

**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 session at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 23, 1997, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian, O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: Councilmembers Nakano and Walker.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers and other department representatives.

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Agenda Item No. 12a (Hearing Re Appeal by Robert Shoemaker) was considered out of order at this time.

12a. **HEARING RE ROBERT SHOEMAKER APPEAL**

Recommendation

It is recommended by the Civil Service Administrator that the City Council conduct a hearing on the appeal of the Civil Service Commission decision sustaining the discharge of Robert Shoemaker.

Mayor Hardison read aloud from a prepared statement providing background information on the appeal by Robert Shoemaker of the Civil Service Commission's decision to sustain his discharge from the position of Bus Operator in the Transit Division of the Fleet Services Division.

City Attorney Fellows advised that Assistant City Attorney Pohl would represent the City in this matter and that Mr. Roy Clarke of Richards, Watson & Gershon, 333 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, would serve as special counsel for the City.

Mr. Clarke verified that the brief submitted by the appellant's attorney, Ms. Rochelle Jackson, Landrum & Amponsah, 5110 West Goldleaf Circle, Suite 130, Los Angeles, was part of the record.

Argument for the Appellant

Ms. Jackson reviewed the Conclusions of Law relevant to Mr. Shoemaker's dismissal and she explained her opinion that they do not warrant a termination of his thirteen years of service to the City of Torrance. Ms. Jackson disputed various Findings of Fact as determined by the Civil Service Commission and she asked the Council to look at the basis for the Commission's decision and whether there was enough fact on which to base a termination.

Argument for the City

Assistant City Attorney Pohl distributed the "Response by the City of Torrance to the Exceptions Filed by Appellant" (of record, dated September 23, 1997) to the Council and he asked that it be accepted by the Council as the City's response to the appellant's disagreement with the Findings of Fact.

The Council took time to read the written material distributed by City Attorney Pohl as noted above.

Assistant City Attorney Pohl explained that the Civil Service Commission believed the documents which were properly submitted into evidence during the Commission hearing on this matter, and not Mr. Shoemaker's denial; and that, contrary to Mr. Shoemaker's contention, the City did not enter into a contract with Mr. Shoemaker for a 12-month period during the Performance Improvement Plan and, therefore, he was not denied one month on the Plan when he was terminated after 11 months. City Attorney Pohl requested that the Council focus on Mr. Shoemaker's terrible driving record. He advised that there is ample evidence in the record to support the Civil Service Commission's conclusions and urged the Council to do so.

Rebuttal for the Appellant

Ms. Jackson emphasized that the traffic accident in which Mr. Shoemaker was involved in August 1995 was not the issue before the Civil Service Commission; that one of the issues before the Commission was whether or not Mr. Shoemaker violated the Performance Improvement Plan; and that all of the witnesses who testified at the Civil Service Commission hearing on this matter testified that Mr. Shoemaker never ran a railroad crossing. She questioned if the City set Mr. Shoemaker up with the Performance Improvement Plan to terminate him. Ms. Jackson stated her belief that the Commission based its determination on whether or not it would appear that Mr. Shoemaker will have another accident and she asked the City Council to look at the facts and determine whether the Mr. Shoemaker's 13 years of tenure with the City of Torrance should be terminated based on such small infractions.

Rebuttal for the City

Assistant City Attorney Pohl advised that Mr. Shoemaker was not set up to fail and that he was offered a great opportunity with the Performance Improvement Plan, particularly after his 8th accident; that Mr. Shoemaker set himself up to fail; that Mr. Shoemaker disagrees with every criticism of his driving and accepts no responsibility; that Mr. Shoemaker had one preventable accident every year over 13 years; and that the Civil Service Commission made the right decision and did the right thing in terminating Mr. Shoemaker. Assistant City Attorney Pohl encouraged the Council to support the Commission's Findings of Fact in support of Mr. Shoemaker's termination.

At 6:30 P.M., the Council recessed into a closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 and 54956.8. At 7:00 P.M., the meeting reconvened in open session when the Council returned to Council Chambers.

