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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, March 10, 1992, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

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.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Boy Scout Troop #310 - Michael St. Vincent, Scoutmaster.

INVOCATION

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Paul Nakamura, Lutheran Oriental Church.

3. MOTION RE FURTHER READING

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 Council-

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member the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 unanimously by roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

None.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MARCH 3, 1992

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place to make official the results of the General Municipal Election held March 3, 1992.

The Mayor further stated...

This year the City used a micro ballot counter certified by the Secretary of State and furnished by Martin and Chapman Company, the City's election supplier, and the votes were counted in the Council Chambers in full view of the public.

The California State Commission on Voting Machines and Vote Tabulating Devices prescribes certain procedures to be followed in the voting and tabulating of ballots.

One of the requirements of the Commission is the performance of a Logic and Accuracy Test on the computer immediately prior to the tabulation of the ballots, and immediately afterward. This was to be conducted by an Accuracy Certification Board, which was to verify the accuracy of the computer.

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Serving as the Accuracy Certification Board this year were Ethel Uyematsu and John Bramhall. The City followed the prescribed procedures in the conduct of its election.

Resolution No. 92-11, adopted by the City Council on January 14, 1992, ordered the City Clerk to canvass the election returns.

In response to questions posed by Mayor Geissert, City Clerk Bramhall affirmed:

(1) That the City Clerk has conducted the canvass of the returns of the General Municipal Election held March 3, 1992, as directed by the City Council.

(2) That all valid absentee ballots have been canvassed and the results included in the semiofficial returns.

(3) That the Accuracy Certification Board witnessed the conduct of the Logic and Accuracy Test by the Ballot Processing Board immediately prior to the processing of the ballots and immediately after the processing of the last of the ballots through the computer, to test the accuracy of the computer.

(4) That the Accuracy Certification Board certified the Logic and Accuracy Tests and placed them on file with the City Clerk

(5) That the tabulation of the votes was conducted in the Council Chambers in the presence of the City Clerk and the Accuracy Certification Board.

(6) That the results of the voting in each precinct and in the City as a whole are accurately enumerated in the proposed Resolution declaring the results of the election.

Mayor Geissert then stated that the City Clerk has canvassed the returns as enumerated in the City Clerk's Certificate of Canvass embodied in Exhibit A of the proposed Resolution declaring the results of the election.

The Mayor inquired if there were any challenges or protests to be lodged with respect to the results of votes cast in any precinct or the City as a whole. There was no response.

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Mayor Geissert then declared the official canvass of the returns of the March 3, 1992, General Municipal Election completed, and directed the City Clerk to assign a number and read title to the following...

RESOLUTION NO. 92-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 3, 1992, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-40. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

It was the direction of Mayor Geissert that the City Clerk's Certificate of Canvass be entered in the minutes of this meeting right after the passage of this Resolution, and that the full text of Exhibit A, showing the results of the election precinct by precinct be entered in full in the official minutes of the proceedings of this Council meeting.

In compliance with this direction the requested documentation is contained in the following pages.

