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Valerie Whippie  
Minute Secretary

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JULY 24, 1990

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, July 24, 1990 at 7:05 PM in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall.

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.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

Mr. Kevin Peterson led in the salute to the Flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Lt. Kenneth Hodder of the Salvation Army.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 19, 1990, as recorded. The 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 Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or

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ordinance in regular order. The 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 with unanimous approval following roll call vote.

...Considered out of order...

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

22a. Lt. Kenneth Hodder of the Salvation Army, was introduced by the Mayor and provided a brief history about himself and the missions of the Salvation Army.

...Regular agenda order was resumed...

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson noted that Agenda Item 15a (re Spring 1990 Weed Abatement Program) was being withdrawn and rescheduled for hearing July 31, 1990

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Public Safety Committee

August 8, 1990, 4:30 PM

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Acutely Hazardous Materials Permit  
Review and Permit Process.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS

8a. RESOLUTION HONORING MR. KEVIN M. PETERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 90-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING KEVIN M. PETERSON  
FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE TORRANCE  
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-120. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

This resolution was presented by Mayor Geissert who was assisted by Ms. Barbara Glennie of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Peterson accepted the resolution with appreciation.

8b. PRESENTATION BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

Mr. Ted Porter of the Southern California Edison Company came forth to present the keys to an electric powered van, on loan to the City for short term evaluation as an alternative powered vehicle. This gesture was gratefully acknowledged by the Mayor on behalf of the City.

8c. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION 90-113

Resolution No. 90-113, approved at the June 26, 1990 Council meeting, was read and presented by the Mayor and gratefully accepted by Mr. Michiaki Shinkai of American Honda Motor Company for his contributions to the community.

...Considered out of order...

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

22b. Mr. Alan Rice, Hampshire County Council, Winchester, Hampshire England, was invited to the podium and presented the Mayor and Council with a copy of the Centenary Year Book of Hampshire County Council (1889-1989).

...Regular agenda order was resumed...

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS

9a. AGREEMENT WITH TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1990-91

RESOLUTION NO. 90-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE

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TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE  
CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1990-91

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-142. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

10a. FY 1989-90 PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY GRANT MOU FOR THE TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM

RESOLUTION NO. 90-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR RECEIPT OF FY 1989-90 PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-143. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

12a. FINDINGS REGARDING PP 89-24, W 89-12, KURESHI, 4064 NEWTON STREET

RESOLUTION NO. 90-144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING AN APPEAL AND DENYING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STORY DWELLING IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY ZONE AT 4064 NEWTON STREET (PP 89-24, W 89-12)  
MOHIYUDDIN KURESHI

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-144. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried, with roll call vote reflecting all BUT Councilman Walker's approval.

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15. HEARINGS

15a. SPRING 1990 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - PUBLIC HEARING TO CONFIRM ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

Deferred to the meeting of July 31, 1990; see page 2.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

17a. INDEMNIFICATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that the City Council concur in the indemnification of five public safety personnel in the matter of the punitive damages awarded in Rastello vs. Green Case.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INDEMNIFYING FIVE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-145. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR

20a. RELEASE OF BOND - TRACT NO. 46588

Subdivider: E.S. Development  
Engineer: Piai Engineering  
Location: B/W Garnet & Onyx; B/W Entradero & Victor  
No. of Lots: 7

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that the subject bonds [listed on agenda material] be released.

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- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To provide the City's requirement of HSC Series Disk Drives.  
Ref: Bid No. B 90-29  
Expenditure: \$70,091.91 (including sales tax)

RECOMMENDATION

The Purchasing Division and the Information Systems Department recommend that Your Honorable Body award a contract for the City's requirement of HSC Series Disk Drives to System Industries, Inc. of Gardena in the total amount of \$70,091.91.

- 20c. TORRANCE DISASTER COUNCIL 1989/1990 REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Torrance Disaster Council that Your Honorable Body accept and file this report.

- 20d. COUNCIL AWARD OF TWO ANNUAL CONTRACTS - For the procurement of miscellaneous library books "as needed" for the Torrance Public Library System FY 1990-91  
Expenditure: \$210,000.00 (including tax)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Librarian that Your Honorable Body award two annual contracts for the procurement of library books on an "as requested" basis to the following companies:

(1) A one year contract to the Baker and Taylor Company of Reno, Nevada, not to exceed \$150,000.00, including tax, with the understanding that expenditures will reflect only actual titles purchased.

(2) A one year contract to the Ingram Book Company of the City of Commerce, for the procurement of miscellaneous library books, not to exceed \$60,000.00, including tax, with the understanding that expenditures will reflect only actual titles purchased.

