At 7:32 p.m., the City Council met in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. During this joint session the following City Council agenda item was considered.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

Companion to Redevelopment Agency Item 4a...

10a. RECONFIGURATION OF VAN NESS, BORDER AND ARLINGTON AVENUES

RESOLUTION NO. 90-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE REDIRECTION
OF BORDER AVENUE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AT THE
COMBINED INTERSECTION OF ARLINGTON AND
VAN NESS AVENUE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-65. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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At 7:39 p.m. the regular order of City Council business was continued, the Agency/Council remaining in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session scheduled for later in the meeting - see Page 20.

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15. HEARINGS

15a. CUP 89-82, V 89-2: FERYDOUN FOLADPOUR

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an applicant appeal of a Conditional Use Permit and consideration of a parking Variance to allow the operation of a restaurant in an existing shopping center with less than Code required parking on property located in the C-3 zone at 3939 Artesia Boulevard. CUP 89-82, V 89-2: FERYDOUN FOLADPOUR.

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

Mayor Geissert noted the request for continuance of this agenda item [see Page 2].

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to continue Agenda Item 15a to the City Council meeting of May 8, 1990, 7:00 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for continued 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 as provided by the City Clerk was filed without objection.

Senior Principal Planner Gibson provided a brief description of the most recent design proposal for the subject project [per staff's written material of record]. Design compromise worked out with the previously-objecting neighbor, Mr.

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Gibson advised, included an increase in second-story setback; reduction in balcony size; decrease in window size on easterly elevation; alteration of the roof line; and reduction in total square footage of the addition. Staff's recommendation for approval of the project as modified was noted by Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Steven Kam, representing Prats Coffee Architects, 3710 South Robertson Boulevard, Suite 202, Culver City, was present to answer questions.

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

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff's recommendation as revised. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-66

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 SECOND-STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 4438 VISTA LARGO
PP 89-41: STEVEN KAM (MR. AND MRS. LEO CASTILLO)

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-66. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15c. CUP 89-75, GPA 89-4, TT 46938: ISCO INDUSTRIES, INC.

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for continued City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of 17 detached condominium units; a General Plan Amendment from low-density residential to low-medium density residential; and a Tentative Tract to allow a one-lot subdivision for condominium purposes on property located in the R-P zone at the northeast corner of Yukon Avenue and 182nd Street. CUP 89-75; GPA 89-4, TT 46938, (EA 88-27): ISCO INDUSTRIES, INC.

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

During his oral staff report on this agenda item, Senior Principal Planner Gibson noted that the Planning Commission and Planning Department recommend denial of the appeal and approval of the project which has now been modified to add a secondary access on Yukon Avenue, with a reduction in the number of units from 19 to 17.

Mr. Gibson advised, in response to a question by Councilman Applegate, that an R-1 development on this site, with the two access points as shown and with all standard requirements met [public streets, etc.] there would be a total of 12-13 units.

Councilwoman Hardison pointed out that the majority of units in this development represent .8 and .9 FAR, which is considerably more than the .6 FAR [excluding garages] allowed for an R-3 development.

The first speaker representing ISCO Industries was Mr. Mitch Dunitz, 15342 Hawthorne Boulevard, one of the principles in the project. An overview of the proposal was presented by this speaker, who submitted copies of petitions containing some 56 signatures of individuals who favor the proposal. Mr. Dunitz indicated concurrence with the concept of right-turn-only egress from the site should the Council deem this an appropriate measure.

Project architect, John Killen, director of design at the Withee Malcomb Partnership Architects, 2200 Pacific Coast Highway, Hermosa Beach, described specifics of the project as currently designed, addressing configuration of the lots; access points; noise mitigating measures [sound wall adjacent to freeway]; traffic concerns; etc. Concurrence with the installation of left-turn egress prohibitions was also voiced by this speaker.

Mayor Geissert then invited members of the audience to address the Council.

Those speaking in OPPOSITION to the project as currently designed are listed below and a brief synopsis of the concerns of each individual is noted.