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EXHIBIT A

Precinct	Consolidated Precinct(s)	Voters Registered	Ballots Cast	HAMBLETT	NAKANO	FLETCHER	O'DONNELL	BOTELLO	PYLES	LEE	ELLIS	COOK	MOCK
001	001/002	1,154	237	41	150	67	123	54	20	52	7	11	124
003	003/004	1,042	154	32	66	34	83	41	31	51	11	12	74
005	005/006	921	111	10	61	21	55	41	17	30	9	3	58
008	008/009/135	1,473	220	38	127	50	114	55	22	61	16	8	105
010	010/011	967	81	25	36	23	37	21	9	22	10	5	37
012	012/023	1,001	142	30	67	28	70	28	15	77	16	7	73
013	013/021	1,062	149	35	73	45	75	32	22	37	11	7	65
015	015/019/152	1,468	239	31	139	50	130	49	25	62	14	10	138
016	016/017/123	1,495	261	31	194	57	135	36	20	61	11	10	139
022	022/024	1,109	115	39	50	29	64	18	24	49	10	7	46
026	026/137	986	127	32	68	19	75	29	22	48	7	7	58
027	027	504	75	11	36	27	39	19	15	26	5	1	37
028	028/138	1,059	125	23	61	24	66	25	22	54	8	8	59
031	031/037/139	1,443	260	58	123	76	97	70	31	114	27	14	110
032	032/176	1,000	157	33	71	37	79	36	27	67	11	12	80
034	034/041	1,065	109	30	55	27	38	24	12	50	13	12	39
038	038/046	1,166	265	50	113	47	136	57	32	154	30	19	87
039	039/045/126	1,468	223	36	110	51	119	43	37	101	25	13	87
044	044/071	1,016	200	45	84	45	117	53	24	91	19	14	75
048	048/051	1,045	142	30	65	37	88	32	32	60	8	7	46
049	049/74/304	1,264	296	67	132	52	151	70	44	142	22	26	112
053	053/305	1,079	226	49	72	48	130	40	40	128	16	15	56
055	055/056	1,048	248	61	120	54	147	44	38	116	25	17	82
057	057/058	953	138	36	44	29	78	28	25	63	14	12	46
060	060/306	1,028	153	41	73	42	99	24	28	68	14	6	43
061	061/116/117	1,316	219	40	118	39	91	42	29	117	24	9	90
063	063/067	1,151	267	46	149	44	133	42	37	146	19	15	109
064	064/128	1,010	291	76	189	36	154	57	24	136	25	13	105
065	065/070/310	1,006	166	35	76	43	85	47	21	81	16	9	57
068	068/140	1,212	231	31	149	45	79	38	21	124	16	8	105
069	069/129	1,205	198	49	102	51	93	33	25	108	16	8	73

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Precinct	Consolidated Precinct(s)	Voters Registered	Ballots Cast	HANBLETT	NAKANO	FLETCHER	D'DONNELL	BOTELLO	PYLES	LEE	ELLIS	COOK	MOCK
073	073/078/307	1,350	247	50	112	59	131	67	28	129	25	23	84
076	076	1,434	156	26	96	32	51	37	14	63	24	3	71
077	077/201	747	199	49	81	46	125	36	23	79	51	12	69
080	080/081/119	1,448	252	44	102	58	134	69	39	120	25	28	68
082	082/084/166	1,457	267	55	102	56	155	94	37	109	19	24	97
087	087/088	1,212	248	56	132	43	115	60	38	98	22	16	112
090	090/097/132	1,395	223	33	107	68	111	70	24	76	18	12	101
092	092/093/142	1,468	337	56	151	68	173	110	39	152	31	20	159
094	094/308	1,342	183	46	99	38	101	44	47	96	12	17	76
096	096/102/143	1,385	269	64	94	72	139	93	37	107	37	21	71
098	098	578	113	26	49	38	71	17	10	42	16	7	39
100	100/309	851	159	51	54	46	90	33	34	70	24	19	40
101	101/171	756	121	13	50	21	70	34	19	66	9	7	54
104	104/106	1,085	324	59	139	61	148	115	23	171	38	18	125
108	108/112	1,063	252	41	130	41	99	75	28	145	20	19	108
109	109/110	1,117	236	57	81	43	108	89	14	107	28	14	93
113	113/114/115	1,620	199	37	88	52	79	57	22	103	26	4	90
121	121/130/311	1,252	394	67	205	99	199	74	52	187	35	23	192
125	125/149/163	1,534	184	54	80	53	91	42	29	60	23	10	61
131	131/167/317	1,157	214	30	97	72	104	52	19	83	21	15	91
133	133/154	1,066	232	53	72	62	142	109	16	84	25	6	77
144	144/182	1,068	133	21	64	31	57	29	17	65	19	9	45
146	146/148/161	1,327	144	26	81	52	57	39	19	41	12	13	63
300	300/301	1,043	172	40	85	35	77	39	21	80	14	16	72
302	302/303	687	143	33	59	32	73	24	24	76	16	14	64
Total		64,238	11,226	2,306	5,383	2,555	5,680	2,736	1,472	4,905	1,065	695	4,537
Absentee			2,439	555	1,096	764	1,182	466	419	922	290	162	881
Provisional			26	5	10	9	12	8	4	6	3	1	9
Grand Total		64,238	13,691	2,866	6,489	3,328	6,874	3,210	1,895	5,833	1,358	858	5,427

CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS

I, JOHN A. BRAMHALL, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, authorized by Resolution No. 92-11, adopted by the City Council on January 14, 1992, do certify that I have canvassed the returns of the General Municipal Election held on March 3, 1992, and find that the number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the City to persons voted for and the offices for which said persons were candidates are as set forth on the pages attached, identified as Exhibit A, which exhibit shall be entered in full on the minutes of the proceedings of said City Council held on said date.

Dated: March 10, 1992


Clerk of the City of Torrance

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Mayor Geissert announced that the results of the March 3, 1992 General Municipal Election of the City of Torrance are as follows: Maureen B. O'Donnell, George Nakano, and Don Lee have been elected for a full term of four years. Miss O'Donnell received 6,874 votes; Mr. Nakano received 6,489 votes; and Mr. Lee received 5,833 votes.

City Clerk Bramhall administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected Councilmembers Lee and O'Donnell and to newly-reelected Councilman Nakano.

Farewell speeches were then offered by retiring Councilman Mock and Councilman Walker.

Each of the remaining Councilmembers, in turn, extended words of sincere appreciation and best wishes for the future to the retiring Councilmembers.

The retiring Councilmen then vacated their seats and newly-elected Councilmembers Lee and O'Donnell assumed their posts. Words of congratulations and welcome were extended to these new members of Council.

Acceptance speeches were offered by Councilmembers O'Donnell and Lee and members of their families were introduced.

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At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Geissert ordered a recess. The Council reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

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6b. RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCILMAN TIM MOCK

RESOLUTION NO. 92-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING COUNCILMAN
TIM MOCK FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-38. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

To be presented at a later date.

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6c. RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCILMAN DAN WALKER

RESOLUTION NO. 92-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING COUNCILMAN DAN
WALKER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 92-37. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison,
carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6d. PROCLAMATION declaring March 8 through 14, 1992, as
"Hire the Older Worker Week"

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and presented to Ms.
Allyn DeVillier, Senior Aide in the City's Finance Department.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 4, 1992.

NOTE: Page 5, Paragraph 6, second line of the February
4th minutes should correctly state ". . . a City Finance
Commission.", rather than ". . . the investment team."

7b. TRACT NO. 47700
SUBDIVIDER: Watt Homes, Inc.
LOCATION: North Side of Sepulveda Boulevard
at Hickory Avenue
NO. OF LOTS: 5 Lots (131 Unit Condo)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends a four-month
extension to July 6, 1992, to allow the completion of
public improvements.

7c. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - to Provide and Install a
Digital Microwave System to Carry Radio Control,
Telephone, and Data Circuits Between the Civic Center
and Several Key Facilities

Ref: Bid No. B92-06
Expenditure: \$199,781.92 (including sales tax)

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Information Systems Department recommend that your Honorable Body award a contract for the purchase and installation of a Digital Microwave System to Telecom, Inc. of Oxnard, CA in the amount of \$199,781.92 (including sales tax).

