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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

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 1990, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison,
Mock, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

Absent: Councilman Nakano.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

Deputy Chief of Police Popp led those present in the Flag Salute.

The invocation for this meeting was provided by Dr. Dennis McFadden, First Baptist Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the regular and special City Council meetings of July 10, 1990, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (absent Councilmember Nakano).

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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 ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Nakano).

5. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano).

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With expressed sadness, Mayor Geissert announced the passing of a strong contributor to the community,

MR. GEORGE WING.

It was her request that this meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson noted requests for the withdrawal of the following items:

17a - Cable Legislation; and

20i - Agreement for Professional Legal Services.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Employee Relations Committee

August 28, 1990, 6:00 p.m.

Subject: League of Women Voters' Report
on City Charter Review.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS

8a. INTRODUCTION OF KASHIWA EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Exchange students from Kashiwa, Japan, their adult leader and exchange teacher were introduced by Mikko Haggot-Hessen, president of the Torrance Sister City Association. These guests were presented with mementos of their visit to Torrance by Mayor Geissert.

Adult Leader: Mrs. Masako Fujiwara

Exchange Teacher: Mr. Jack Mackey, Jr.

Exchange Students: Takuro Nozawa
Yoshikazu Uto
Satomi Sumii
Koya Nagai
Natsuko Fukui
Yoko Tsukamoto
Miko Hirota
Mie Matsunami.

There were brief speeches by each of the visitors, host families were recognized by the Mayor, and Mrs. Haggot-Hessen introduced Torrance students who recently returned from Kashiwa.

8b. PROCLAMATION RE "JTPA ALUMNI WEEK"

Mayor Geissert proclaimed August 27 through September 3, 1990 as "JTPA Alumni Week" in the City of Torrance. Inasmuch as Mr. Chuck Porter, chairman of the Private Industry Council, was unable to be present, Councilwoman Hardison accepted this proclamation on behalf of PIC and the PIC Policy Board.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

10a. ASSEMBLY BILL 939

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council concur in the following:

- That certain fees be increased to offset the costs associated with the implementation of AB 939, and that the City Manager return in 30 days with appropriate resolutions for adoption.

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- That one Waste Management Coordinator and one Typist Clerk be added to the Street Department or City Manager budget (to be determined) to coordinate AB 939 activities.

Kathy Keane, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a brief overview of the agenda material (of record) regarding the requirements of AB 939 (Waste Management) and proposals for the recovery of costs associated with compliance. Ms. Keane noted that resolutions would be forthcoming in 30 days and advised that conceptual approval, only, was being sought at this time.

It was Councilman Mock's request that prior to the return of this item a survey be conducted and the Council be provided with information as to how other cities are addressing this matter.

The return of expanded information that would clarify staff's support of a sole-venture approach was requested by Councilwoman Hardison.

Speaking on behalf of the Southwood Homeowners' Association Executive Board, Ms. Sandi Monda, 21506 Talisman, read aloud their statement (of record) requesting that Council not concur with the recommended fee increases for one- and two-family residences; that any fee increases be implemented at the same time; that a true figure related to the number of one- and two-family residences be established; and that the feasibility of participating in a joint effort with other local cities be reconsidered.

The concern that the amount of offset fees to be paid by homeowners is in excess of their fair share was stressed by speaker Monda. City Manager Jackson explained that the figures provided are preliminary and would be re-evaluated as further information becomes available.

In recognition of the concerns raised by the homeowners, Councilman Wirth said he would need to see additional information regarding the breakdown of fees to offset costs, preferably in the form of an agenda item, before he would vote on the resolutions. He agreed the City should survey other agencies as Councilman Mock had suggested.

The following action was taken.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to hold this matter pending the return of additional information to Council. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

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Noting the time constraints involved, City Manger Jackson recommended proceeding with the RFP (Request for Proposal) process [for a consultant to create the City's plan] in order to have a comparative base when additional information is received.

AMENDED MOTION: Councilman Mock, seconded by Councilman Walker, amended his motion to accept the development of a Request For Proposal and to hold the issue of offset fees pending the return of additional information requested.

For the benefit of Councilman Wirth, City Attorney Nelson clarified that an RFP does not form a binding agreement until there is acceptance by the City.

Roll call on the motion reflected unanimous approval (absent Councilman Nakano).

It was agreed that the requested information would be returned to Council with the presentation of resolutions at the September 11, 1990 meeting, with a copy to be provided to the Southwood Homeowners' Association a week before the item comes forward.

