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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, April 28, 1992, at 7:20 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Lee, Nakano, O'Donnell, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

Absent: None.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the flag was led by Mr. Jonathan Teodoro, Chairman of the Torrance Youth Council.

INVOCATION

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Father Patrick McHugh, Nativity Catholic 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 Councilmem-

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ber 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 Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

14b. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FRANCHISE - To be continued to May 5, 1992 [see Page 11].

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance Committee

May 12, 1992, 5:30 p.m.

Subject: Third Quarter Budget Review.

Budget Workshops

May 18, 20 and June 1 - 5:00 p.m.

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Armed Forces Day Parade and 5K/10K Run

Saturday, May 16, 1992 - 1:00 p.m.

Youth in Government Day - April 28, 1992.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. PRESENTATION OF OLDER AMERICAN AWARD

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Director and the Senior Citizens Council recommend that your Honorable Body recognize Avis Hoffmann as the recipient of the Older American Award for 1992, and present her with an appropriately inscribed plaque.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried without objection.

This award was accepted, with sincere appreciation, by Mrs. Avis Hoffmann.

6b. PROCLAMATION proclaiming Tuesday, April 28, 1992, as "National Youth Services Day."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted by Mr. Jonathan Teodoro, Chairman of the Torrance Youth Council.

Members of the Youth Council were then introduced and Mr. Teodoro provided a brief report of the Youth in Government Day's activities which culminated in a joint Youth Council/City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.

6c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming May 1992 as "Older American Month."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert. This proclamation was presented to Mr. Ted Doty, Chairman of the Torrance Senior Citizens Council.

6d. RECOGNITION OF NICOLE HAYNES

Mayor Geissert presented a plaque to Miss Nicole Haynes in recognition of her many outstandingly high academic and athletic achievements, as well as community service, throughout her high school career.

6e. RECOGNITION OF WEST HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM

Mayor Geissert presented Resolution No. 92-55 [adopted by Council on April 21, 1992] to Mr. George Floratos, coach of the West High School Academic Decathlon Team in recognition of the team's achievement of first place in Los Angeles County and second place in the State of California.

The following members of the team were presented with plaques by the Mayor in recognition of their individual efforts.

NIKHIL CHANANI
GENE CHUANG
MILES ELAM

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SCOTT FAY
STEPHANIE HAUSSMANN
DOUGLAS KUNZ
LIN TAN
PETER VELLUTINI
PETER WAYMAN.

Resolution No. 92-56 [also adopted by Council on April 21, 1992] was presented to Douglas Kunz, who achieved the top score overall at the State finals of the Academic Decathlon.

6f. PROCLAMATION declaring April 26 through May 3, 1992, as "Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and presented to Mr. Phillip Kraus, Past President of the Jewish Federation Council/Southern Region.

6g. RESOLUTION HONORING RALPH GRIPPO

The following resolution, presented at the Council meeting of April 14, 1992, was re-introduced for adoption by Council at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING RALPH GRIPPO
FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-47. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6h. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH

RESOLUTION NO. 92-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH IN HONOR OF ITS
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-54. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

This resolution will be presented at a later date.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - none available.

7b. REQUEST TO OPERATE BANNER TOWING BUSINESS AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation and the Airport Commission recommend approval of a request for Aerial Promotions Inc., Bob Dobry, to operate a banner towing business from Torrance Municipal Airport.

7c. REPAIR AND REFINISHING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that the City Council authorize the repair and refinishing of the exterior of the Historical Society building at 1345 Post Avenue and authorize the transfer of \$23,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund designated for the seismic rehabilitation of the 1339 Post Avenue building for this purpose.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve Agenda Items 7a through 7c, inclusive. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Consent Calendar Item considered separately...

7d. STATUS OF INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

The Deputy City Treasurer and the Finance Director recommend that the City Council receive and file the status report reviewing the accomplishments to date in the establishment of written investment policies and procedures for the City Treasurer's Office and in

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the reformatting of the monthly Investment Report to City Council.