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Ms. Pat Holcomb, 3343 West 180th Street, described a "serious" traffic/pedestrian problem at this location and suggested that land owned by ISCO be combined with property on the east side of the Fire Station to provide a standard width street for access to the subject site. Constraints dictated by ownership, etc. were explained by Sr. Principal Planner Gibson.

Mr. Clifford Heise, 18425 Patronella Avenue, noted his opinion that the proposed location of the driveway on Yukon Avenue is hazardous. This speaker also pointed out the need for increased turn radius to allow large vehicles [such as school buses] to negotiate right turns from 182nd Street to northbound Yukon. Director of Transportation Horkay advised that sufficient widening of the street is required as a mitigation measure for the project.

Mr. John Nikitas, 17508 Patronella Avenue, cited density, traffic, incompatibility with the area, increased sound from the freeway because of the proposed wall, etc. as problems related to this development. Development to R-1 standards, including public streets, was recommended.

Mr. Fred Casstevens, President of Northwest Torrance Homeowners Association, 18919 Felbar Avenue, read aloud main points of concern set forth in correspondence [of record] from Mr. Arnold Woo. These elements included: increased traffic congestion; increased danger to student pedestrians; parking congestion; graffiti [because of walled community concept]; and inconsistency with existing buildings in the neighborhood.

Single-family residences consistent with current single-family density in the area was suggested by this speaker.

Ms. Helen Doyle, 18626 Yukon Avenue, suggested that the Yukon driveway be moved further north with Right Turn Only restrictions imposed, and that left turn arrows be installed at the 182nd and Yukon signal. After the Director of Transportation advised that the arrow signal controls are not planned at this time, Mayor Geissert requested that this be investigated and discussed with the Homeowners Association in the area.

Ms. Gail Cole, 3701 West 182nd Street, submitted for the record...

- petition of opposition containing some 152 signatures

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- photographs of homes in the area
- photographs of a similar ISCO project
- photographs of a wall on 182nd Street containing graffiti
- diagram of traffic pattern
- newspaper article of 10-6-89 entitled Report Knocks Gated Enclaves

Ms. Cole enumerated her areas of concern which included incompatibility with the area; problems represented by gated communities; traffic related issues; location of driveway on Yukon; obstruction of visibility for student pedestrians; etc. Construction of no more than eight single-family homes on this site was recommended by this speaker.

Ms. Laurie Woo, 3759 Sandgate Drive, opposed the project because of incompatibility with the rest of the neighborhood, traffic, parking, dangers for school children, etc. An R-1 housing project was recommended. This speaker returned to the microphone later in the meeting to state that, per her understanding of California State law, the owner of an undeveloped piece of property has no vested right of development.

Ms. Tracy Fletcher Lopez, 3531 West 185th Street, read aloud a letter of opposition in which she described as "impossible" the existing traffic conditions in the subject area. Ms. Lopez offered her opinion that the additional traffic represented by the proposed 17 units would create a further intolerable situation.

Ms. Patty Masai, 17902 Florwood Avenue, projected a serious problem with the addition of vehicular trips to the area represented by 17 residential units and expressed her opinion that right-turn only restrictions would compound the problem. Single-family residential was recommended.

Mr. Tito Lopez, 3531 West 185th Street, cited non-conformity with the neighborhood, traffic problems, and detrimental aspects represented by the close proximity to the freeway as negative factors. A scaled-down development with R-1 lots and public access was recommended.

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A recess was called at 9:10 p.m. The Council returned at 9:33 p.m. and input continued.

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Continuing with speakers in OPPOSITION...

Ms. Marilyn Throssel, 3909 West 176th Street, reviewed staff material, pointing out specific areas of concern relative to traffic, noise, pollution, access, possible health hazards, etc. Material in support of her observations was included in agenda packets with additional submittals at this time.

Concluding her remarks Ms. Throssel expressed her opinion that the separate problems within the subject site could result in a cumulation and inter-reaction factor of noise, air, and soil pollution. Denial of the project was urged.

Sr. Principal Planner Gibson responded to Ms. Throssel's concerns regarding possible soil contamination on the subject site, noting the City's requirements should an additional analysis be indicated.