10b. TRAFFIC COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1989-90

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to accept and file the annual report of the Traffic Commission for 1989-90. Councilman Walker seconded the motion, which carried without objection by those present. (Councilman Nakano was absent.)

Mayor Geissert commended Traffic Commission Chairman Orfila on the drafting of this report.

10c. WITHDRAWAL FROM COUNTY STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT

City Clerk Bramhall read number and title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-158

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE WITHDRAWING ALL TERRITORY LYING WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FROM THE CRENSHAW LIGHTING DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 19290 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-158. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano).

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10d. BUS SHELTER PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND SITE APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your honorable body approve the following:

1. A resolution authorizing Target Media to transfer its interest in two bus shelter agreements to Gannett Transit and the execution of a new ten-year agreement between the City and Gannett Transit when the transfer is completed.
2. A list of 20 proposed shelter sites.

City Clerk Bramhall read number and title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-159

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TARGET MEDIA TO TRANSFER ITS INTEREST IN CERTAIN BUS SHELTER AGREEMENTS TO GANNETT TRANSIT AND THE SUBSEQUENT EXECUTION OF A TEN-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH GANNETT TRANSIT

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-159. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Mayor Geissert invited input from the audience.

Mr. Jack LeResche, 3634 West 228th Street, commented on the efficiency of the Line 8 driver. It was his request that the list of 20 shelters be expanded to include the north-bound traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard at 230th Street.

Director of Transportation Horkay stated that he had no objection to this request.

Roll call vote on the adoption of the resolution proved unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Nakano).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to accept the list of 20 proposed shelter sites with the addition requested by Mr. LeResche (above). His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. Approval was unanimous by roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano).

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS

14a. SALARY SURVEY ADJUSTMENTS

At the Mayor's invitation, City Clerk Bramhall read number and title to a series of resolutions setting forth changes in Memorandums of Understanding for certain employee groups.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-160

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 90-124 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR TORRANCE NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 90-160. Seconded by Councilman Wirth, her motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano).

RESOLUTION NO. 90-161

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 90-132 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-161. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Councilman Wirth observed the need to amend the language of the resolution relative to the base pay range (excluding the word "hourly" inasmuch as the figures reflected are monthly).

Councilman Applegate SO AMENDED his motion, with the acceptance of the seconder. The amended motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano).

RESOLUTION NO. 90-162

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 90-122 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES - AFSCME, LOCAL 1117

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-162. Councilman Walker seconded the motion and roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano) reflected unanimous approval.

15. HEARINGS

15a. PP 89-54, ED McCLURE AND JAN SCHLESINGER

Deferred until later in the evening; see Page 10.

15b. PP 89-58, DR. AND MRS. BARRY HELLER

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and the place for continued City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a first-story addition and a semi-subterranean garage level to an existing single-story residence on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 228 Via Los Miradores, PP 89-58: DR. AND MRS. BARRY HELLER.

Proof of publication, as provided by the City Clerk, was filed without comment.

The City Council considered this item on July 3, 1990 and continued the public hearing to allow the applicant to submit revised plans.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Department continues to recommend approval of the appeal and approval of the project.

The Planning Commission voted to deny the original plans and has not had an opportunity to review the revisions now before the Council.

Reviewing the modifications proposed, Senior Principal Planner Gibson advised of the applicant's agreement to change the roof pitch to allow for a reduction in the overall height of the project down to 22 feet 10 inches. Mr. Gibson stated his understanding that with this height reduction, the project is acceptable to the former opponents. He informed the Council that Condition No. 3 of the resolution had been modified to reflect the new height.

Mayor Geissert acknowledged the Council's receipt of copies of supplemental correspondence (of record).

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Members of the audience were invited to speak.

First at the podium was Mr. Dan Diederich, 236 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach, who requested and received from staff verification that the overall height measured from the existing building pad would be 15 feet 8 inches. With this clarification, Mr. Diederich said he no longer objected to the project.

At the Mayor's request, Senior Principal Planner Gibson explained that the height of the project was measured from two locations, the latter being preferred by staff because it does not change: 1) from the existing building pad (15 feet 8 inches); and 2) from the benchmark on the curb (22 feet 10 inches).

MOTION: Councilman Applegate, seconded by Councilman Mock, moved that the public hearing be closed. Roll call vote reflected the unanimous approval of those present.

City Clerk Bramhall read number and title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 90-163

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 CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRST- AND SECOND-STORY ADDITION AND A SEMI-SUBTERRANEAN GARAGE LEVEL TO AN EXISTING ONE-STORY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 228 VIA LOS MIRADORES, PP 89-58: DR. AND MRS. BARRY HELLER

MOTION: Councilmember Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-163, as amended (Condition No. 3). His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano).

