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Peggy Laverty  
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, October 30, 1990, at 5:33 p.m., in the Council Chambers at 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. Vic Kilburn led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Pastor John Gross, Ascension Lutheran Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING

No minutes available.

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.

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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 Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

Item 8b. Presentation re recycling program contest.  
WITHDRAWN.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee  
Met October 29 - report forthcoming.

November 13, 1990, 5:30 p.m.  
Subject: First Quarter Budget Review.

Public Safety Committee  
October 30 meeting CANCELED - to be rescheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS

8a. INTRODUCTION OF KASHIWA DELEGATION

Assisted by Ms. Mikko Hensen, president of the Sister City Association, Mayor Geissert introduced the following delegation of educators from Kashiwa, Japan.

Principal and Delegation Leader  
Mitsuo Ohki

Vice-Principal  
Chikara Ohba

Teachers  
Syuichi Ishikawa  
Kazuo Ozawa  
Keiko Kamio  
Atsuko Midorikawa

Mementos were exchanged by the visitors and the Mayor, on behalf of the Council.

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8b. PRESENTATION TO WINNERS IN RECYCLING PROGRAM CONTEST

WITHDRAWN - see Page 2.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS

9a. SOUTH TORRANCE HIGH ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that your Honorable Body authorize the expenditure of \$1,000.00 from the Parks and Recreation Department's Donation Account toward the purchase of an electronic scoreboard to be installed in the main gymnasium at South Torrance High School for youth and adult recreational basketball leagues.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett elaborated on the concept as set forth in this agenda item, and noted [in response to concerns expressed] that status reports regarding scheduling will be provided. Councilwoman Hardison requested that any problems be reported to the Council immediately.

Mayor Geissert suggested that a system be evolved for the City's use of the facility and she further recommended that a list of City facilities utilized by the School District be developed. Additionally, the Mayor asked to be apprised as to whether or not there has been a time when the City has "canceled out on the School District" without notice.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to concur with the Department/Commission recommendation on Agenda Item 9a. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS

15a. PP 90-21: THEODORE AND SHIRLEY KAHL

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow construction of a second-story addition to an existing one-story, single-family residence in the Hillside Overlay District located in the R-1 zone at 223 Paseo de Granada. PP 90-21: THEODORE AND SHIRLEY KAHL.

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Proof of publication was filed without comment.

Staff presentation was provided by Senior Planning Associate Hasselbach, who noted that the Planning Commission and the Planning Department recommend denial of the appeal and approval of the request.

After receiving desired information from staff regarding other additions in the subject neighborhood, Councilman Nakano expressed his opinion that it would be possible to expand the subject residence eastward some 8.5 feet on the first level, thus enabling the second-story portion of the addition to be reduced in size.

The proponent, Theodore Kahl, 223 Paseo de Granada, addressed Councilman Nakano's suggestion regarding expansion on the first story, noting that the floor plan of their existing home would not accommodate such a design -- further, removal of part of the proposed second story would not be aesthetically pleasing, in his opinion.

Mr. Kahl then clarified, for the record, that he had removed a large tree from the east side of his yard; neighbors had removed two trees on the west [on the neighbors' property]. The views now available to the Gibsons [223 Calle de Madrid] and Boswells [229 Calle de Madrid] were not apparent until after the removal of these trees, per this speaker.

Approval of the project, as submitted, was requested by Mr. Kahl and also by Mrs. Kahl, who had accompanied her husband to the podium.

Next to speak was Mr. Brian Boswell, 229 Calle de Madrid, who stated that he would lose some 20-25 percent of his city light view because of the Kahl addition. Mr. Boswell also noted that Mr. Ken Gibson [correspondence on file] would lose approximately 40 percent of his light view.

Dr. Dirks, 227 Paseo de Granada, deemed the problem [of view obstruction] to be trees, not houses and he indicated approval of the proposed addition.

Ms. Rosalind Parrick, 220 Paseo de Granada, stated that the proposed second story would eliminate all of her view of the mountains.

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Opposition to the subject proposal was also voiced by Mr. Clint Eull, 137 Paseo de Granada. Photographs illustrating the view impact from 220 Paseo de Granada [Parrick residence] were submitted by this speaker, who offered his opinion that some significant view impairment is represented by the proposal.

Concerns regarding loss of view [city lights and mountains] were also expressed by Mr. Clarence Mallyon, 224 Paseo de Granada.

There being no further audience comments, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Noting that he did not observe a significant view impact when visiting the area, Councilman Wirth offered the following...

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to deny the appeal and approve the project [PP 90-21, Theodore and Shirley Kahl]. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Council discussion developed prior to roll call on the motion.

It was Councilman Walker's comment that a significant view impact does not exist in this case.

Councilwoman Hardison agreed with an earlier observation of Mayor Geissert's that the view enjoyed by Mr. Mallyon [an original view] is available through a corridor between the subject residence and a neighbor's home. This view would be lost were the first floor of the Kahl home to be expanded.

Mayor Geissert noted that the terrain would preclude a first-floor addition in this case, thus, in her opinion, a design such as the one proposed represents the only option available.

Roll call vote on the above motion to approve the project proved unanimously favorable with the exception of a negative vote from Councilman Nakano.

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RESOLUTION NO. 90-218

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 THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND-STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING ONE-STORY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE AT 223

PASEO DE GRANADA

PP 90-21: THEODORE E. AND SHIRLEY M. KAHL

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-218. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: Councilman Nakano.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

17a. TORRANCE INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN - AMENDMENT NO. 1

Councilman Walker announced that he would abstain from voting on this item [for reasons explained during the joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting of October 23, 1990].

