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Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 1992, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Lee, Nakano, O'Donnell, and Mayor Geissert. Councilman Wirth joined his colleagues at the inception of the executive session at 5:31 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

Considered at this time...

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 subject:

- Salaries, salary schedules and compensation for certain unrepresented employees and represented employee groups as well as certain other personnel matters.

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Authority to hold an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54957.6(a).

At 5:31 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 7:05 p.m. for the regularly scheduled meeting of this date. [See Page 19 for further executive session matters].

The regular agenda was resumed as follows...

2. FLAG SALUTE

Boy Scout Troop 728 - Dan Gutknecht, Scoutmaster, led in the salute to the flag.

INVOCATION

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend John Hernandez, New Challenge Ministries, Inc.

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 Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Mrs. 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 Mrs. Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

Agenda Item 9b: REVISION TO CITY'S MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM - Withdrawn at the request of staff - to be returned April 7, 1992. See Page 7.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

None scheduled.

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6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RECOGNITION OF MISS TORRANCE AND COURT

Mayor Geissert, assisted by Ms. Gwen Phillips-Williams, executive director of the Miss Torrance Pageant, introduced the newly-crowned Miss Torrance, Kristen Bright. Miss Bright was accompanied by Jessica Quinn, first runner-up, and Catherine Delorenzo, second runner-up, in the competition.

These young ladies were presented with plaques by the Mayor in honor of this occasion.

6b. RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

In recognition of the Torrance High School Girls' Soccer Team's achievement as C.I.F. Champions, Mayor Geissert presented a plaque to coaches John and Karen Jackson. The following team members received letters of recognition.

Wendy Nakashima
Gwen Nakashima
Jessica Reifer
Jenny Yokoyama
Marilyn Huschka
Lisa Liebenau
Kim Blankenship
Kelly Formiller
Brittany Wantz
Selina Mandel
Amy Robitzke
Kathy Nye
November Wallace
March Wallace
Jennifer Halladay.

6c. PROCLAMATION recognizing the 15th anniversary of the Health Fair Expo.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert. This proclamation was accepted by Ms. Leslie Dirckx from the Pacific Inn Retirement Community.

6d. PROCLAMATION calling for special recognition of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce's "Business for a Day" program.

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SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert, and accepted by Ms. Pam Stahl, Chairperson of "Business for a Day". Ms. Stahl was accompanied by Mr. Ted Porter, Vice President of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Civic and Community Improvement Division and by Ms. Barbara Haney, member of the "Business for a Day" Committee.

- 6e. PROCLAMATION making March 1992 "Women's History Month" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and presented to Ms. Nancy Mulford, Boardmember of Soroptimist (Camino Real Region).

- 6f. PROCLAMATION declaring April 1992 as "California Earthquake Preparedness Month" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert, with acceptance by Mr. Chuck Lobb, Chairman of the City of Torrance Disaster Council.

- 6g. PROCLAMATION naming April 1992 as "Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted by Mr. John Margeta, member of the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 18, 1992, and February 25, 1992.

- 7b. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Traffic Signal Upgrade Modification - Sepulveda Boulevard at Palos Verdes Boulevard (B91-44).

RECOMMENDATION:

The subject project has been satisfactorily completed and the Department of Transportation recommends that the City Council 1) Accept the work; 2) File a Notice of Completion; and 3) Authorize final payment to the contractor, D and V Electric, in the amount of \$9,000.

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7c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Traffic Signal Upgrade Modification
Prairie Avenue at 182nd Street (B92-08).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body accept the bid from, and award a contract to, D and V Electric in the amount of \$76,500.

7d. COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION - To sell two (2) SURPLUS Police black and white vehicles to Police Units Unlimited of Meeker, Oklahoma.

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Services Department and the Fleet Services Department recommend that the City Council authorize the sale of the two (2) listed SURPLUS vehicles to Police Units Unlimited of Meeker, Oklahoma for a total of \$6,400.00.

7e. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of Seven (7) Front-loading Type Refuse Trucks Utilizing a Cooperative Purchase with the City of Glendale
Ref: City of Glendale Specification No. 2513
Expenditure: \$839,921.60 including sales tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Services Department, Street Department and Fleet Services Department recommend that the City Council award a contract to ENGS Motor Truck Company, Pico Rivera, CA, in the total amount of \$839,921.60 (including sales tax) for the purchase of seven (7) front-loading refuse trucks.

