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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, February 12, 1991, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall. [NOTE: The Adjourned Regular meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m., this date was not held].

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Applegate.

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

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the recent passing of Mr. Jack Gall, husband of the secretary to the Mayor and City Council, Claire Gall. The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in Mr. Gall's memory.

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2. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the flag was led by Boy Scout Troop #310 - Michael St. Vincent, Scoutmaster.

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INVOCATION

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Pastor Mike Wilson - Calvary Chapel.

3. MOTION RE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Wirth 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 Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee
February 26, 1991, 5:30 p.m.
Subject: Mid-Year Budget Review.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION - GERALDENE YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 91-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING GERALDENE YORK
AS THE TORRANCE LIONS CLUB CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 91-09. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

This resolution will be presented at a later time.

6b. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION - GEORGE WALLACE POST

RESOLUTION NO. 91-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING GEORGE WALLACE
POST AS THE COAST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MAN OF
THE YEAR FOR 1991

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 91-10. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

This resolution will be presented at a later date.

6c. SERVICE AWARD - JOHN NASH

To be rescheduled - recipient not present.

6d. SERVICE AWARD - KATHRYN KEANE

Mayor Geissert presented an award to Kathryn Keane, Assistant to the City Manager, commemorating her 15 years of service to the City.

6e. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Mayor Geissert presented community service awards to the following retired commissioners...

Alessio Micci	Airport Commission
Cecilia Laxton	Civic Center Authority
John Bailey	Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission
Hope Witkowsky	Human Resources Commission
Luella Yde	Library Commission
Arthur Miller	Traffic Commission
Robert Billett	Water Commission.

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Community service awards will be presented to Steven Whitehead [Disaster Council] and William Henderson [Human Resources Commission] at a later date inasmuch as these individuals could not be present this evening.

6f. PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL [PIC] APPOINTMENT

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved that the City Council officially confirm Mr. Lewis Seymore as the newest member of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Seymour was duly sworn in by Deputy City Clerk Hong.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. Approval of minutes - January 15, 1991.

7b. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL REJECTION OF BID - Re: Purchase of one (1) mobile stage with acoustical enclosure

Ref: Bid No. B90-35

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Parks and Recreation Department request that council reject all bids received and authorize staff to re-bid this requirement at a later date.

7c. FINE ARTS COMMISSION 1989/90 ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and the Fine Arts Commission that your Honorable Body accept and file this report.

7d. Considered separately - see Page 6.

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- 7e. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish and install an orchestra lift in the Cultural Arts Theater

Expenditure: \$135,171.78.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council award a contract to the Gala Division of PACO Corporation; to provide and install a "spiralift orchestra lift" in the James Armstrong Theater in the amount of \$135,171.78, with the balance of the previously appropriated \$150,000.00 to remain available for the project as needed.

- 7f. COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACTS - For the purchase of two (2) Dodge 7-passenger mini vans, two (2) Dodge 12-passenger vans, one (1) Chevrolet cargo van, seven (7) Chevrolet pick-up trucks, four (4) Dodge cab & chassis and one (1) Dodge cargo van as a cooperative purchase with the State of California

Ref: State Contract #1-91-23-20

Expenditure: \$239,972.29 (including sales tax)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Fleet Services Department request that your Honorable Body allow the City of Torrance to participate in this cooperative purchase and authorize the award of a contract to John Ehret Dodge in the amount of \$130,935.36 (including sales tax) for the Dodge passenger vans, the Dodge cab chassis and the Dodge cargo van, and a contract to Michael Automotive in the amount of \$13,062.75 (including sales tax) and a contract to Liberty Chevrolet in the amount of \$95,974.18 (including sales tax) for the Chevrolet pick-up trucks.

- 7g. CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE (CITY) AND DATA-TICKET, INC. (DTI) FOR COLLECTION OF OUT-OF-STATE PARKING CITATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Treasurer recommends that the City Council concur with the following:

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That Council adopt the contract between the City and DTI for the collection of out-of-state parking citations and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract.

- 7h. COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT - For the purchase of four (4) Ford Tempo sedans and eight (8) Chevrolet Corsica sedans as a cooperative purchase with the State of California

Ref: State Contract #1-91-23-10

Expenditure: \$121,564.21 (including sales tax)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Fleet Services Division recommend that your Honorable Body allow the City of Torrance to participate in this cooperative purchase and authorize the award of a contract to Suburban Ford in the amount of \$36,806.40 (including sales tax) for four (4) Ford Tempos and a contract to Michael Automotive in the amount of \$84,757.81 (including sales tax) for eight (8) Chevrolet Corsicas.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with Agenda Items 7a through 7c, and 7e through 7h, inclusive. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

Considered separately...