Finance Director Giordano-Specht provided a brief overview of the staff material on this agenda item and noted that the job description for an Investment Officer, which was requested by Council, has been reviewed by the Civil Service Commission and will be submitted to Council in one week.

With the aid of transparencies, Ms Nancy Willson, consultant, expanded on the report included in agenda material of record concerning the present status of the City's investment practices and procedures project. Specifics relating to diversification of the City's investment portfolio were covered by Deputy City Treasurer Barnett.

During the discussion which followed, individual Councilmembers offered suggestions and requested changes as follows:

Councilwoman O'Donnell requested that there be an in-depth analysis of securities dealers' answers provided on the City's questionnaire; that the City Attorney review this questionnaire; and that the dealer's signature be notarized. Miss O'Donnell also requested that the absolute minimum insurance required be equal to the amount of the City's investment at any given time.

Councilman Nakano asked that the consultant review the City's criteria for certification.

Councilman Applegate suggested that the questionnaire [beginning on Page 24 of agenda material] be signed by an officer of the corporation, and that this document contain language protecting the City in the event that fraudulent information is provided by the securities dealer.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Deputy City Treasurer and Finance Director. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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8. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS

8a. JULY FOURTH FIREWORKS AT WILSON PARK

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Fire Department, Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department that the Fourth of July fireworks at Wilson Park be eliminated.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett explained that the above staff recommendation for elimination of the fireworks display at Wilson Park resulted from a series of fire safety, crowd control, and traffic/parking concerns.

Fire safety concerns and newly revised National Fire Protection Standards were discussed by Fire Chief Adams, who submitted an aerial map [of record] illustrating safe viewing distances for different sizes of mortar shells fired. Chief Adams recommended the use of six-inch shells at this year's celebration as a viable option for Council consideration, rather than elimination of the fireworks altogether.

In response to an inquiry by Councilman Applegate, General Services Director White agreed to return to Council with information as to firing height and visibility of six- and ten-inch shells.

Continuing discussion encompassed the need for: extensive public notification regarding safety concerns; visibility of displays from other areas [including other parks] within the City; early closure of certain streets with ample signage and enforcement; appropriate vendor and visitor controls within Wilson Park; aggressive advertising and expansion of the shuttle service; etc.

Police Chief De Ladurantey and Captain Papst provided an analysis of previous years' celebrations, as well as concerns and recommendations for continuation of the fireworks show.

Responding to Councilwoman Hardison, City Manager Jackson agreed to provide a formal report to Council following this year's activities.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to direct that the City proceed with the Fourth of July fireworks event utilizing six-inch shells; strongly urging use of the shuttle system from Del Amo; and implementing whatever is deemed necessary to have a comfortable and safe event. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

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Prior to roll call vote, public input was invited by the Mayor.

Mr. Pete Eliopoulos, 5310 Emerald Street, speaking on behalf of the Torrance Jaycees, urged continuation of the event and advertisement of the shuttle service. This speaker suggested that individuals from various participating organizations might be utilized to assist in providing information and direction within the park site.

Thorough advertisement of the shuttle service for use by the public and vendors was recommended by Ms. Pam O'Brien, 5005 Sepulveda Boulevard.

Ms. Janet Payne, 1318 Engracia, supported continuation of the celebration.

The availability of a partial revenue offset was questioned by Mr. Burton Fletcher, 21707 Hawthorne Boulevard. Parks and Recreation Director Barnett advised of the space fee charged for private non-profit booths.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable.

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At 9:40 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a recess. The Council reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

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13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that your Honorable Body approve the agreement [of record] for an exchange of funds with the City of La Habra Heights.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 10:11 p.m., the City Council met in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency and the Torrance Financing Authority. During that joint session the following City Council agenda item was considered.

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13b. SALE OF REFUNDING BONDS BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE TORRANCE FINANCING AUTHORITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000

The following text is duplicated from the Redevelopment Agency/Financing Authority minutes of this date.

