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23. ADJOURNMENT:

23a. Adjournment was at 8:50 p.m. to Tuesday, August
12, 1986, at 5:30 p.m.

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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, August 5, 1986, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Police Lt. Lee Turner led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Bob Bannister, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of July 15, 1986, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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5. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Applegate MOVED that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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Mayor Geissert announced, with sadness, the passing of Mr. Robert M. Fraser, Past President of the Central Torrance Homeowners Association. It was the request of the Mayor that this meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. INTRODUCTION OF ROTARY CLUB EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

Mr. Marv Kuebler, President of the Del Amo Rotary Club, introduced the following Rotary Student Exchange Program visitors:

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| Robert Ayers | } | Fareham, England. |
| Tony Jason Gray | | |
| Noriko Kawakubo | } | Urawa-East, Japan |
| Ayako Suzuki | | |

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Mayor Geissert extended a warm welcome to these visiting students on behalf of her colleagues on the Council and the citizens of the City of Torrance, and also presented each student with a memento of this occasion.

8b. LaMARCA AMERICAN VARIETY SINGERS:

Ms. Priscilla LaMarca introduced the LaMarca American Variety Singers who entertained those present with a brief performance.

This talented group of young people, scheduled to travel to the 1986 World Expo in Vancouver, Canada, was warmly received by the Mayor and Council. Mementos from the City of Torrance were presented to each member of the group, and a copy of their album was presented to the Mayor.

8c. PIONEER THEATERS, INC. 1986 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Mayor Geissert, assisted by Councilman Walker and Mr. Doug Hrdlicka of Pioneer Theaters, Inc., presented scholarship awards to the following recipients from local high schools:

Bishop Montgomery High School:

- o Frans Sy
- o Christine Schulteis
- o Gema Miguel

North High School:

- o Yoichi Kagawa
- o Mamoru Okamoto

South High School:

- o Eric Johnson
- o Peilin Chang

Torrance High School:

- o Grace Doyle

West High School:

- o Noelle Nguyer.

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8d. TWENTY-YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO ARTHUR HORKAY:

A twenty-year pin was presented by Mayor Geissert on behalf of her colleagues on the Council to Mr. Arthur Horkay, the City's Director of Transportation. There was grateful acceptance by Mr. Horkay.

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At 5:55 p.m., the Council convened as Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adjourning as Redevelopment Agency and resuming the City Council meeting at 6:03 p.m.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. REQUEST FOR COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS
(1986-87 MAINTENANCE):

RESOLUTION NO. 86-189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION
AND PAYMENT OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SELECT SYSTEM STREETS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-189. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. RENEWAL OF POLICE/DIVERSION TREATMENT SERVICE CONTRACTS:

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE CHIEF:

Our conclusion is that the Juvenile Diversion Program is working for the City of Torrance. The success of the program is due largely to the intense personal interest and involvement of the Police Department and the Diversion staff along with the School officials working together in the community. Children and families which come in contact with the Department obtain more immediate and longer lasting attention and follow up. There is more combined energy offered to assist the young person in growing into a mature successful and law-abiding citizen.

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It is recommended that the City Council approve these Treatment Service providers so that the needed assistance to our children can continue.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above recommendation on Agenda Item 11a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. AB 1276 (CAMPBELL): PROPOSED INCREASED PENALTY FOR AIR POLLUTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 1276 (CAMPBELL) WHICH PROPOSES INCREASED PENALTIES FOR AIR POLLUTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-190. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. APPEALS:

16a. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OF SIGN CASE 80-2:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an administrative appeal of Sign Case 80-2, Del Amo Fashion Center's request for twenty-five (25) gatepost signs.

Staff presentation was provided by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy and the following recommendations were noted:

TORRANCE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Commission approved all signs except those proposed for Torrance Boulevard at Amie (Oxford Properties) and one (1) sign on the north side of Fashion Way on Madrona. [Signs noted on site plan at 24(A) and 24(B)]. Concepts for these signs were approved but final approval was conditioned upon development of the subject properties. The Commission required that existing directional signs be removed and that all sign locations be approved by the Department of Transportation.

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BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT:

Director of Building and Safety recommends that (1) pair of gateway signs be allowed on each street surrounding the mall provided the signs are located in a manner that will not preempt parking and established landscaping, provided the posts are no higher than six (6) feet, and provided the signs do not impede line of sight to traffic. This would provide for a total of five (5) pairs of the signs.

Mayor Geissert invited the proponent to speak.

Mr. James Jones, Torrance Company, #3 Del Amo Fashion Center, described the subject proposal as an effort to identify the entrances to the mall with the intent of tying the Center together.

Following a brief discussion, the following was offered --

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission (as above stated).

This motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

An extensive discussion revealed Council concerns regarding the eleven-foot height of certain of the pillars and the aesthetic effect of the design under consideration. Mr. Jones then proposed that they be allowed to construct one Type "A" sign (the eleven-foot design) with the stipulation that the Council then make the decision as to adopting this program for the entire center -- if that structure does NOT meet with Council approval, Mr. Jones declared that it would then be removed.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to allow the construction of one Type "A" sign with the stipulations set forth by Mr. Jones; the matter ultimately to be returned to the City Council for further consideration. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 10 and 11.

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17b. ADOPTION OF VARIOUS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORANDUM OF INTENT EXTENSIONS:

Held until after Executive Session - see Page 11.