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The Council recessed at 7:15 p.m., returning at 7:35 p.m.

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The Council now returned to . . .

15a. PP 89-54, ED McCLURE AND JAN SCHLESINGER

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and the place for continued City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a first- and second-story addition to an existing single-story residence on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 5621 Via Del Collado, PP 89-54: ED McCLURE AND JAN SCHLESINGER.

Proof of publication, as provided by the City Clerk, was filed without comment.

A brief overview was provided by Senior Principal Planner Gibson, who explained that this matter was continued at the June 26, 1990 Council meeting to allow the applicants an opportunity to modify their proposal. With the aid of slides, Mr. Gibson demonstrated that the modified plans call for a reduction in height from 21 feet 6 inches to 20 feet.

During his presentation, Mr. Gibson noted the Planning Department's recommendation for approval of the revised project.

The appellant, Mr. Ed McClure, 5621 Via Del Collado, presented a model of the current proposal and packets containing depictions of the modifications. The appellant maintained that the three-car garage is necessary to meet their present and future needs; that their proposal is in keeping with the size of other homes in the area; that the 20-foot height represents a 12 percent reduction in the overall height of the addition; that there is only a 3-foot height differential between the addition and adjacent homes to the east and west; and that two-story homes in this area have greater resale value.

Noting that the project has the full support of neighbors on Via Del Collado and residents within the 300-foot notification area, Mr. McClure solicited the Council's approval.

Denial of the modified project was requested by the below-listed residents of Calle de Ricardo:

Ms. Jean Habada, 5309 Calle de Ricardo
Mr. Paul Stiglic, 5409 Calle de Ricardo
Mr. William H. Barry, 5405 Calle de Ricardo
Mr. Tom Harata, 5309 Calle de Ricardo
Ms. Cathy Lipp, 5519 Calle de Ricardo -
(submitted November 1989 aerial photograph)

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Mr. Dick Folk, 5613 Calle de Ricardo
Mr. Larry Lipp, 5519 Calle de Ricardo.

It was pointed out by opponents:

- That an additional 45 square feet was added to the second floor of the addition.
- That the view would still be blocked and the straight roofline represents a greater view impact to homes on the west end of Calle de Ricardo.
- That the applicants failed to explore the recommendations of the City Council and the suggestions of their own architect on ways to mitigate view blockage to residents of Calle do Ricardo.
- That the basic parameters of the project were essentially unchanged.

The following residents of Via del Collado spoke in support of the modified plans:

Ms. Carolyn Wolf, 5323 Via del Collado
(neighbor to the west, who indicated she would object to a one-story proposal)
Mr. Wes Pepper, 5611 Via del Collado
Mr. Gary Strouse, 5622 Via del Collado.

Supporters of the project submitted that the proponents had made sufficient efforts toward compromise; that the project would improve the neighborhood; that there would not be a significant view impact; and that homes on Calle de Ricardo, some 500 to 800 feet away from the project site, are too far away to be considered relative to view impact.

The potential for "inverse condemnation" should this project be denied was suggested by Mr. Wes Pepper, 5611 Via del Collado. City Attorney Nelson explained that there is no "inverse condemnation" according to California law as long as reasonable uses remain.

With clarification by the City Attorney that there must be a "concrete basis" for determining "cumulative effect," appellant Jan Schlesinger drew attention to a posterboard containing photographs in substantiation of her position that there would not be a cumulative impact.

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Ms. Schlesinger explained that she and her husband did not consider expanding their house to the rear of the property because of the blockage that configuration would represent to their neighbors to the west.

Following Mr. McClure's brief review of all the changes made to their original proposal, the public hearing was closed (motion by Councilman Applegate, seconded by Councilman Walker, and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present).

Members of Council commented as follows.

Supporting the project, Councilman Walker said he did not see a view impact given the distance between the project site and the opponents' properties.

Councilman Applegate explained that decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and are not precedent setting. It was his opinion this proposal represented minimal view impact. As a means of protecting views, Mr. Applegate entertained the idea of imposing a sixth condition, "That the height of vegetation shall never exceed the height of the roof," such condition to be enforced on a complaint basis.

Believing that some of the additional square footage desired could have been accommodated on the first floor with a reduction in the size of the second story to minimize view impact, Councilwoman Hardison said she saw no difference to the view impact as a result of the modifications made.

The Mayor stated that she would not support the proposal, expressing her disappointment that the applicants made no effort to respond to the recommendations made by Council at the June 26 meeting.

A motion was offered as follows.