Mr. Robert Bornino, 3733 West 181st Street, addressed environmental issues and suggested that a green belt or wilderness park would be a more appropriate use of this site.

Mr. Mark Throssel, 3909 West 176th Street, noted that the dwellings proposed, including land value, are approximately twice the value of everything else in the neighborhood. This speaker pointed out that the sound wall proposed would intensify freeway sounds for residents on the other side of the freeway.

An R-1 development would be more compatible with the neighborhood, in Mr. Throssel's opinion.

Ms. Margo Mullins, 18304 Glenburn Avenue, noted severe traffic problems which she maintained would be compounded by additional traffic.

Ms. Sally Kerr, 18327 Falda Avenue, described the traffic as "unbearable".

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Ms. Holiday Chock, 3812 West 180th Street, suggested that a development of less density would be more acceptable.

Ms. Lynn Rafferty, 17634 Fonthill and Mr. Steve Johnson (same address), mentioned as negative factors the gated community, the long distance from this intersection to the next traffic signal, close proximity of schools, access on Yukon Avenue, and density of the project. Fewer homes with access on 182nd only was recommended.

Mr. Rick Diomico, 3131 West 179th Street, called out unsafe traffic as well as environmental issues.

Ms. Vera Ulrich, 3805 West 183rd Street, cited traffic problems as the reason for her opposition.

Ms. Janie Tau, 3225 West 179th Street, deemed single-family homes as more suited for the property, noting traffic and limited visibility from the site as negative factors.

Mr. Norman Markin, 3504 West 185th Street, opposed the density proposed.

Ms. Kathy Benz, 18720 Felbar Avenue, agreed with the previous speaker regarding the density of the project.

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Those who spoke in FAVOR of the project were...

Ms. Josette Auletta, 18340 Falda Avenue, pointed out concessions made by the developers in reducing the number of units proposed and providing amenities for the project.

Mr. Vince Forraro, 4045 West 182nd Street, felt the detached patio homes designed for the site are the most equivalent to R-1 and, as such, would be the best land use and would upgrade the community. It was this speaker's opinion that there is not a significant traffic problem in the area.

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Ms. Pierson, 18421 Haas Avenue, related her observation that severe traffic problems are apparent in the area primarily when North High School starts or is dismissed.

Mr. Kent Ferris, 3731 West 175th Street, deemed the 17 houses proposed an acceptable project with minimal impact.

Mr. Claude Diruggiero, 4160 West 182nd Street expressed his opinion that the project would be an asset to the community and suggested that the traffic situation has been "blown out of proportion".

Mr. Don Skally, 4045 182nd Street, offered his opinion that the project will upgrade the area and increase surrounding property values.

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The following speaker did not address the subject project, per se.

Mr. Dick Johnson, 23059A Nadine Circle, compared the turning radius at Maple Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard with that at 182nd Street and Yukon Avenue and requested that the Department of Transportation reassess the Maple/Sepulveda situation.

Mayor Geissert requested that staff follow through.

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ISCO's representative, Mr. Thomas Mungari, 15342 Hawthorne Boulevard, Lawndale, addressed the theory connected with the freeway sound wall and spoke in favor of the density and the gated community design as proposed.

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There being no further audience comments, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion then ensued.

In response to a request from Councilwoman Hardison, Transportation Engineering Associate Rogers provided a comparison of trip generation projections for .4 FAR commercial/office [840 trips], .4 FAR strip commercial [1680 trips], and 14 single-family residential units [140 trips].

Councilman Walker indicated his preference for a condominium-type project at this location rather than R-1 which would include standard city streets and back yard play areas next to the freeway. Further noting his opinion that Right Turn Only restrictions would preclude an increased traffic problem, Mr. Walker indicated concurrence with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department.

Noting her concerns regarding traffic, Councilwoman Hardison agreed with the General Plan designation of low density for this site because of its lower traffic generation potential. Mrs. Hardison opposed the gated community concept and indicated her concurrence with a true single-family development with a density acceptable to the City.

Although he had previously thought the addition of a driveway on Yukon Avenue would be a viable consideration, Councilman Wirth indicated a change in his thinking in that regard. Should this project be approved, Mr. Wirth suggested that Right Turn Only restrictions be imposed. Based on the substantial neighborhood opposition, Mr. Wirth stated that he would not vote for the project.