17c. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TESTING AND INSPECTION FOR THE STANLEY E. REMELMEYER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER:

Expenditure: Not to Exceed \$19,520.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT TO TWINING LABORATORIES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC., FOR TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE STANLEY E. REMELMEYER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for adoption of Resolution No. 86-191. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To Furnish the City's Annual Requirements of Miscellaneous Computer Print-Out Papers.
REF: Bid No. B86-50
EXPENDITURE: \$11,548.45 Including Tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council award the following contracts to the lowest responsible bidders for each item as follows:

1. Recommend a contract award be made to the RICCOBON BUSINESS FORM COMPANY of Santa Fe Springs, CA for bid item numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 in the total amount of \$10,955.74 including tax.
2. Recommend a contract award be made to the WILLAMETTE INDUSTRIES, INC. of Cerritos, CA for bid item numbers 5 and 9 in the total amount of \$592.71 including tax.

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- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For the purchase of one (1) new budgeted - replacement postage meter utilizing Government Services Administrative (GSA) contract pricing.
GSA Contract No. GS-00F-85567
Expenditure: \$5,897.33.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is staff's recommendation that Council award a contract for the purchase of the postage machine to Pitney Bowes of Carson, California, in the total amount of \$5,897.33 including tax.

- 20c. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To purchase one (1) new budgeted-replacement brush chipper as a cooperative purchase with the City of Los Angeles.
REF: City of Los Angeles Bid #F8147
EXPENDITURE: \$11,829.34 (including tax).

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council authorize the purchase of one (1) Vermeer Brush Chipper, Model 1600 utilizing bid pricing obtained by the City of Los Angeles (Bid #F8147) and award a contract for its purchase in the total amount of \$11,829.34, including tax, to Vermeer-California of Ontario, California.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, and 20c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate expressed appreciation to Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia for his prompt attention to citizen concerns.

22b. Councilwoman Hardison expressed her approval of the renewal of the Police Diversion Program contracts.

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22c. Councilman Nakano requested that staff follow up on the proliferation of signs advertising slow pitch softball that are illegally posted on utility poles, etc. throughout the City.

22d. Councilman Walker referenced earlier Council denial of a project on the northeast corner of Del Amo and Anza (PCR 85-5 [MOD] Item 15a, Pages 7 and 8 of City Council minutes of July 1, 1986), and requested that the Council reconsider the project as redesigned including removal of the kiosk.

Councilman Applegate voiced his concern that there were apparently two sets of plans involved in the original submittal of this project. Mr. Applegate indicated his opposition not only to the kiosk, but to any proposed expansion of the building, as well.

Council discussion resulted in the following --

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to RECONSIDER PCR 85-5 (MOD), subject to review and approval of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hardison, Nakano, Walker,
Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate and Mock.

Mr. Walker clarified the intent of his motion by stating that, should the City Attorney so determine it to be necessary, the matter would be returned to the Planning Commission prior to further consideration by the Council.

22e. Councilman Wirth introduced, from the audience, Mr. Kevin Pearson, South Bay Customer Relations Manager for General Telephone Company.

22f. Mayor Geissert announced the new "Miss Torrance" - Monique Megerdichian - and requested that appropriate arrangements be made to honor the present and immediate past Miss Torrance title holders. Staff will follow through.

22g. Mayor Geissert noted the recent retirement of Mr. J. Walker Owens from the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. It was the Mayor's request that Mr. Owens be afforded appropriate recognition by the City.

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22h. Mr. Frank Rizzardi, 23544 Carlow Road, a former member of the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission, commended the Council's action on Agenda Item 16a, Pages 5 and 6 of these minutes, and requested that the Council keep in mind the Commission's concerns regarding possible over-signing of the mall.

The Council now returned to --

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Geissert read the following statement into the record:

The City Council will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following pending litigation cases to which the City is a party. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

1. City of Torrance v. Torrance Investment Co., et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C577962.
2. Lincoln Property Company Inc., v. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C607339.
3. Lincoln Property Company v. City of Torrance, et al, United States District Court Case No. CIV 86 4432 FFF (Px).
4. Torrance Investment Company v. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C608638.

The City Council will also recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following potential litigation matters. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1):

Potential litigation involving a slope failure resulting in damage to real property located at 4730 Via Corona and 4539 Vista Largo.

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The City Council will also recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager regarding salaries, salary schedules and compensation of certain employee groups. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54957.6.

The City Council will also recess to closed session to discuss the sale of the City-owned sump known as the Victor Precinct Sump, also known as the Spencer Street Sump. (Government Code Section 54956.8.)

At 7:15 p.m., a ten-minute recess was called by the Mayor, followed at 7:25 p.m. by the Executive Session as above noted.

NOTE: Councilman Applegate announced that he would abstain from consideration of all matters related to the Madrona Marsh, and absented himself from the meeting room during those discussions.

At 8:40 p.m., the Council returned to take the following action:

17b. ADOPTION OF VARIOUS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORANDUM OF INTENT EXTENSIONS:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt, in concept, Memorandum of Intent for the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA). His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY TME-AFSCME

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-192. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The Council now returned to --

22i. Parks and Recreation Director Barnett requested Council permission to temporarily relocate the Senior Citizen program now housed at the Bartlett Center to the currently vacant City-owned mortuary property in the area.

Certain concerns regarding structural safety, parking availability, etc. were voiced by the Council -- staff will return to the Council as quickly as possible with a report.

23. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:50 p.m., the meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, August 12, 1986, at 5:30 p.m. for purposes of an early Executive Session.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Robert M. Fraser.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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