[Note. Councilman Nakano, likewise, abstained on this matter for reasons explained at the October 23, 1990 meeting].

RESOLUTION NO. 90-219

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT A PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE SHALL NOT BE FORMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TORRANCE INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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Roll call vote reflected the following...

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison,  
Mock, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers Nakano and Walker.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3312

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 3063, APPROVING AND ADOPT-  
ING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE  
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TORRANCE  
INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Ordinance No.  
3312 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded  
by Councilwoman Hardison and carried by way of the following  
roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison,  
Mock, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmen Nakano and Walker.

18b. ORDINANCE NO. 3313

ORDINANCE NO. 3313

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 31.2.16,  
31.2.17, 35.7.3 AND 35.8.4, RELATED TO THE  
USE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No.  
3313 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded  
by Councilman Mock and carried as shown below.

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AYES: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock, Nakano,  
Wirth and Mayor Geissert.  
NOES: Councilman Applegate.  
ABSTAIN: Councilman Walker.

18c. ORDINANCE NO. 3314

ORDINANCE NO. 3314

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 228.2.1  
RELATED TO THE USE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE  
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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No.  
3314 at its second and final reading. This motion, seconded by  
Councilwoman Hardison, carried by way of the following roll call  
vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock, Nakano,  
Wirth and Mayor Geissert.  
NOES: Councilman Applegate.  
ABSTAIN: Councilman Walker.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR

20a. REDUCTION OF SUBDIVISION BONDS

TRACT NO: 43077  
SUBDIVIDER: Shimizu Land Corporation  
ENGINEER: Denn Engineering  
LOCATION: 2315 Dominguez Street  
NO. OF LOTS: 11

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that the subject  
bonds be reduced as indicated and that the "Subdivision  
Agreement" of November 10, 1988 (formerly Reynolds  
Metals) be extended to November 10, 1991.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with  
staff recommendation on Agenda Item 20a. His motion, seconded  
by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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20b. APPROVAL OF REVISED AND RETITLED CLASS SPECIFICATION  
FOR SANITATION SUPERVISOR

RECOMMENDATION:

The Personnel Department and the Civil Service Commission recommend approval of the proposed revised and retitled class specification from Sanitation Supervisor to Sanitation Services Administrator. The Torrance Management Employees Organization (TMEO) concurs with this recommendation.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above staff recommendation on Agenda Item 20b. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Wirth expressed his opinion that the requirement of a minimum of two years of college would be appropriate.

Councilman Applegate objected to so modifying the class specification at this juncture, noting that it would effectively preclude some employees who have worked their way up through the system from taking the test. Mr. Applegate indicated that he would concur with an increase in the educational requirements at some time in the future, but with prior notification given to current employees and with the elapse of an appropriate period of time.

The motion for concurrence with Agenda Item 20b carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison,  
Mock, Nakano, Walker and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: Councilman Wirth.

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At 6:44 p.m., the City Council recessed and met as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

22a. Parks and Recreation Director Barnett announced the Halloween festivities to be held at Wilson Park from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., Halloween night.

22b. Fire Chief Adams commented on the recent County-wide disaster drill with emphasis on communication systems.

22c. Councilman Applegate commented on the recent decision of Hughes Electronics to remain in Torrance, and congratulated Mayor Geissert on her role in influencing that decision.

22d. Councilwoman Hardison requested that Council be provided with an update of the City's disaster plan activities.

22e. Councilman Mock requested a report regarding the future status of recyclable items in the City. Street Department to follow through.

22f. Councilman Nakano requested that the Master Plan for Wilson Park include a sports complex, with a discussion paper to be provided to the Council regarding financing mechanisms; timelines of planning, financing and construction; and possible pay-as-you-go efforts for architectural plans and cost estimates. City Manager's office to follow through.

22g. Councilman Walker requested that the Wilson Park Master Plan include provision for a swimming pool.

22h. Councilman Wirth requested a discussion paper analyzing the feasibility of the City operating as FBO's at the Torrance Airport. Department of Transportation to follow through.

22i. Mayor Geissert elaborated on the background to the Hughes Electronics' decision to remain in Torrance and the City's role in effectuating this decision.

22j. Mayor Geissert commented on the substantial size and weight of trash containers suggested for possible use in the City.

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23. EXECUTIVE SESSION

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mayor 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; and pending litigation;
- Pending litigation entitled People of the State of California vs. Mobil Oil Corporation, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 719953; and
- Southland Athletic Club lease modification and expansion on airport land.

Authority to hold an executive session for these purposes is contained in Government Code Sections 54957.6 (a); 54956.9 (a) and 54956.8.

At 7:12 p.m., the City Council recessed to Executive Session, returning at 7:38 p.m. to take the following action.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS  
AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SAFETY MANAGEMENT  
EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 90-185

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-220. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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RESOLUTION NO. 90-221

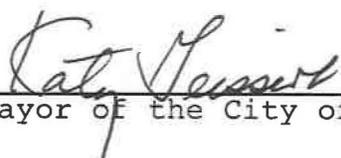
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN  
CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORK-  
ING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED  
BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
RESOLUTION NO. 89-156

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of  
Resolution No. 90-221. This motion, seconded by Councilman  
Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was for-  
mally adjourned to Tuesday, November 13, 1990, 5:30 p.m. for  
purposes of an executive session; the regular Council meeting  
of that date will convene at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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