MOTION: In the matter of PP 89-54, Councilman Walker moved to grant the appeal and grant the project, adding a condition as follows:

6. That vegetation shall at no time be permitted to exceed the height of the highest point of the original structure.

Councilman Wirth seconded the motion.

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SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that PP 89-54 be held one week to allow for a full Council to be present to make a decision. The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

Roll call on the main motion, to grant the appeal and approve the project, reflected the following tie vote:

AYES: Councilman Applegate, Walker, Wirth

NOES: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock, and
and Mayor Geissert.

ABSENT: Councilman Nakano.

City Attorney Nelson clarified that the Planning Commission's denial of PP 89-54 was upheld by the City Council.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

17a. CABLE TELEVISION LEGISLATION

Withdrawn; see Page 2.

17b. UTILITY USERS TAX ON MOBILE PHONES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Finance Department that the Utility Users Tax on Mobile Phones not be instituted until such time as the billing and identifying systems of the mobile phone companies are capable of determining calls by taxing jurisdiction.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the recommendation of staff on Item 17b. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano).

17c. SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the City Manager's recommendation that \$413,300 be appropriated from the health insurance reserve to implement the supplemental

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health insurance program for qualifying full-time employees currently participating in one of the P.E.R.S. health insurance plans.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the staff recommendation on Agenda Item 17c. Councilman Mock seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano).

17d. OPPOSITION TO SB 1785 (KOPP), CHARTER AMENDMENTS BY INITIATIVE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council oppose SB 1785 (Kopp), Charter Amendments by Initiative, and that letters of opposition be drafted to applicable legislators for the Mayor's signature.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation on Agenda Item 17d. Councilman Mock seconded his motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Nakano).

17e. OPPOSITION TO SB 1332 (PRESLEY), SUBREGIONAL PLANNING

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt a position opposing SB 1332 (Presley), Subregional Planning, and that letters of opposition be drafted to applicable legislators for the Mayor's signature.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the staff recommendation on Agenda Item 17e. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected the unanimous approval of those present (Councilman Nakano was absent).

17f. EXTENSION OF SCHWARTZ LEASE - ROLLING HILLS PLAZA

RECOMMENDATION:

The Land Management Team and the City Attorney recommend the Council approve the lease between the City and the Schwartz Investment Company for

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certain lands at the Rolling Hills Shopping Center at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest thereto.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and the Land Management Team on Agenda Item 17f. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR

20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of six (6) new 1990 Kawasaki Motorcycles Budgeted for the fleet Services Department.

Reference: Bid No. B 90-37.

Expenditure: \$35,925.65, including sales tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Fleet Services Department request that Your Honorable Body award a contract for the purchase of six (6) new 1990 Kawasaki motorcycles to Montebello Kawasaki of Montebello, California, in the total amount of \$35,925.65.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of one (1) 16-foot rotary mower tractor.

Reference: Bid No. B 90-40.

Expenditure: \$48,032.16, including sales tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Fleet Services Division request that Your Honorable Body authorize the award of a contract for the purchase of one (1) 16-foot rotary mower tractor to Pacific Equipment & Irrigation, Inc. of City of Industry, California in the total amount of \$48,032.16.

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20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of telephone instruments and a telephone switch for the City as a "cooperative purchase" with the County of Santa Barbara.

Reference: County of Santa Barbara Bid, RFP # 187001

Expenditure: \$735,839.38, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Information Systems Department and the Purchasing Division request Council's authorization to participate with the County of Santa Barbara for the Purchase of telephone instruments and redundant telephone switches as a "cooperative purchase" and for Council to award a Purchase Order for the purchase of the equipment with pricing, terms and conditions based on the County of Santa Barbara RFP to NEC Business Communications System (West), Inc. of 3655 Lenawee Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90016, in the total amount of \$735,839.38, including tax.

20d. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: The sole-source purchase of 100 (one hundred) fiberglass bus benches.

Expenditure: \$30,317.00, including sales tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Transportation Department recommend that Your Honorable Body approve the use of Proposition A Local Return Funds and award a contract for the sole-source purchase of 100 (one hundred) bus benches from Dentin Manufacturing Company in the total amount of \$30,317.00.

20e. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

RECOMMENDATION:

The Personnel Department and the Civil Service Commission recommend that Your Honorable Body approve the revised class specification for Senior Accountant. The Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association concurs in this recommendation.

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20f. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

RECOMMENDATION:

The Personnel Department and the Civil Service Commission recommend that Your Honorable Body approve the revised class specification for Transit Operations Supervisor. Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association concurs with this recommendation pursuant to their statement (of record) set forth in agenda material.

