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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 Monday, May 14, 1990, at 5:12 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall for purposes of conducting the Second Budget Workshop for consideration of the City Manager's Proposed 1990-92 Budget.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison,  
Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

Absent: Councilmen Mock and Walker.

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

3. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilmen Mock and Walker absent].

SECOND BUDGET WORKSHOP

I. INTRODUCTION

Mayor Geissert reviewed the format established for this, the Second Budget Workshop for consideration of the 1990-92 Budget.

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Mayor Geissert also acknowledged receipt from the City Manager's office of the following items which were requested during the Council's First Budget Workshop held May 10.

- Information on Gann Limit
- Discussion of Business License Fees
- Clarification of Cultural Arts Center staffing
- Park Maintenance Supervisor Discussion  
(with City Manager's note)
- Backlog Reports
  - . Street (available at May 17 Workshop)
  - . Planning
  - . Building and Safety.

## II. VISITORS BUREAU BUDGET REQUEST

Mayor Geissert invited Ms. Lisa McGettrick, Manager of the Torrance Visitors Bureau, to make a presentation at this time. It was noted by the City Manager that Ms. McGettrick had elected, rather than making an oral presentation, to let her written communication [in the hands of Councilmembers] stand as submitted.

## III. "CITIVISION"

There was no response at this time to the Mayor's announcement of this agenda item -- see Page 3.

## IV. COMMUNITY INPUT

The following individuals responded to the Mayor's invitation for audience input.

Ms. Barbara Glennie, Vice President/General Manager of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, 3400 Torrance Boulevard, spoke in opposition to the City's proposed business license tax modification,

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maintaining that this represents a second property tax and one which could result in potential legal challenges.

Ms. Glennie requested an opportunity to work with City staff to consider alternatives in the area of user-related taxes which she deemed to be more fair and equitable.

Mr. Dennis Kikuno, 2340 West 238th Street, representing the Parks and Recreation Commission -- urged an increase in needed park maintenance personnel and requested additional youth program funding [statement submitted for the record].

Mr. Frank Rizzardi, 23544 Carlow Road, President of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, proposed the following...

1. User fee increase to cover aeronautical operation deficit;
2. Set-aside of funds to assist residents of the Southwood Riviera area regarding soil investigations;
3. Funding to allow members of Planning staff to attend the League of California Cities Institute for Planning Commissioners.

The Council now returned to...

### III. "CITIVISION"

Mr. Dean Silverstein, 929 Larrabee Street, West Hollywood, requested Torrance participation in the South Bay Minute program. [Written information on this proposal was made available to Councilmembers and to Cable/City Manager staff].

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The regular agenda order was resumed with continuation of...

IV. COMMUNITY INPUT

Ms. Adrian Fraley, President of the Friends of the Madrona Marsh, requested a cost breakdown of Marsh-related matters [to be provided by staff].

V. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Hardison requested that the matter of the Park Maintenance Supervisor be returned to Council as soon as the current study is completed.

Ms. Hardison also requested an expanded report on the increase in trash tipping fees and related matters.

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In response to an inquiry by Councilman Nakano, City Attorney Nelson indicated that, to date, his office has found no legal problems [as was alluded to by Ms. Glennie] in the area of square-footage tax on office buildings.

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Mayor Geissert expressed an interest in the timely receipt of an agenda item regarding the City's recycling program.

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A general Council discussion ensued relative to the position taken by the Chamber of Commerce with regard to the square-footage tax on office buildings. Information contained in the discussion paper provided in Council packets was reviewed and possible alternative approaches were touched upon.

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Councilman Applegate requested that Fire Chief Adams provide, if possible, a breakdown on resident versus non-resident calls for emergency services.

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Mayor Geissert requested that the City Manager's office provide the Council with an outline of options available to the Council in the formulation of its budgetary decisions.

VI. CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Geissert announced the following budget meeting schedule...

Tuesday, May 15, 1990, 5:30 p.m. - First Budget Hearing

Thursday, May 17, 1990, 5:00 p.m. - Third Workshop

Tuesday, May 22, 1990, 7:00 p.m. - Second Budget Hearing.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:10 p.m., this meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, May 15, 1990, 5:30 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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