- 7d. COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACTS - For the purchase of Fifteen (15) 1992 Chevrolet Caprice Police Sedans and Five (5) 1992 Ford Taurus Police Plain Sedans as a cooperative purchase with Los Angeles County

Ref: Los Angeles County Bid #T-377

Expenditure: \$283,286.63 (including sales tax)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Fleet Services Division recommend that your Honorable Body allow the City of Torrance to participate in this cooperative purchase and authorize the award of contracts to M. J. Sopp and Son Chevrolet, Bell, CA, in the total amount of \$220,608.85, including sales tax, and Mills Ford, Anaheim, CA, in the total amount of \$62,677.78, including sales tax.

- 7e. FOCUS ON DISABILITIES OPEN HOUSE

RECOMMENDATION:

The Human Resources Commission is recommending that the City Council approve the Focus on Disabilities Open House, and the expenditure of \$1,300 from the Human Resources Commission's budget to fund the event.

- 7f. APPROPRIATION OF REVENUES FOR PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS CLASSES

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that the City Council appropriate \$22,215 from increased revenues generated from the Performing and Visual Arts classes in order to accommodate increased participant demand for these activities.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve Agenda Items 7a through 7f, above [including correction as noted to 7a]. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilmembers Lee and O'Donnell abstained on Item 7a].

9. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

9a. VACATION OF THREE STORM DRAIN EASEMENTS ADJACENT TO OLD TORRANCE DRIVE-IN SITE

RESOLUTION NO. 92-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF THE EXISTING STORM DRAIN EASEMENTS ON LOTS 27, 28, 33, 34, 37, 66 AND 67 OF TRACT NO. 22228

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-27. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Selection was as follows:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Members</u>
Community Planning & Design	Hardison	O'Donnell Nakano
Public Safety	O'Donnell	Applegate Wirth
Transportation	Wirth	Hardison Lee
Citizen Development & Enrichment	Applegate	Lee Nakano
Finance and Governmental Operations	Nakano	Hardison Applegate
Employee Relations & Department Organization	Lee	Wirth O'Donnell

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13b. AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 90-205

RESOLUTION NO. 92-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DOMAIN OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY AT 1889 TORRANCE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS, AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 90-205

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-39. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Walter J. Egan, owner of the property at 1889 Torrance Boulevard, approached the podium to voice his opposition to the above action. Mr. Egan stated that the resolution is based on the requirement for a 1000-foot radius curve and that that requirement does not exist.

Referencing various depositions having to do with the proposed realignment of Torrance Boulevard, as well as traffic reports previously submitted by him, Mr. Egan maintained that the new design will represent a worse traffic hazard than presently exists; the acquisition of his property is not required; and the only entity to benefit from the project will be the American Honda Corporation.

In response to a question from the Mayor, City Attorney Nelson advised that, because of the present litigation between the City and Mr. Egan, it would be inappropriate at this time to continue the discussion. Mr. Nelson pointed out that the only matter presently before the Council is the matter of correcting an error in reference to two Code sections.

The City Attorney, in response to a question by Councilman Lee, advised the two newly seated Councilmembers to abstain from voting on this matter.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 92-27 proved unanimously favorable with Councilmembers Lee and O'Donnell abstaining.

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13c. NON-DISTURBANCE AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the form of non-disturbance and attornment agreement between the City and California Center for Eye Surgery, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and attest the agreement on behalf of the City.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above-stated staff recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote with Councilman Applegate abstaining.

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At 8:40 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Councilman Applegate noted that West High School placed second in the state Academic Decathlon competition and requested that the Council afford them appropriate recognition.

19b. Councilman Applegate requested appropriate recognition for the undefeated Torrance High School Girls' Varsity Soccer Team.

19c. Councilman Applegate congratulated Miss Kristi Bright, the newly-crowned Miss Torrance.

19d. Councilman Applegate reported on his attendance at the Legislative Conference of the National League of Cities.

19e. Councilwoman Hardison requested that the Department of Transportation address concerns which have been communicated by residents of the Newton/Walteria area with regard to signing which was installed by the City some months ago. Director of Transportation Horkay indicated concurrence with this request.

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19f. Councilman Lee extended congratulations to Councilmembers O'Donnell and Nakano for their election victories.

