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Marlene Lewis
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was called to order by Mayor Geissert at 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 1990, in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock,
Nakano, Walker, and Mayor Geissert.

Absent: Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson*,
City Attorney Nelson,
City Clerk Bramhall, and
Staff Representatives.

*NOTE: City Manager Jackson left the Council Chambers for unspecified periods of time in connection with a "cloud" released by the Mobil Oil Refinery prior to commencement of the meeting. He later announced that the "cloud" was non-hazardous.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag Salute was led by Mr. John Jones.

Reverend Paul Nakamura of Lutheran Oriental Church provided the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the July 3, 1990 City Council minutes. Councilman Mock seconded the motion and roll call vote reflected the unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth).

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and red 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 carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present (absent Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth).

5. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Councilmember Applegate, seconded by Councilmember Mock, moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Roll call vote reflected the unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth).

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Councilmember Nakano took this opportunity to introduce his house guests from Japan, Dr. and Mrs. Kasui.

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6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson announced the withdrawal of:

Item 17a, Waste Management Plan -- to be returned in two weeks.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Public Safety Committee

Date: Wednesday, August 8, 1990, 4:30 p.m.
Subject: Acutely Hazardous Material.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION RE "DRUG FREE WEEK"

Mayor Geissert proclaimed the week of October 14 through October 20, 1990 as "Drug Free Week."

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This proclamation was received by Mr. Pete Samra, who was commended by the Mayor for his dedication in promoting (body building) competitions that offer a positive alternative to steroid use.

Mr. Samra expressed his appreciation to the City and extended special thanks to Gene Barnett and John Jones of the Parks and Recreation Department for their support of his program.

8b. INTRODUCTION OF ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Dr. Arnold Plank joined the Mayor at the podium for the introduction of Del Amo Rotary Club exchange students Yuka Takaoka and Yoko Makanai from Urawa, Japan.

These young ladies presented the Mayor with gifts for the City from the Urawa Rotary Club. Mayor Geissert, in turn, presented the visitors with plaques commemorating their stay in the City of Torrance.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (UTMA) CONTRACT

City Clerk Bramhall read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION SECTION 9
CAPITAL GRANT CONTRACT FOR PROJECT
CA-90-X398 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$496,000

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90--154 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Director of Transportation Horkay commended Transit Manager Ray Schmidt for his role in obtaining the grant and expressed his appreciation for the work done by Information Systems Director Kathy Peyton-Jenno and her staff.

It was briefly noted by the Director of Transportation that this contract would provide for the purchase of four replacement Dial-A-Lift buses and a new radio system.

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Roll call vote on the motion to approve the resolution reflected unanimous approval by those present (absent Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth).

10b. MAX MARKETING PROGRAM CONTRACT EXTENSION

City Clerk Bramhall read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT WITH ATE MANAGEMENT AND SERVICE CO., INC. FOR EXTENSION OF THE MAX MARKETING PROGRAM CONTRACT THROUGH JUNE 30, 1991

MOTION: Councilman Nakano, seconded by Councilman Walker, moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-155. Roll call vote reflected unanimous approval by those present (absent Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth).

10c. SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR WATER STORAGE AND CONSERVATION

RESOLUTION NO. 90-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR WATER STORAGE AND CONSERVATION PURPOSES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-156. Councilman Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote reflected unanimous approval by those present (absent Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth).

15. HEARINGS:

15. D 90-21 - DEREK REED/GLORIA SIMMONS

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for continued City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Division of Lot to allow a subdivision of two lots to create four single-family residential lots in the R-1 zone at 2343 and 2349 239th Street, D 90-21: DEREK REED/GLORIA SIMMONS.

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This item was continued at the July 31, 1990 meeting to allow the applicants an opportunity to meet with staff to work out an agreement which would define and limit development of the new lots.

Principal Planner Gibson reviewed the Construction Agreement agreed to by all parties, stating that it would create a minimum 17-foot wide driveway access to rear lots, spell out specific setbacks for construction on Lots 2, 3 and 4, and set the maximum house size at 3,500 square feet.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Department recommended approval of D 90-21 as proposed and conditioned, subject to all provisions of the Construction Agreement.

City Attorney Nelson assured Mayor Geissert that this Agreement would be enforceable in the event one of the parties withdrew.

Photographs depicting homes and block walls in the vicinity of 238th Street and 239th Street were submitted for the record by Mr. Steve Skromeda, 2344 West 238th Street. Mr. Skromeda voiced his concerns regarding building height and drainage.

