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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Thursday, May 10, 1990, at 5:06 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall for the purpose of conducting the First Budget Workshop Session for consideration of the City Manager's Proposed 1990-92 Budget for the City of Torrance.

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.

FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP

I. INTRODUCTION

Mayor Geissert welcomed those present to this workshop session and briefly outlined the process involved in the formulation of the currently proposed budget and the format established for its consideration and ultimate adoption.

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II. STAFF PRESENTATION

A. CITY MANAGER'S OVERVIEW

City Manager Jackson, aided by transparencies, highlighted fundamentals of the proposed budget covering the following key elements.

- The Budget Process
- General Operating Budget
- Reserves
- Externally Funded Programs
- Alternatives to Balance Budget
- Revenues
- Expenditures

B. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S PRESENTATION

Finance Director Giordano provided a brief sketch of the City's budget picture over the past three years, as well as an expanded view of the various elements of the proposed 1990-92 Budget, including...

- Financing Mechanisms
- Mandated/Committed Additions
- Possible Revenue Modifications

III. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Individual Councilmembers requested and received verbal clarification from staff in various areas of personal concern with regard to the budget document itself and various proposals set forth.

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Councilwoman Hardison requested detailed information from staff on the following subjects...

- Refuse Charges/Fees
- Business License Tax Increase [comparison between retail and office]
- Expanded information regarding Cultural Arts Center items
- Green Sheet #2 [Environmental Quality Officer] -- fee offset program.
- Analysis regarding park maintenance concerns.

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Councilman Walker voiced his firm opposition to any future consideration of a Paramedic Fee. Mr. Walker also objected to any thought of couching into an Assessment District matters such as street cleaning, sidewalk repair, street maintenance, etc.

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Councilman Applegate referenced Green Sheet #1 [Permits Clerk], and requested information from Building and Safety, Planning, and Street Departments as to the existing work backlog.

Mr. Applegate requested a discussion paper regarding further use of cellular phones by certain key City personnel. Continuing aggressive efforts in the area of computer proficiency within the City was urged by this Councilmember.

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Councilman Nakano requested an update regarding the ranking on Page 11 of the green sheets.

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Councilman Wirth requested information regarding possible tradeoffs on recommended revenue enhancements.

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Mayor Geissert requested additional information on the following...

- City's standing on the Gann limitation
- Projected time table for City-wide recycling program
- Remaining expenses for hillside payback
- Clarification on proposed square-footage tax on office buildings [difference between owner- and non-owner-occupied]
- Tax structure for medical/professional office buildings
- Discussion paper re cellular phone usage.

IV. CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Geissert set forth the following schedule of budget meetings.

- Second Budget Workshop
Monday, May 14, 1990, 5:00 p.m.
- Third Budget Workshop [if needed]
Thursday, May 17, 1990, 5:00 p.m.
- First Public Hearing
Tuesday, May 15, 1990, 5:30 p.m.
- Second Public Hearing
Tuesday, May 22, 1990, 7:00 p.m.

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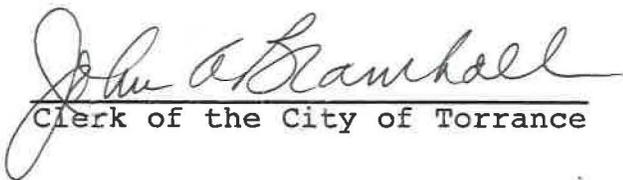
V. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 p.m., this meeting was formally adjourned to Monday, May 14, 1990, 5:00 p.m. [Second Budget Workshop].

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

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