The City's Finance Director, Ms. Giordano-Specht, provided a brief presentation on the matters presented for joint consideration.

Ms. Giordano-Specht noted that the two major purposes to be accomplished by the item under consideration are to authorize the refunding of bonds issued by the Redevelopment Agency for the Downtown Project in 1985, and to combine with the refunding of the 1985 bonds the issuing of new money bonds to provide additional funds for the continuation of the redevelopment of the Downtown Project.

An overview of the purposes to be accomplished by the resolutions presented for consideration was provided by Ms. Giordano-Specht, per agenda material of record.

Public comments were invited by Mayor/Chairwoman Geissert. There was no response.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-62

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE AGENCY'S DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT TAX ALLOCATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1992 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE AGENCY AND FUNDING AN ESCROW FUND AND APPROVING ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-62. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 10:21 p.m., the meeting of the Financing Authority was adjourned. The regular City Council agenda order was resumed at that time; however, the Agency/Council remained in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session to be held later in the meeting [see Page 12].

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14. HEARINGS

14a. ADOPTION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS BY REFERENCE

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on the adoption of an ordinance adopting underground storage tank regulations by reference.

Proof of publication was filed without comment.

NOTE: On April 7, 1992, the Council had the first reading of Ordinance 3346, and the matter was continued for public hearing tonight.

Following a brief staff presentation by Fire Chief Adams, the Mayor invited public comment. There being no response, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 3346

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE CHAPTER 16 OF DIVISION 3 OF TITLE 23, INCLUDING APPENDIX, OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, AND AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS THEREOF PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 25299.2, ALL RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3346 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

Chief Adams acknowledged the outstanding efforts of Senior Fire Inspector Doug Bergen the administration of the subject program. Mayor Geissert joined in commending Inspector Bergen.

14b. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY PIPELINE FRANCHISE NO. 1955

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing concerning the renewal of the Southern California Edison Company Pipeline Franchise No. 1955.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to hold Agenda Item 14b until Tuesday, May 5, 1992, 7:00 p.m. [see request for continuance, Page 2 of these minutes]. The motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried without objection.

19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Councilman Applegate provided a brief overview of the May 16, Armed Forces Day program, noting particularly the outstanding response from the Military services.

19b. Councilwoman Hardison noted that, during the Council's joint meeting with the Youth Council at 5:30 p.m., this date, concerns were expressed by members of the Youth Council regarding an ordinance of the City of Torrance dealing with minors in billiard halls or poolrooms. Mrs. Hardison requested that staff review pertinent sections of the Code for possible revision.

19c. Councilwoman O'Donnell commented on a recent outstanding performance at the Armstrong Theatre by the Torrance Chorale. Mayor Geissert, likewise, acknowledged the busy calendar of weekend events held at the Cultural Arts Center.

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20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session [see Page 10], Mayor/Chairwoman 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 District of California Civil Action Case No. 91-6715RG (Ex).
- Pending Litigation entitled Artistic Landscape and Engineering, Inc. vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 750048.
- Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance vs. Walter J. Egan, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 013630.
- Pending litigation entitled Derrick Anderson, et al. vs. City of Torrance, et al., United States District Court Case No. 91 3473 HLH (JRx).
- Potential litigation by the City against Integrated Resources and/or its successors.
- Negotiations regarding lease amendment and site expansion for Robinson Helicopter.

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

Acting as the Redevelopment Agency, the City Council will now recess to closed session to confer with Agency Counsel regarding pending litigation entitled Torrance Redevelopment Agency vs. Solvent Coating, et al., United States District Court Case No. 90 3774.

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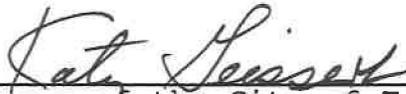
Authority to hold an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) .

At 10:35 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to executive session, returning at 11:42 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:42 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, May 5, 1992, 5:30 p.m., with an executive session concerning wages, hours and working conditions to be held at the 5:30 hour -- consideration of the regular agenda will commence 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

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