19g. Councilman Nakano commented upon the importance of a community service background for individuals aspiring to Council or Commission service.

19h. Councilman Nakano noted his attendance at a National League of Cities workshop which was conducted by the president of the Municipal Treasurers' Association of the United States and Canada. Noting that this organization has an investment policy certification program, Mr. Nakano suggested that the City of Torrance become certified. City Manager to follow up.

19i. Councilwoman O'Donnell indicated that she is looking forward to working with her fellow Councilmembers and department heads.

19j. Councilman Wirth set forth his observations of the recent National League of Cities conference and related aspects of the new Surface Transportation Act.

19k. Councilman Wirth commented on the desire of many citizens that the rocket ship be reinstalled at "Rocket Ship Park."

19l. Councilman Wirth inquired regarding the filling of current Commission vacancies caused by the election of Miss O'Donnell and Mr. Lee to the Council. City Clerk Bramhall indicated that the City Council meeting of April 7, has been scheduled for those interviews and appointments.

19m. Mayor Geissert requested that Douglas Kunz of West High School receive individual recognition for his first place standing in the State's Academic Decathlon.

19n. Mayor Geissert requested that Miss Torrance be invited to ride in the 1992 Armed Forces Day Parade.

19o. Mayor Geissert commented on the excellent attendance at the Saturday Farmers' Market.

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19p. Mr. Jim Lissner, P.O. Box 264, Manhattan Beach, related problems in the Hermosa Beach area with low flying helicopters. Mr. Lissner advised that the pilots of these helicopters, which are based at the Torrance Airport, have not responded favorably to neighborhood complaints, and he suggested that the City make the "Fly Neighborly" policy mandatory for all Torrance-based helicopter operators.

Staff agreed to continue their efforts to coordinate a meeting with the helicopter operator and concerned citizens with a report to be provided to Council. Councilman Wirth requested that staff provide information regarding the helicopter operation under consideration.

19q. Mr. Walter J. Egan, 1889 Torrance Boulevard, related information concerning financial aspects of his current litigation with the City.

19r. Ms. Eileen Hawkins, 1303 Date Avenue, requested that she be furnished, in writing, an accounting of expenses incurred by the City to date concerning the Egan property.

19s. Mr. Burton Fletcher, 2177 Hawthorne Boulevard, Suite 204, commented on the recent election and congratulated Councilmembers Lee, Nakano and O'Donnell. Mr. Fletcher also extended best wishes to former Councilmembers Mock and Walker.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. 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.
- Litigation entitled Securities and Exchange Commission vs. Institutional Treasury Management, Inc., United States District Court, Central

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District of California Civil Action Case No.
91-6715RG (Ex) .

- Pending litigation entitled Marlin L. William vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 91379.
- Pending litigation entitled Margaret Ann Rexroad vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 83577.
- Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance vs. Walter J. Egan, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 013630.
- Potential litigation by the City against Integrated Resources and/or its successors.

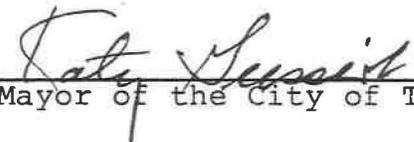
Authority to hold an executive session for these purposes is contained in Government Code Sections 54957.6 (a), 54956.9 (a) and 54956.9 (c) .

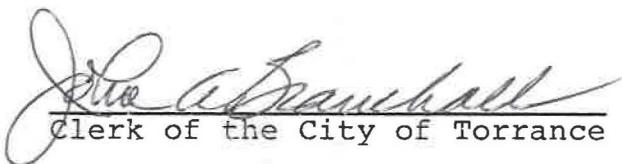
At 9:25 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 9:40 p.m. No action was required as a result of the executive session.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:41 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, March 17, 1992, 5:30 p.m. for purposes of an executive session -- regular Council business to take place at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

City Council
March 10, 1992