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20e. CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

The City Attorney recommends the approval of the agreement for professional legal services with Angelo Palmieri to provide special counsel condemnation services in any eminent domain proceedings needed in conjunction with the realignment of Torrance Boulevard. This agreement will be funded from 1990-91 City Attorney budgeted funds for outside professional services.

20f. CONTRACT WITH COTTON/BELAND/ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE REVISION OF THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN [EA 90-3]; A DRAFT CIRCULATION ELEMENT; AND A CIRCULATION SYSTEM ANALYSIS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,534

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Department, Transportation Department and Engineering Department recommend that the City Council authorize the expenditure of appropriated funds to retain by contract the services of Cotton/Beland/Associates, Inc. to prepare: 1) an Environmental Impact Report, 2) a Circulation System Analysis, which includes the development of a computerized traffic model, and 3) a revised Circulation Element in the amount of \$155,534; and to obtain certain data and information necessary for the preparation of the traffic model in the amount of \$20,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$175,534.

20g. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DUMARC CONSTRUCTION FOR RENOVATION OF THE EAST WING OF CITY HALL

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept the low bid of \$1,842,760, award a contract to Dumarc Construction and appropriate \$635,550 from fiscal year 1989-90 Carry-over from Capital Projects for renovation of the East Wing of City Hall.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendations for Consent Calendar Items 20a through 20g. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

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Prior to roll call, Information Systems Director Peyton-Jenno responded to an inquiry from Mr. Dan Zurin, 4742 Deelane Street, pertaining to Consent Calendar Item 20b re HSC Series Disk Drives.

Councilwoman Hardison, later echoed by Mayor Geissert, commended the Torrance Disaster Council 1989/1990 Report (Consent Calendar Item 20c.) She also expressed her appreciation for the combined efforts of the Planning, Transportation and Engineering Departments re Consent Calendar Item 20f, following which the City Engineer responded to her inquiry regarding software to be utilized during this effort.

Roll call now taken for approval of Consent Calendar Items 20a through 20g proved unanimously favorable.

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At 7:30 PM, the City Council met in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. At 7:35 PM the regular Council agenda order was resumed, the Council/Agency remaining in joint session for the purpose of a joint executive session to be held later in the meeting; see below and page 10.

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...Out of order, the Mayor read executive session matters prior to hearing oral communications...

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION

23a. The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session, as indicated above, Mayor/Chairwoman 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;

Pending litigation entitled People of the State of California vs. Mobil Oil Corporation, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 719953;

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Pending litigation entitled Charlene and Danielle Swensen vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Municipal Court Case No. 88K19818;

Pending litigation entitled Josephine Wood vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 99639 and;

Pending litigation entitled Jerry Conrow, an individual and partner in Park Beyond the Park, et al., vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 111730.

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

...At this time, Oral Communications were heard, as follows...

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

22a. See page 2.

22b. See page 3.

22c. Councilman Applegate requested that cognizant staff members monitor potential impacts of newly adopted parking restrictions in the City of Redondo Beach to assure that no adverse parking situations are created in the City of Torrance.

22d. Cognizant staff members will pursue Councilwoman Hardison's inquiries regarding night lighting for City employees and matters related to the recycling program (plastics recycled by the City and time frame for implementation of City-wide program.)

22e. Councilman Wirth requested input relating to tree removal in the City and the criteria used in determining tree removal/replacement.

22f. Mayor Geissert commended the Torrance Disaster Council 1989/1990 Report (Consent Calendar Item 20c.)

22g. Mr. Dan Zurin, 4742 Deelane Street, discussed traffic concerns on Deelane Street and throughout the City, and suggested the installation of "speed humps," similar those used in the City of Pasadena. Transportation staff will pursue the matter.

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...The City Council returned to...

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

At 7:50 PM, executive session matters having been read (pages 8-9,) the City Council/Redevelopment Agency recessed to joint executive session, returning at 9:58 PM to take the following Council-related action:

After clarification from the City Attorney, the following was offered:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney re:

Pending litigation entitled Charlene and Danielle Swensen vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Municipal Court Case No. 88K19818.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney re:

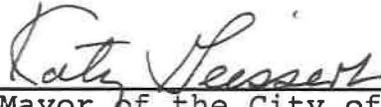
Pending litigation entitled Josephine Wood vs. City of Torrance., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 99639.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried, with roll call vote reflecting unanimous approval.

24. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency was formally adjourned at 10:00 PM to Tuesday, July 31, 1990, 5:30 PM.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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Clerk of the City of Torrance

Valerie Whippie  
Minute Secretary

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