7f. AWARD OF CONTRACT - For the Construction of Two (2) Executive Aircraft Hangars at the Torrance Municipal Airport
Ref: Bid No. B91-58
Expenditure: \$147,132.00 (including sales tax).

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Services Department and the Transportation Department recommend that your Honorable Body award a contract for the construction of two (2) executive

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aircraft hangars at the Torrance Municipal Airport to Building Construction Association of Pomona, CA in the total amount of \$147,132.00 (including sales tax), and that an additional \$70,000 be appropriated from the Airport Fund for the project.

- 7g. EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS for Repairs to the Joslyn Center Kilns.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that the City Council appropriate \$9,950 from the Joslyn Center Donation Account for the purpose of repairing kilns at the Joslyn Center.

- 7h. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS AND APPROPRIATION of Water Revenue Bond Funds for the Carson Street Improvement Project.

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that your Honorable Body: (1) approve a Change Order for the opening of Carson Street during the holiday season in the amount of \$57,899.32; (2) approve two Change Orders for additional water system installation along Carson Street; and (3) appropriate \$75,000 in Water Revenue Bond Funds to cover the additional water system costs.

At the request of individual members of Council staff expanded on the written material provided on Consent Calendar items.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve Agenda Items 7a through 7h, inclusive. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Lee and O'Donnell abstained on Item 7a].

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8. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS

8a. WAIVER OF FEES FOR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that Council instruct staff in regards to the waiver of the fees for the two forums [United States Congressional Candidates' Forum and California Assembly Candidates' Forum]. If your Honorable Body is inclined to give a waiver, the Parks and Recreation Director recommends waiving the rental and charging the user for labor and any other extraordinary costs necessary to support their events.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director on Agenda Item 8a. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Prior to roll call vote, Ms. Sara Horne, President of the Torrance League of Women Voters, 412 Via El Chico, affirmed the League's request for fee waiver.

Roll call vote on the motion was unanimously favorable.

9. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

9a. 1992 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - RESOLUTION OF INTENTION

RESOLUTION NO. 92-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS AND RUBBISH UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-41. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9b. REVISION TO CITY'S MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

WITHDRAWN - to be returned April 7, 1992 [see Page 2].

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11. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

11a. PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORTS - 1985-1991

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Department recommends that the City Council accept and file the Planning Commission Annual Reports for the Fiscal Years 1985-1991.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the Planning Department recommendation on Agenda Item 11a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Lee, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. PERSONNEL MATTERS

12a. CERTIFICATION FOR FILLING DEPARTMENT HEAD AND FIRE-FIGHTER VACANCIES

RECOMMENDATION:

The Civil Service Administrator and the Civil Service Commission recommend that your Honorable Body approve the ordinance implementing modifications to Torrance Municipal Code Sections 14.17.2 and 14.17.3.

Civil Service Administrator Ghio clarified the recommended Code revisions which would provide for five names to be certified when filling department head vacancies and would also provide for certification by bands when filling vacancies in the classification of Firefighter.

ORDINANCE NO. 3350

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 14.17.2
AND 14.17.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE
PERTAINING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLES
FROM EMPLOYMENT LISTS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3350 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. CONTRACT WITH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager and Street Services Director that your Honorable Body adopt the interim contract with the Los Angeles County West Mosquito Abatement District for interim suppression, surveillance and testing of mosquitoes within City boundaries and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest on behalf of the City.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above recommendation on Agenda Item 13a. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13b. AMENDMENT TO ROLLING HILLS AVIATION LEASE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Honorable Council approve the form of amendment and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to concur with the above recommendation on Agenda Item 13b. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

13c. INVESTMENT REPORTS - DECEMBER 1991 AND JANUARY 1992

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE NOTE:

The Investment Committee, made up of the Finance Director, City Manager, City Attorney and City Treasurer, as created by your Honorable Body, has reviewed the reports and find that they are in concurrence with the City of Torrance Investment Policy.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to accept the Investment Reports for December, 1991, and January, 1992. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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13d. WATER DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that the functions and funds from the Water Department be transferred to the Engineering Department with a reallocation of two existing classifications. The existing Water Utility Director would be reallocated to a Water Utility Administrator, and the existing Administrative Secretary, to a Secretary classification.

Noting her basic concurrence with the City Manager's recommendation, Councilwoman Hardison stressed the importance of a satisfactory resolution of the Administrative Secretary position and requested that the Council be kept informed regarding that issue.