Mayor Hardison announced that the Council met in closed session to discuss Agenda Item No. 12 (Hearing Re Robert Shoemaker Appeal) and that, on motion by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Cribbs, and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmembers Nakano and Walker), the Council voted to uphold the findings of the Civil Service Commission.

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At 7:01 P.M., there was a recess until 7:05 P.M., when the meeting reconvened in regular agenda order.

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2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Mr. Tom Martin, Deputy to 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reverend Bill Schwartz, Foursquare Church of Torrance, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to accept and file the Report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison, absent Councilmembers Nakano and Walker.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved that, after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison, absent Councilmembers Nakano and Walker.

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson announced the withdrawal of Agenda Item No. 13i (Torrance Air Fair) which, he noted, will be considered at a future meeting.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION RE "PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT MONTHS"**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the months of September and October 1997 as "PTA Membership Enrollment Months" in the City of Torrance to Ms. Andrea Ballas, Ms. Pam Miike and Ms. Joanne Suyama, Torrance Council of PTAs.

Ms. Ballas presented various items to the Council from the Torrance Council of PTAs.

As a teacher and community member, Councilmember O'Donnell commended the PTA as the unsung heroine of the country and she congratulated the Torrance PTA on its 50th anniversary.

6b. **PROCLAMATION RE "CALIFORNIA RIDESHARE WEEK"**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the week of October 6-10, 1997 as "California Rideshare Week" in the City of Torrance to Ms. Kim Fuentes, Commuter Ride Coordinator.

Ms. Fuentes thanked the Council for supporting the Rideshare program.

6c. **PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH"**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring October 1997 as "National Arts and Humanities Month" in the City of Torrance to Ms. Gloria Jacobs, Chairman of the Cultural Arts Commission.

On behalf of the Cultural Arts Commission, Ms. Gloria Jacobs thanked the Council for the proclamation and she announced upcoming cultural events.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1997**

7b. **FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES' CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIBRARY**

Recommendation

The City Librarian recommends that the City Council accept and appropriate a \$500.00 contribution from the Fraternal Order of Eagles for purchase of items for the visually impaired.

7c. **TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIBRARY**

Recommendation

The City Librarian recommends that the City Council accept and appropriate a \$1,000.00 contribution from TME, AFSCME, Local 1117, to fund library holiday programming for youth..

7d. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 1997**

Recommendation

The City's Statement of Investment Policy requires the City Treasurer to report a monthly statement of investment activity. The City Treasurer recommends that the City Council accept and file the report.

7e. **HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD REHABILITATION-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council appropriate \$25,000 from unallocated Gas Tax Funds for public relations and message sign rental associated with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) project to rehabilitate Hawthorne Boulevard in the City of Torrance.

7f. **AMENDMENT RE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CRENSHAW BLVD.**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council approve an amendment to Consulting Services Agreement No. C97-082 with Transtech Engineers, Inc. to provide design and construction administration for Crenshaw Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation from south of 190th Street to south of Dominguez Street by increasing the maximum fee from \$60,000 to \$110,000.

7g. **PURCHASE ORDERS RE STANDARD PERSONAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE**

Recommendation

The Information Systems Director and the Police Chief recommend that the City Council authorize purchase orders to be issued for anticipated amounts not-to-exceed \$35,000 in total for a one-year period to Software Spectrum and GST, Inc., in the following amounts: Software Spectrum - \$25,000 and GST, Inc. - \$10,000.

7h. **PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

It is recommended by the Private Industry Council (PIC) Policy Board that the City Council appoint and officially swear in one appointment to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance PIC.

7i. **FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 52304 - PACIFICA VERDE ESTATES, LLC**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that the City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 52304, located at 25266 Denny Road, which has met all Conditions of Approval of the Tentative Map.

