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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, November 27, 1990, at 6:00 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 Nelson, City Clerk Bramhall, and Staff representatives.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mayor Geissert read the following statement into the record.

The City Council will now recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager and/or the City Attorney on the following subjects:

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

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- Pending litigation entitled People of the State of California vs. Mobil Oil Corporation, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 719953.
- Pending litigation entitled Phillip Roger Coleman vs. Frederick Louck, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV 90-2330 WMB (Sx).
- Pending litigation entitled Anita Johnson vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 112075;
- Lease negotiations with non-profit corporation regarding Greenwood School site.

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

At 6:02 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 7:05 p.m. to convene the regular Council meeting of this date as reflected on the subsequent pages of these minutes.

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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, November 27, 1990, at 7:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

See Page 1.

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by members of Webelos Pack 706, Den 1 - Karen Burke, Den Leader.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Fred Pojen Lee, Seaside Community Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meetings of October 16 and October 23, 1990, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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5. 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.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee  
December 6, 1990, 5:30 p.m.  
Subject: First Quarter Budget Review.

City Council Workshops  
December 11, 1990, 5:30 p.m.  
Subject: General Aviation Center and  
Automated Refuse Collection.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS

8a. PROCLAMATION proclaiming week of December 17 through 21, 1990, as "Yellow Ribbon Week" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted by Councilwoman Hardison.

8b. PROCLAMATION designating Tuesday, December 18, 1990, as "Torrance Transit Day" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted by Director of Transportation Horkay and Transit Manager Schmidt.

8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming December 9 through 15, 1990, as "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week" in the City of Torrance.

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert. This proclamation was received by Police Lieutenant Frandsen.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

10a. FEDERAL-AID-URBAN (FAU) SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 17 -  
Calle Mayor, Vanderhill Road to Carlow Road

RESOLUTION NO. 90-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION  
OF A FEDERAL-AID-URBAN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREE-  
MENT FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING OF CALLE  
MAYOR (NORTH SIDE) FROM VANDERHILL ROAD TO  
CARLOW ROAD

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution  
No. 90-227. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison  
and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10b. FY 1990-91 SB-821 BIKEWAY FUNDING APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 90-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING  
THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FY 1990-91  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED  
UNDER SB-821 AND ASSIGNING THESE MONIES TO  
THE PRAIRIE-MADRONA-MADISON CURB RAMPING  
PROJECT FROM REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD TO  
ROLLING HILLS ROAD

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution  
No. 90-228. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was  
unanimously approved by roll call vote.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS

13a. SOUTHWOOD RIVIERA AREA SOIL INVESTIGATION REPORT

Staff presentation on this agenda item was provided by  
Building and Safety Director Grippo, who referenced the follow-  
ing department recommendation as set forth in agenda material of  
record.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Department of Building and Safety that:

1. The American Geotechnical Consultants' expansive soil report for the Southwood Riviera Tract be accepted as adequate and complete;
2. Torrance City Council direct staff to explore specific alternative expansive soil foundation design/repair criteria and return the possible solutions to the appropriate review agency.

Options [per agenda material of record] suggested as further criteria to be explored are set forth below.

1. Accept and file report as adequate and complete.
2. Soil investigations for individual sites.
3. Engineered foundation rehabilitation of individual sites.
4. Repair of damaged foundations and buildings.
5. Ordinance for prescriptive standards for highly expansive soil property.

Council inquiries were addressed by the Building and Safety Director and by the City Manager, with the above options clarified and expanded upon as requested.

Parameters of the ordinance for prescriptive standards [Option #5, above] were explained and the structuring of such an ordinance was detailed by Building and Safety Director Grippio, who noted that there are a "minor few isolated" lots north of 190th Street, as well as the Southwood Riviera area, with areas of significant expansive soil.

From the audience, Mr. Frank Rizzardi, 23544 Carlow Road, representing the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, expressed his support of the recommendations set forth by the consultant [report of official record]. Mr. Rizzardi offered his opinion that an assessment district would not be favored by residents and he strongly recommended the Town Hall meeting concept as a means of thoroughly informing the public of the various options available.

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In response to a request by Mayor Geissert, City Manager Jackson indicated that staff would return to the Council with a detailed cost report on the assessment district concept. Mr. Jackson indicated that Town Hall sessions would likely be divided into two groups -- one for the Southwood Riviera area and one for North Torrance -- in order that information presented could be directed to the specific problems for each area. Thorough notification for these meetings was indicated by Councilmembers as essential.

The following action was ultimately taken.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the staff recommendation to receive the Report as adequate and complete and, further, to meet with homeowners in separate Town Hall meetings, returning to Council with feedback [concurrence with Options #1 and #5, with planning for Town Hall meetings to proceed].

The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Geissert, echoed by her fellow Councilmembers, praised the report as being extremely well done.

The Mayor directed the Building and Safety Director and the City Manager to coordinate regarding Town Hall meetings and return to Council with a proposal regarding notification.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

17a. APPROPRIATION FOR COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY MASTER AUTOMATION SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee that the City Council, as a whole, concur with the additional appropriation of \$743,262 for the completion of the joint police/fire public safety master automation system capital improvement project.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to concur with the Public Safety Committee recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR

20a. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO FUND MAX SERVICE CHANGE

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that Council authorize the City representative on the MAX Policy Steering Committee (PSC) to vote in favor of funding an additional morning trip on each route of the MAX commuter bus service and, if the PSC appropriates such funds, authorize an additional City appropriation of \$3,601 in Proposition A Local Return Funds to finance the City of Torrance share of this schedule change.

20b. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM THE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director recommend that the City Council accept this most generous donation of \$500 from the Dog Obedience Club, and transmit a letter of appreciation. It is also recommended that the money be designated for the teen program.

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

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At 8:18 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. This meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 8:19 p.m., and the regular Council agenda order was resumed.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

22a. Councilman Applegate requested appropriate recognition for the El Camino College Women's Soccer Team, winners of the Southern California Regional Championship.

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22b. Mayor Geissert commented on the success of the Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Trot" with participation by approximately 2500 residents.

The Council now returned to ...

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

See Page 1 of these minutes for statement of the matters to be discussed in executive session this date.

At 8:21 p.m., Mayor Geissert declared a brief recess, followed immediately by continuation of the earlier announced executive session. The Council returned at 9:18 p.m.

City Attorney Nelson requested that the City Council concur in the City Attorney's recommendation regarding Anita Johnson vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 112075.

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED; seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:19 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, December 11, 1990, 5:30 p.m., for purposes of workshop sessions on the General Aviation Center and automated refuse collection. The workshops are to be followed immediately by the regular Council agenda for that date.

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Clerk of the City of Torrance

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