Councilman Wirth, likewise, urged that the subject reorganization result in no disservice to any employees in the department. He further concurred with the Water Commission's recommendation regarding the hiring of additional personnel and a re-evaluation in one year. Mr. Wirth requested that the one-year re-evaluation include a survey of the Water Division employees and be in the form of a report to Council.

Concerns regarding the long-range impact of the downgrading of Administrative Secretary to Secretary were voiced by Mayor Geissert.

At this point, Councilman Wirth requested that there be a status report to Council within a short period of time, and that a new organizational chart be provided.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13e. STUDY OF COUNCIL TERM RESTRICTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND TREASURER

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body instruct staff how to best implement this process and choose a method of bringing the questions to a suitable forum for discussion.

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Consideration of this agenda item revealed majority Council agreement with the recommendation put forth by Mayor Geissert at the February 25, 1992, City Council meeting [Page 9, Item 19c, of those minutes]. That recommendation included the formation of a citizens' Blue Ribbon Committee to study and make recommendations regarding placing on the November ballot the issues of Council term restrictions and the appointment [rather than election] of City Clerk and City Treasurer.

It was generally agreed that, because of the time constraints involved, the committee should initially focus on the questions of term restrictions and Clerk and Treasurer appointments. Concurrence was indicated regarding future committee study of broader issues such as: election by districts; campaign financing; etc.

During discussion, Councilman Applegate suggested that the Council make the decision as to the placement of the three issues on the November ballot and that the committee be utilized to establish the details of such action. He suggested that an item be placed on the next Council agenda which would allow the Council to take such action.

Councilwoman O'Donnell agreed with the concept set forth by Mr. Applegate, noting her conviction that the electorate would like the issues placed on the ballot. Miss O'Donnell recommended that the committee be utilized for citizen input and that the City Attorney draw up various sample wordings with respect to the issues.

Councilman Wirth offered his opinion that various issues must be discussed in depth prior to a decision regarding ballot placement. He recommended the committee process with public hearings to discuss details related to term limitation; whether terms should be consecutive; etc. Councilman Nakano agreed that the committee approach would be the proper way to deal with the many facets involved.

The value of citizen input via the committee process was also acknowledged by Councilmembers Hardison and Lee, who requested that staff begin the assimilation of background information immediately. City Manager Jackson agreed that staff will provide language from Charters of other cities; also language discussed during an earlier review of the City of Torrance Charter.

Audience input was provided by the following individuals.

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Ms. Eileen Hawkins, 1303 Date Avenue, noted her opinion that the City Clerk and Treasurer should be elected and that a term limitation of no more than eight years should be imposed for the Clerk and Treasurer positions, as well as City Council. Ms. Hawkins favored placing these issues on the November ballot.

Ms. Sara Horne, President of the Torrance League of Women Voters, urged the appointment of a Blue Ribbon Committee to make recommendations to the Council for a Charter reform to be placed on the November ballot. Ms. Horne offered the assistance of the League in providing historical information on Charter reform issues, and participation in formulating pros and cons of the issues.

Ms. Sue Herbers, 2264 West 230th Street, speaking for the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association, noted that association's support of a broad based citizens' committee with preliminary focus to be on the merits of appointment or election of the City Clerk and City Treasurer, as well as the possibility of term limits for Councilmembers.

The formation of a Blue Ribbon Committee was also supported by Mr. Burton Fletcher, 21707 Hawthorne Boulevard, who recommended that at some point in the future the committee also consider changing the dates of Councilmember terms of office to coincide with general elections. Mr. Fletcher then requested, and received, clarification as to the process of placing issues on the ballot by way of the petition process.

The last audience speaker was Mr. Frank Rizzardi, 23544 Carlow Road, who stated that he was representing the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association. Mr. Rizzardi recommended that the three issues under consideration be placed on the November ballot and indicated his Association's support of a Blue Ribbon Committee to pursue the subjects.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved that Council move forward with the appointment of a Blue Ribbon Committee composed of no more than 15 people to review the three Charter issues noted, and to bring back a recommendation to the City Council in a timely manner so that the issues can be placed on the November ballot if so desired. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

As a result of continuing discussion, Mrs. Hardison AMENDED THE ABOVE MOTION to include the following stipulations...

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- Committee members shall serve in a voluntary capacity [without compensation].
- Legal staffing shall be provided.
- Minute Secretarial services are not to be provided at early meetings, but consideration may be given to providing a Minute Secretary near the end of the process.

Councilman Nakano, as seconder of the motion, offered no objection to the above amendment and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

Discussion was then directed toward the make-up of the committee, method of appointment, etc.