7j. **EXECUTION OF JTPA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENTS**

Recommendation

It is the joint recommendation of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Human Resources Director of the City of Torrance to:

1. Authorize the execution of amendments with the City of Los Angeles (Agreement 94564) by adding \$393,690 and extending the term of the agreement to September 30, 1997; this action includes amending the agreement with Dommie Curtiss Johnson (C96-106) by adding \$24,990 and extending the term of the agreement to September 30, 1997; and amending and extending the term of the agreement with Andrew Wong (C96-105) by adding \$18,700 and extending the term of the agreement to September 30, 1997.
2. Authorize the execution of new agreements with the City of Los Angeles to provide employment and training services from 10/01/97-6/30/98 (\$1,206,310); this action includes execution of new agreements with Dommie Curtiss Johnson (\$74,816) and Andrew Wong (\$56,684) from 10/01/97 to 6/30/98.
3. Authorize the execution of a new agreement with the Wilmington JayCees Foundation, Inc. for the provision of employment services from 10/01/97 to 6/30/98 (\$354,774).

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7k. **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

The Annual Report for July 1996 through June 1997, as prepared by the Community Services Commission, is attached to the staff report for the Council's information and review. At its meeting of August 28, 1997, the Community Services Commission approved this report and asked staff to transmit it to the Council for acceptance and file.

7l. **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

The Annual Report for July 1996 through June 1997, as prepared by the Parks & Recreation Commission, is attached to the staff report for the Council's information and review. At its meeting of September 10, 1997, the Parks & Recreation Commission approved this report and asked staff to transmit it to the Council for acceptance and file.

7m. **DONATION FROM TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Torrance Youth Council recommends that the City Council approve a \$2,500 donation from the Torrance Youth Council Donation Fund in the following amounts: \$1,500 to Social Action within a Multi-Cultural Program in Language Enrichment (SAMPLE), AND \$1,000 to Volunteer Center for Operation Teddy Bear.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano and Walker.

Mayor Hardison acknowledged the donations given to the City library by the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Torrance Municipal Employees (TME), American Federation of State, Municipal and County Employees (AFSCME), Local 1117, as reflected in Agenda Item Nos. 7b and 7c respectively.

On behalf of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Mr. Joe Quinones voiced the TME's hope that their gift of \$1,000.00 to the library will help make the City of Torrance a better place to live.

With regard to Agenda Item No. 7h (Private Industry Council [PIC] Appointment), City Clerk Herbers swore in Mr. Ron Cawdrey as the City's representative to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance PIC Policy Board.

10. **POLICE/FIRE**

10a. **FUNDING RE PH I FIRE AUTOMATION PROJECT/CAD DISPATCH SYSTEM**

Recommendation

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The Fire Chief and the Information Systems Director recommend that the City Council: Appropriate funding in the amount of \$128,513 from unallocated Fiscal Year 1996-97 carry over to complete Phase I of the Fire Automation Project; and Approve the purchase of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System and award contract to American Tritech for a total of \$413,120, including tax and 10% contingency.

Background information on this item was provided by Fire Chief Adams. He commended the efforts of City and Fire Department staff involved in this matter.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the staff recommendation and appropriate the funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano and Walker.

12. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

12a. **HEARING RE ROBERT SHOEMAKER APPEAL**

Considered earlier in the meeting (see page 1).

12b. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY III**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council appoint Robert D. Acciani to the position of Deputy City Attorney III.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs, absent Councilmembers Nakano and Walker.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **VOTING DELEGATE/ALTERNATE FOR THE LEAGUE CONFERENCE**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve the recommended designation of voting delegate and voting alternate to represent the City of Torrance at the League of California Cities' Annual Conference.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano and Walker.

13b. **CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE RENEWAL EXTENSION**

Recommendation

The City Manager and the Cable Television Advisory Board recommend that the City Council adopt the resolution granting a four-month extension of the cable television franchise through February 27, 1998.