Clarification regarding drainage and setbacks was provided by staff at the Mayor's request.

The applicant, Mr. Derek Reed, 2343 West 239th Street, deemed the Construction Agreement to be fair and equitable to all parties concerned.

Mr. Bill Redding, 2346 West 238th Street, expressed his objections to two-story construction on the subject property.

MOTION: Councilmember Applegate moved to close the public hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present (absent Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth).

The Council then addressed the proposal.

Proponent Derek Reed, 2343 West 239th Street, and the buyer of the property, Michelle Ahn, 2076 West 238th Street, stated their opposition to the Mayor's suggestion that an additional provision be added to the Agreement that would limit the building

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height on Lot 3 to 18 feet/one story. It was their opinion that the 2,100-square-foot house staff estimated could be build under this restriction would not be adequate.

Councilman Mock indicated his satisfaction that the special controls set forth in the Construction Agreement were adequate.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to approve the lot split (D 90-21 Derek Reed/Gloria Simmons) as proposed and conditioned, subject to all provisions of the Construction Agreement. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. Roll call vote reflected majority approval as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Applegate, Mock, Nakano and Walker.

NOES: Mayor Geissert.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth.

Mayor Geissert explained that it would have been her preference to restrict the building height on the rear lot (Lot 3) to 18 feet, believing that a reasonably-sized, marketable house could have been built within that limitation.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Withdrawn; see Page 2.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. JUNE 1990 INVESTMENT REPORT

For information only.

20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish the City's annual requirement of miscellaneous continuous form computer print-out papers.

Reference: Bid No. B90-30

Expenditure: \$ 24,769.23 including sales tax

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Information Systems Department requests that Your Honorable Body award an annual contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Riccobon Business Forms of Santa Fe Springs, California, to provide the City's annual requirement of miscellaneous continuous form computer print-out papers, in the total anticipated amount of \$ 24,769.23, including sales tax.

20c. RELEASE OF BONDS - TRACT NO. 39975

Subdivider: Walter Janoff
Engineer: Raymond Scott Engineering
Location: 3845 182nd Street
Number of Lots: 1 (ten-unit condominium)

RECOMMENDATION:

All subdivision requirements have been completed and accepted. The Engineering Department recommends that the subject bonds be released.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 20a, 20b and 20c. Councilmember Mock seconded the motion, which carried by the unanimous vote of those present (absent Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth).

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At 6:30 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. At 6:31 p.m., the City Council met in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency for the purpose of a joint executive session to be held later in the evening. The regular City Council agenda order was resumed at this time.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Fire Chief Adams substantiated the City Manager's earlier report that the cloud released by the Mobil Oil Refinery earlier in the evening consisted of non-toxic hydrocarbon vapors and aluminum silicate.

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22b. Councilman Nakano commented on his attendance at a luncheon held at the Kilburn residence earlier in the day to welcome student delegates arriving from Kashiwa, Japan. He noted the importance of volunteers to the success of this Sister City program.

22c. Mayor Geissert also commented on the arrival of the Kashiwa delegation.

22d. It was Mayor Geissert's request that a recent Traffic Commission agenda item on the subject of traffic controls on 171st Street be rescheduled before the Traffic Commission at a time that is convenient for interested parties to attend. Staff was so directed.

22e. City Clerk Bramhall advised of a vacancy on the Fine Arts Commission and suggested that interviews be conducted on September 11, 1990. There were no objections.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session (see Page 7), Mayor Geissert made the following statement at this time:

The City Council will now recess to a 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; and
- Pending litigation entitled People of the State of California vs. Mobil Oil Corporation, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 719953.

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

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, will recess to closed session to confer with Agency

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Counsel regarding the possible sale or lease of Agency property to Gascon-Mar Limited.

Authority to hold an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.8.

At 6:37 p.m. the City Council/Redevelopment Agency recessed to a joint executive session, returning at 8:06 p.m.

Messrs. Applegate and Nakano abstained from consideration of the Redevelopment Agency item (Gascon-Mar Limited) for reasons previously announced (see Redevelopment Agency minutes of July 31, 1990).

At the conclusion of this executive session, City Clerk Bramhall read number and title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-157

A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 89-176 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-157. Seconded by Councilman Applegate, his motion carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present (absent Councilmembers Hardison and Wirth).

24. ADJOURNMENT:

Noting that August 14, 1990 would be a Council dark night, at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Applegate MOVED to adjourn both the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency to August 21, 1990, at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mock and carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present (absent Mrs. Hardison and Mr. Wirth).

ATTEST:



Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Marlene Lewis
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