20g. EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that the City Council approve:

1. The proposal from Zurich Re (U.K.) Ltd., London, for additional excess liability insurance in the amount of \$170,000.
2. Appropriation of \$170,000 from the catastrophic reserve to cover the cost of this insurance premium.

20h. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Traffic signal upgrade/ modification, Sepulveda Boulevard at Cabrillo Avenue.

Reference: Bid No. B 90-26.

Expenditure: \$53,700.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that Your Honorable Body accept the bid from, and award a contract to, Paxin Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$53,700.

20i. AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

Withdrawn; see Page 2.

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20j. AMENDMENT TO LaCAZE GROUND LEASE - ROLLING HILLS SHOPPING CENTER

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Land Management Team and the City Attorney:

1. That Council approve an amendment to the ground lease, an estoppel certificate, and a non-disturbance agreement between the City and Norm LaCaze, Rolling Hills Shopping Center, Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard; and
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and attest said documents on behalf of the City, subject to such minor technical and clarifying changes as the City Attorney may find necessary.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 20a through 20j, except Item 20i. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Nakano was absent).

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At 9:13 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. Regular City Council agenda order was resumed at 9:15 p.m., the Council/Agency remaining in joint session for the purpose of a joint executive session to be held later in the evening (see Page 23).

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

22a. Councilman Applegate requested that staff respond to a letter to the editor recently published in the Daily Breeze concerning parking and parking enforcement in the Civic Center area.

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22b. Councilwoman Hardison's request that the Planning Department respond to R-2 residents who submitted a petition to the City was acknowledged by the Planning Director.

22c. Councilwoman Hardison offered a suggestion for the posting of informational signs at the sites of large projects.

22d. Per notification the Airport Manager received from Hawthorne Airport, Councilman Wirth asked that area residents be informed of a Saturday event that would involve planes flying over the Torrance Airport area.

22e. Councilman Wirth commented on his vacation in Colorado.

22f. Mayor Geissert commended those responsible for what she considered to be an "outstanding" Aquacade program and asked staff to look into the possibility of dedicating next year's event to Harry Van Bellehem (former Parks and Recreation Director).

22g. Speaking on behalf of Adrian Fraley, President of the Friends of the Madrona Marsh, Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, read aloud a letter (of record) regarding the jurisdiction of a sump located on the southeast corner of Madrona Marsh.

City Manager Jackson advised that staff was endeavoring to resolve this issue and that information would be forthcoming.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The City Council having remained in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency (see Page 18), Mayor Geissert at this time announced the City Council intent to recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager and/or the City Attorney on the following matters pursuant to the authority contained in Government Code Sections 54957.6(a); 54956.9(a); and 54956.8:

- 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 Francisco Yuri vs City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 96625.
- Pending litigation entitled Shirley Chan vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 566215.
- Airport Plaza Shopping Center lease amendment proposals.
- Lease of City-owned property to Schwartz Investment Company.
- Pending litigation entitled Patrick Coyle and Nancy Coyle vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 102305.
- Acting as the Redevelopment Agency Board, pending litigation entitled Redevelopment Agency the City of Torrance vs. Thomas J. Eadie, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 544918.

At 9:32 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency recessed and immediately went into a joint, closed executive session for the purposes noted above. Upon their return at 12:13 a.m. (Wednesday, August 22, 1990), City Council related action was taken as follows.

City Attorney Nelson requested that the City Council concur with his recommendation in the matter of Shirley Chan vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 566215. Councilman Applegate SO MOVED, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison. Roll call vote reflected the unanimous approval of those present (Councilman Nakano was absent).

City Manager Jackson recommended the continuation of the current memorandum of understanding, in resolution form, for Torrance Police Officers Association for the period of one week. Councilman Applegate SO MOVED to continue the MOU for TPOA for one week. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Nakano). City Clerk Bramhall then read number and title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 90-164

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 TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

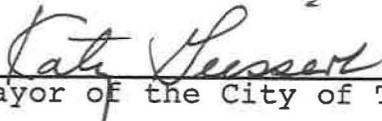
MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-164. Councilwoman Hardison seconded the motion, which carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present (absent Councilman Nakano).

24. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: At 12:15 a.m. (Wednesday, August 22), Councilman Applegate moved to adjourn the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency meetings of August 21 to Tuesday, August 28, 1990, at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock. Without objection by those present, it was so ordered by Mayor Geissert. (Councilman Nakano was absent.)

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of

GEORGE WING


Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:


Clerk of the City of Torrance

Marlene Lewis
Minute Secretary

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