In answer to questions from the Council, Cable Television Administrator Smith shared information regarding the delays in the City's cable television franchise renewal proceedings, the expansion of channels during the franchise renewal proceedings and the cable television subscription cancellations resulting from satellite dishes.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-132.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-132. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano and Walker.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-132

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE
CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE TERM PENDING
COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR A FRANCHISE
RENEWAL

13c. **RESOLUTION RE CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES**

The City Manager recommends that the City Council adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (Resolution) for Crossing Guard employees.

City Manager Jackson verified that it would not be necessary for the Council to enter into a closed session to discuss this topic.

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Councilmember O'Donnell departed the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

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City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-133.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-133. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano, O'Donnell and Walker.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE WAGES, HOURS AND
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES
FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 1997 THROUGH
JUNE 30, 1998

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13d. **RESOLUTION RE COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN MGMT EMPLOYEES**

Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council adopt a resolution with regard to compensation for certain management employees

Considered in closed session (see Agenda Item No. 20, page 15).

13e. **FUNDING FOR LOMITA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AREA**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council approve an appropriation of funds from the City Attorney's General Support Legal Services account in the amount of \$90,000 to augment previously approved funding for the contract with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker for representation of the City in the Lomita Community Improvement Area matter. This appropriation would have priority to be replaced from the 1996-97 fiscal year carryover.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano, O'Donnell and Walker.

13f. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DEL AMO FASHION PLAZA**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council approve an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$10,889 to make a final payment on the existing purchase order with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker for representation of the City in the proposed Del Amo Fashion Plaza expansion.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano, O'Donnell and Walker.

13g. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TWO POLICE PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council approve an additional appropriation of funds in the amount of \$18,000 to fund the existing purchase order with the law firm of Rutan & Tucker for representation of the City in two Police Department personnel matters.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano, O'Donnell and Walker.

13h. **STREETSCAPE WORK SCHEDULES AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

Recommendation

The Street Services Director and the City Manager recommend that the City Council approve complaint procedures for the Streetscape Division and a four-month work schedule for sidewalk repair, tree trimming and median maintenance; approve the budget transfers of \$548,801 from Park Services, \$61,417 from Street Maintenance, \$794,001 from Sidewalk Maintenance and \$1,176,083 from Tree Maintenance, for a total of \$2,580,302, to fund the Streetscape Division to the end of fiscal year 1997-98; and appropriate \$24,800 from the Program Contingency Reserve to fund the purchase of a tractor for the Sidewalk Maintenance Program.

With the aid of vu-graphs, Streetscape Administrator Chamness gave an overview of the Streetscape Division complaint procedures and the four-month work schedule for sidewalk repairs.

Following inquiries from the Council, Streetscape Administrator Chamness and City Manager Jackson provided input concerning the sidewalk repair procedures, as well as the procedures for notifying residents of the anticipated dates the sidewalks will be repaired, the manner in which the City handles telephone calls pertaining to needed sidewalk repairs (including the dissemination of the telephone number to call to register a complaint and calls the City has received from anonymous parties) and the staff's plans to provide updated information about this topic to the Council in the future. They confirmed that complaints are received from persons residing outside of Torrance.

Councilmembers Cribbs and Messerlian expressed their delight with this having come to fruition. Councilmember Cribbs related Nadine Circle residents' inquiries as to the anticipated date of sidewalk repairs in that area and she asked staff to look into when they will be done.

Councilmember Messerlian suggested the preparation of a map showing areas in the City about which complaints concerning needed sidewalk repairs are being received and the preparation of a monthly status report relevant to this matter.

Councilmember Lee recommended a public relations program whereby City staff who will be working on the repairs contact residents to notify them of the dates the repairs will be made.

Mayor Hardison mentioned that approximately one-half of the telephone calls she received have to do with trees etc. which are not included on the repair schedule.

Street Services Director Garcia advised that staff is making an effort to eliminate complaints received prior to implementing the procedures under discussion at this time.

Mr. Ken Wuertz, 18403 Wilton Place, addressed the issue of liability associated with injuries resulting from street trees and sidewalks damaged by street trees.