Councilman Wirth concurred with the Mayor's original suggestion of three committee members from the business community; five, from homeowners' associations; three, from public interest groups; and four at-large members.

Mayor Geissert suggested that letters be sent to homeowners' organizations and those on the normal mailing lists for budget matters stating the purpose of the committee, the fact that it would be in effect for a limited period of time, and would require intense scheduling. The Mayor requested that the Chamber of Commerce be personally contacted. City Manager Jackson affirmed that each member of the committee must be a registered voter in the City of Torrance.

The Mayor suggested that each Councilmember submit the names of individuals whom they would recommend for consideration as committee members. She further directed the City Manager to run a display ad and to schedule appointments for the Council meeting of April 14, 1992.

Councilman Applegate suggested following the normal procedure for commission appointments, appointing the membership by category, and making a simple application form available -- Councilwoman Hardison requested that application forms be made available to Councilmembers.

Councilwoman O'Donnell noted, for the record, that she was very uncomfortable with members of the City Council selecting the 15 members of the committee because of certain biases which have been expressed as to the issues under consideration. Miss O'Donnell urged the Council to refrain from soliciting members for the committee and suggested that the committee membership be selected in some other way than by the Council.

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Councilwoman Hardison and Mayor Geissert both declared their absence of bias and voiced their support of the proposed committee selection process.

The Mayor directed the City Manager and City Attorney to proceed as indicated.

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A recess was called at 9:05 p.m. The Council returned at 9:30 p.m.

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13f. RETENTION OF THE USS MISSOURI AT LONG BEACH HARBOR

RESOLUTION NO. 92-45

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THAT THE USS
MISSOURI BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-45. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. HEARINGS

14a. SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN OIL PIPELINE
FRANCHISE FOR MOBIL OIL COMPANY

RESOLUTION NO. 92-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SCHEDULING A PUBLIC
HEARING ON THE COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO
GRANT A FRANCHISE TO MOBIL OIL COMPANY,
TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ITS EXISTING PIPE-
LINE AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE TRANSPORTA-
TION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AND PROVIDING FOR
THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A PUBLIC
HEARING THEREON.

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-44. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14b. DRAFT REVISION OF SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on the Draft Revision of the Safety Element of the General Plan.

Proof of publication was filed without comment.

The staff report was provided by Principal Planner Bluman who noted staff's recommendation for review and approval of the intent and content of the Draft Revised Safety Element, with final approval subject to subsequent approval of the Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan.

Council comments and questions, along with responses from staff and the City's Petroleum and Regulatory Consultant, Mr. Elbert Wilkinson, are summarized below. NOTE: Page numbers given refer to the Draft Revision of the Safety Element as renumbered to coincide with the agenda material of record.

Councilwoman Hardison inquired regarding the data bank referenced on Page 15. Mr. Wilkinson expanded upon the consultant's recommendation that the accumulation of data by the City continue and that the information be expanded. He stressed the importance of maintaining an observation and pressure maintenance well in each oil zone in the City.

Responding to Mrs. Hardison's inquiry regarding seismic safety for pre-1930 wood-sided homes [Page 32], Building and Safety Director Grippo advised that alternative measures for treating non-bolted homes will be presented for Council consideration in the future.

Councilman Nakano's inquiry regarding the City's Class 3 fire protection rating [Page 9] was addressed by Fire Chief Adams, who noted that mechanisms such as construction of an additional fire station and a better training facility will enhance the City's rating.

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Chief Adams also responded to Mr. Nakano's question regarding potential earthquake damage to oil facilities [Page 20] by touching upon the comprehensive seismic review process related to the City's Risk Management and Prevention Program.

Mr. Wilkinson supported the following statement on Page 21, regarding the gathering lines which connect wells to tanks. "Although there is no permanent record of their locations, these lines are not significant hazards as they operate under low pressure and volume." City Engineer Burt explained the City's on-going efforts to update its record of oil line locations.

Referring to the map on Page 10, Councilwoman O'Donnell expressed concern that the efforts of emergency fire and paramedic equipment could be impeded if an earthquake were to cause severe damage to the railroad tracks which dissect the City. Staff responded by pointing out the access provided by the railroad underpass bridge on Crenshaw Boulevard and by noting the ultimate construction of Fire Station 7.

Miss O'Donnell suggested that information be made available to the public regarding the utilization of automatic gas shut-offs in the event of an earthquake. Building and Safety Director Grippo indicated that his department will follow up with information on the reliability of such equipment.