Councilman Applegate noted the need to mitigate, to the greatest extent possible, the traffic problems in the area. The only acceptable development, in his opinion, would be R-1 with all standard improvements required by the City including "normal" public streets.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to grant the appeal and deny without prejudice CUP 89-75, GPA 89-4 and TT 46938, ISCO Industries, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

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Noting his intent that ISCO not be penalized by the requirement of a lengthy processing period, Mr. Applegate questioned the possibility of bringing a straight R-1 redesign directly back to Council. Problems involved because of the substantial nature of such a redesign were pointed out by staff and it was ultimately the Council's direction that processing back through the Planning Commission be accomplished as quickly as reasonably possible.

Roll call vote on the motion for denial without prejudice was unanimously favorable.

15d. 1990 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in the said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof.

Proof of mailing, presented by the City Clerk, was filed without objection.

The City Engineer responded negatively to the Mayor's question regarding whether or not there are any parcels to be excepted from the Resolution.

There being no response to Mayor Geissert's invitation for audience comments, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT
OF THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF
PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS
DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 90-56

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-67. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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15e. STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON GREVILLEA AVENUE

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on costs to be assessed for street improvements on Grevillea Avenue between 182nd and 186th Streets, pursuant to Division 7, Chapter 27 of the Streets and Highways Code.

City Engineer Burtt responded affirmatively to the Mayor's inquiry regarding the appropriate mailing and posting of notices. The City Engineer also advised that no written protests were received.

A staff presentation, aided by slides, was then provided by Senior Division Engineer Bell and the following was noted...

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that following the Public Hearing the City Council:

- (1) Adopt the resolution to confirm the assessment of construction costs for street improvements on Grevillea Avenue from 182nd Street to 186th Street pursuant to Division 7, Chapter 27, of the Streets and Highways Code; and
- (2) Appropriate \$21,000 from the Gas Tax Funds to cover the final costs.

Mayor Geissert then invited comments from the audience.

First to speak was Mr. Steve Hartman, 4444 Colada Place, Sherman Oaks, owner of property at the corner of 182nd Street and Grevillea Avenue [Parcel #54]. Mr. Hartman indicated his desire to protest the amount of his assessment, pointing out that certain required work was done by him in an effort to reduce his assessment.

An analysis of the cost factors involved and the rationale supporting the assessment figures were provided by Senior Division Engineer Bell and by City Engineer Burtt.

Mr. Hartman pointed out that language in the City's correspondence to property owners did not clearly convey information pertinent to the final assessment costs. After being informed by City Engineer Burtt regarding the required procedure for filing a formal protest [a statement regarding the reason for

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the protest submitted in writing prior to the hearing] Mr. Hartman suggested that this procedure should also be set forth as a matter of information to affected parties.

These suggestions were noted by staff at the direction of Mayor Geissert. It was the recommendation of City Manager Jackson that Mr. Hartman meet with cognizant staff immediately following this meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. William Li, 18404 and 18402 Grevillea Avenue, indicated a desire to address the Council. Mr. Li alleged defective workmanship in the cut of his driveway...staff will inspect the site and follow through with appropriate action, per City Engineer Burtt.

Mr. Li also described a problem involving the defacing by neighborhood children of his cement driveway which he attributed to the practice of the City's Water Department of placing identifying markings in wet curbside cement. Senior Division Engineer Bell was directed to meet with this citizen at the close of this meeting.

The charge levied for installation of a street tree was questioned by Mr. Tanabe, 18224 Grevillea. Desired clarification was provided by Senior Division Engineer Bell.