- 7d. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - to Furnish and Install Carpeting at the City of Torrance Police Department - Second Floor and Basement.

Ref: Bid No. B91-02

Expenditure: \$59,185.00 (plus sales tax)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Police Department recommend that your Honorable Body waive the slight tax line irregularity and award a contract to furnish and install carpeting at the City of Torrance Police Department - Second Floor and Basement to Universal

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Karpet of Inglewood, CA in the amount of \$59,185.00
(plus sales tax).

Responding to an inquiry by Councilman Nakano, City Attorney Nelson provided assurances regarding the above process and recommendation.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve Agenda Item 7d. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

9. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

9a. EASEMENTS TO COUNTY FOR NORTH TORRANCE RELIEF DRAIN -
UNITS 3 & 4

RESOLUTION NO. 91-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND
GRANT CERTAIN EASEMENTS TO THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT
THE NORTH TORRANCE RELIEF DRAIN - UNITS 3 & 4

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 91-11. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

11. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

11a. ORDINANCE MAKING TECHNIAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO
R-1 AND R-3 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, AND THE COTA/
AMAPOLA NEIGHBORHOOD

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing for Council consideration of an ordinance making technical and clarifying changes to the R-1 and R-3 development standards, and the Cota/Amapola neighborhood.

Proof of publication, provided by the City Clerk, was filed without comment.

Staff clarification was provided as desired.

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There being no response to the Mayor's invitation for input from the audience, Councilman Wirth moved to close the hearing. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

ORDINANCE NO. 3319

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 91.2.82, 91.4.5, 91.4.6, 91.4.8, 91.4.9, 92.5.2, 92.5.10, 92.22.18 AND 93.2.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, ALL RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3319 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. MILITARY LEAVE

RESOLUTION NO. 91-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY LEAVE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE ARMED FORCES AND CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS FOR THEIR DEPENDENTS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 91-8. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

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At 7:38 p.m., the City Council met in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the regular Council agenda order at 7:39 p.m. The Council/Agency remained in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session to be held later in the meeting [see Page 9].

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Councilwoman Hardison commented on a recent serious automobile accident near the City Yard facility and the heroic rescue efforts carried out by two City employees. Appropriate recognition of the individuals involved was requested by way of the Citizens Award of Valor.

19b. Councilwoman Hardison requested that an agenda item relative to funding of the orchestra lift for the Cultural Arts Theater be returned to Council within a few weeks [ref: Item 7e, Page 5, of these minutes].

19c. Councilman Walker praised the City employees and other individuals involved in the dramatic rescue efforts above referenced by Councilwoman Hardison.

19d. Mayor Geissert, likewise, commended the City employees who risked their lives to rescue others.

19e. Mr. Frank Rizzardi, 23544 Carlow Road, representing the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, expressed appreciation to Building and Safety Director Grippo and his staff for their recent presentation before the Homeowners Association relative to the expansive soil problem.

Water Utility Director Heisner observed, in response to an inquiry by Mayor Geissert, that those individuals experiencing the problem of expansive soil will be afforded an adjusted allowance for water usage during this period of drought and impending water rationing.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session [see Page 8], 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:

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- Salaries, salary schedules and compensation for certain unrepresented employees and represented employee groups as well as certain other personnel matters;
- 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 Linda Gomez and Etsuko Mayeda vs. City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 91596.
- Pending litigation entitled Margaret Parkinson, etc. vs. Eduardo Banda Hernandez, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 110289.
- Pending litigation entitled Apolinaria Guerrero vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 85494.

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

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, will recess to closed session to confer with Agency Counsel and staff regarding pending litigation entitled El Camino Community College District vs. Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. YC 004272.

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

At 7:49 p.m., Mayor/Chairwoman Geissert called a brief recess, following which the Council/Agency recessed to joint executive session. The Body returned at 8:40 p.m.

City Attorney Nelson requested that the Council concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney regarding: Margaret Parkinson, etc. vs. Eduardo Banda Hernandez, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 110289; and Apolinaria Guerrero vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 85494.

Councilman Nakano SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

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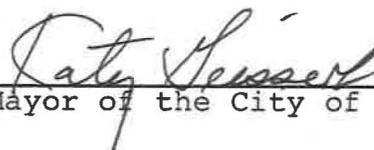
21. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:42 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, February 19, 1991, 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of

Mr. Jack Gall.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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