Audience comments were invited by the Mayor.

Ms. Sue Herbers, 2264 West 230th Street, speaking for the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association, challenged the validity of the statement on Page 18: "Every well is known to the State DOG [Division of Oil and Gas]...." Ms. Herbers also took issue with the statement on Page 21 [referenced in Paragraph 2, above] that the gathering lines are not a significant hazard.

Councilwoman Hardison agreed with Ms. Herbers' observations and suggested that a statement be included that, particularly in Southeast Torrance, the DOG be contacted prior to any home construction. Mrs. Hardison also recommended that a stronger statement be included in the report regarding the abandonment of wells to current standards.

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There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to approve the Safety Element of the General Plan as to intent and content. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16a. ORDINANCE NO. 3347

ORDINANCE NO. 3347

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY BETWEEN DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL AND 166TH STREET AT GLENBURN AVENUE FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-1 (PP) (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH A PRECISE PLAN OVERLAY)
ZC 91-0501: CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3347 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Lee abstained].

16b. ORDINANCE NO. 3348

ORDINANCE NO. 3348

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.22.1 AND SECTION 14.22.2 AND ADDING SECTIONS 14.22.3, 14.22.4, 14.22.5, 14.22.6 AND 14.22.7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3348 at its second and final reading. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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At 10:05 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 10:06 p.m.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. City Manager Jackson noted that this was the last Council meeting to be attended by Ralph Grippo in his capacity as the City's Building and Safety Director. Mr. Jackson praised Mr. Grippo's professionalism and contributions to the City, and extended sincere best wishes to him in his retirement. These sentiments were echoed by each member of the Council, in turn.

19b. Police Chief De Ladurantey reported on his recent visit to South High School and noted his appreciation for the educational effort put forth by that school.

19c. Street Services Director Garcia reported on his department's response to damage caused by the recent storm.

19d. Councilman Applegate requested appropriate recognition of the Bishop Montgomery Girls' Basketball Team.

19e. Councilman Lee expressed appreciation for staff assistance in acquainting him with the operations of the City's Fire and Police Departments.

19f. Councilman Nakano reported on his attendance at an awards ceremony hosted by the Dominguez Water Company, at which time he received a plaque for the City of Torrance in recognition of the City's conservation efforts.

19g. Councilwoman O'Donnell commended the Torrance Firefighters Association for their recent spaghetti dinner.

19h. Councilwoman O'Donnell, as Chairperson of the Council's Public Safety Committee, announced a forthcoming meeting with representatives of the Disaster Council and Police and Fire

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Departments to review disaster preparedness. Ms. O'Donnell explained that this will be an informal meeting in order to gather information which will then be officially brought before the Public Safety Committee.

19i. Councilman Wirth commended Parks and Recreation Director Barnett on his handling of a recent community meeting involving the subject of playground equipment, etc.

Concerns regarding late-night drinking at "Rocket Ship" Park, as well as other parks in the City, were noted by Mr. Wirth who requested that the Police Department monitor the situation.

19j. Mayor Geissert announced that North High School has received the California State Distinguished School Award for 1992, and requested that they be given appropriate Council recognition.

The Mayor requested that there be inquiry into the receipt of like recognition by a Torrance elementary school, as well as monitoring of the progress at State level of North High School's Future Business Leaders of America, winners of the sweepstakes at the regional competition held in March.

19k. Ms. Eileen Hawkins, 1303 Date Avenue, noted storm drain and pavement problems as a result of the recent rain storms.

Ms. Hawkins inquired regarding allocation of funds for attorney fees and possible action on executive session matters. Clarification was provided by the Mayor.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS [Continued - see Pages 1-2].

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.

- 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 City of Torrance vs. Walter J. Egan, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 013630.
- Threatened litigation regarding the closure of Via Valmonte.
- Negotiations regarding ground lease with Whittlesey Toyota Motors located at 2955 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, California.

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

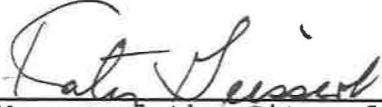
At 10:33 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 11:04 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Council returned to ORAL COMMUNICATIONS to consider...
191. Mayor Geissert announced that the Rose Float Association is ready to present various designs for consideration of the Ad Hoc Committee and has requested a meeting of that Body. The Mayor announced that Councilwoman Hardison will serve as Chair of the Rose Float Ad Hoc Committee, with Councilmembers Lee and O'Donnell to serve as members.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:05 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, April 7, 1992, 5:30 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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