Roll call vote was then taken on the motion to close the hearing and was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that all protests or objections be denied and that the City Council approve the costs set forth in this agenda item without adjustment. This motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ASSESSING THE COST OF
CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS
AND DRIVEWAYS IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES
IN SAID CITY PURSUANT TO DIVISION 7, CHAPTER
27, OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE
(IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1911)

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-68. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

17a. EASEMENT ACQUISITION FOR CARSON STREET WIDENING

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Attorney recommends that your Honorable Body set Tuesday, May 15, 1990, as the hearing date for a Resolution of Necessity to condemn street right-of-way easements along the north and south sides of Carson Street from Maple Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard as shown in staff material of record.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR

20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of the City's Annual Requirement of Fire Hydrants
Ref: Bid No. B90-15
Expenditure: \$32,140.29 (including sales tax).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Water Department request that your Honorable Body award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Familian Pipe & Supply, North Hollywood, CA, in the amount of \$32,140.29, less 2% invoice terms (including sales tax).

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

20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: The City's Biannual Requirement of AT Type 100% MS DOS Compatible PC Computers
Ref: Bid No. B90-13
Anticipated Expenditure: \$50,000.00.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Information Systems Department recommend that your Honorable Body award a contract for the purchase of the City's biannual requirement of AT Type 100% MS DOS Compatible PC Computers, to the lowest responsible bidder, Enhanced Technologies, of Brea, CA, in the anticipated amount Not to Exceed \$50,000.00.

At the request of Mayor Geissert, Information Systems Director Peyton-Jenno provided clarification regarding an inadvertent failure on the City's part to notify an interested supplier regarding the bid process. Ms. Peyton-Jenno confirmed that a satisfactory resolution has been reached with the concerned individual.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 20b. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20c.

TRACT NO. 45463

Subdivider: ARTHUR VALDEZ
Location: 230th/Ocean (Meadow Park School Site)
No. of Lots: 54.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve an eight-month extension (to December 26, 1990) to allow the completion of public improvements per Subdivision Agreement dated April 26, 1989

Councilman Walker inquired as to why an eight-month extension is recommended by staff when the applicant requested a one-year extension.

The rationale behind staff's recommendation was related by City Engineer Burtt who affirmed that the matter can be returned to Council should a further extension be requested.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to concur with staff's recommendation on Agenda Item 20c. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Applegate ABSTAINED].

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21. ADDENDUM MATTERS

21a. ADDENDUM TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to affirm that the litigation settlement in the matter of Deanne Dube vs. The City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 91197 (consolidated with Evangeline Velasco vs. The City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 90421) arose after the posting of the agenda for this meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

[See Page 21 for the inclusion of the above subject in the Executive Session format for this date.]

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

22a. See Page 3.

22b. Director of Transportation Horkay announced that the City's 30th annual Bicycle Rodeo will be held on Saturday, April 28, 1990, at Victor Elementary School.

22c. Mayor Geissert reported on the outstanding success of the City's recent Friendship Festival. She requested that a letter of recognition be forwarded to the volunteers involved.

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 and represented employee groups as well as certain other personnel matters;

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- 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 Elizabeth Ventura vs. William Shea, The City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 738695;
- Pending litigation entitled Thelma Dorrough and Dora Lee Baker vs. The City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SOC 81858;
- Pending litigation entitled Jerry Conrow, etc. vs. The City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 111730.
- Current litigation entitled Fred Smith vs. The City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 620563.
- Pending litigation entitled Deanne Dube vs. The City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 91197 (consolidated with Evangeline Velasco v. The City of Torrance, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 90421). [See Item 21a, Page 20, for action regarding the consideration of this matter during this executive session.]

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

At 12:05 a.m. [Wednesday, April 25, 1990] the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 12:25 a.m. to take the following action.

Assistant City Attorney Quale recommended that the Council concur in the recommendations of the City Attorney in the following cases:

- Elizabeth Ventura vs. William Shea, The City of Torrance, et al., Case No. C 738695;
- Thelma Dorrough and Dora Lee Baker vs. The City of Torrance, Case No. SOC 81858;

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- Fred Smith vs. The City of Torrance, Case No. C 620563;
- Deanne Dube vs. The City of Torrance, et al., Case No. SWC 91197 (consolidated with Evangeline Velasco v. The City of Torrance, et al., Case No. SWC 90421).

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

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:26 a.m. [Wednesday, April 25, 1990] the April 24th meeting of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance was formally adjourned to Tuesday, May 1, 1990, 5:30 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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