Input in that regard was presented by City Manager Jackson, Street Services Director Garcia and Councilmember Lee.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano, O'Donnell and Walker.

13i. **1998 AIR FAIR**

Recommendation

The Airport Commission requests that the City Council approve the Torrance Air Fair Association (TAFA) as the sole source sponsor for the 1998 Air Fair on July 11, and 12, 1998 with the approval of the Air Fair Agreement. Further, it is requested that the Council approve the use of \$15,000 from the Airport budget to help produce the Air Fair as in the past.

Withdrawn (see "Withdrawn/Deferred Items," page 4).

14. **HEARINGS**

14a. **ZON 97-0006: CITY OF TORRANCE/CUP 97-0022: KAJI & ASSOCIATES**

Recommendation

The Planning Commission and the Planning Director recommend that the City Council approve the Zone Change on property located at 3116-3138 182nd Street and deny the appeal and approve the request for a CUP to allow the operation of a take-out restaurant at 3138 182nd Street in an existing commercial building which is located on one of the parcels affected by the Zone Change.

Mayor Hardison introduced the item. She explained that staff filed the appeal so that the Council could examine the entire package and that an approval of the Zone Change would bring the zoning into compliance with the General Plan.

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing. There being no requests to speak, the following motions were offered.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano, O'Donnell and Walker.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-135.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for the adoption of Resolution

No. 97-135. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano, O'Donnell and Walker.
RESOLUTION NO. 97-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A TAKE-OUT RESTAURANT IN AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE R-2 ZONE AT 3138 182ND STREET

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Ordinance No. 3439.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 3439. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano, O'Donnell and Walker.

ORDINANCE NO. 3439

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3116-31 182ND STREET FROM R-2 (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL)

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At 8:25 P.M., the Council met as the Torrance Redevelopment Agency. At 8:28 P.M., the Redevelopment Agency entered into a joint session with the Council to convene in a closed session later in the meeting to discuss Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item No. 10A (Request for Executive Session - Terms of Sale - National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence).

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17. **MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED**

None.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. City Clerk Herbers called attention to the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 3, 1997. She noted the voter registration deadline of Monday, October 6, 1997 and advised that the distribution of absentee ballots will begin on that same day.

In response to a question from the Council, City Clerk Herbers affirmed that information regarding the precinct boundaries and the precincts from which ballots will be transported to City Hall will be provided to the Council in the future.

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19b. City Clerk Herbers introduced Jennifer Walters, newly hired secretary in the City Clerk's office.

19c. The Council commended the efforts all City employees involved with the aircraft tragedy which recently occurred in Torrance.

19d. Subsequent to a comment from Councilmember Messerlian, Building Regulations Administrator Isomoto provided input regarding the City's continuing efforts to remove a banner hanging near South High School. He supplied input on the criteria for banner hanging and confirmed that priority is given to banners for events occurring in Torrance.

19e. Mayor Hardison sadly announced the upcoming closure of the Begonia Farm, a very user-friendly business in Torrance for many years.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:40 P.M., Mayor Hardison announced that, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.8, the Council/Redevelopment Agency would recess into closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under Item Nos. 20.a.1, "Conference with Labor Negotiator," and 20.a.2, "Real Property - Conference with Real Property Negotiator."

At 9:22 P.M., the Council/Redevelopment Agency returned to open session in Council Chambers. No formal action was taken on any matter, excepting Item No. 13d (Resolution Re Compensation for Certain Management Employees), which was adopted by motion of Councilmember Cribbs, seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous vote, absent Councilmembers Nakano, O'Donnell and Walker. Due to lack of a quorum, Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item No. 10A (Request for Executive Session - Terms of Sale - National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence) was not considered.

Note: There was a scrivener's error on Resolution No. 97-134 as it appeared in the agenda packets. The most recent change should have repealed Resolution No. 103 as reflected on page 16.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-134

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 97-103 AND
ADOPTING A NEW PROCEDURE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:24 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 14, 1997, for an executive session at 5:30 P.M., to be followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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