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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 2, 1991, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

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.

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the passing of Mr. Lowell Hardison, Sr., father-in-law of Councilwoman Dee Hardison and a long-time municipal employee in the State of Washington.

The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Hardison, Sr.

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2. FLAG SALUTE

Cub Scout Pack 65, Den 6 - David Hedges, Den Leader, led in the salute to the flag.

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INVOCATION

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Ray Lambert, First Christian 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 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.

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 Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Ad Hoc Committee re Opening of Arts Center

April 3, 1991, 4:30 p.m.

Subject: Planning for Opening of Arts Center.

Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee

April 9, 1991, 6:00 p.m.

Subject: 1991 Armed Forces Day Parade [General George Butler, Commander-in-Chief of SAC to serve as Grand Marshal].

Ad Hoc Rose Float Committee

April 10, 1991, 5:00 p.m.

Subject: Selection of Rose Float for 1992.

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6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RECOGNITION OF GIRLS' SOCCER TEAMS

Mayor Geissert presented trophies and letters of recognition to the following girls' soccer teams.

South Torrance High School C.I.F. Finalists

Stacey Chapman and Janice Lipinski, coaches.

Team members:	Rachel Bosma	Kim McMullen
	Gillian Boxx	Nicole Odom
	Heidi Emmrich	Jami Papworth
	Monica Emmrich	Jenni Reddall
	Heather Foote	Heather Ryan
	Karen Hondrick	Allison Takao
	Gretchen Lent	Ashley Towry
	Diana Manuel	Barbara Wiseman.

Torrance High School C.I.F. Champions

Karen and John Jackson, coaches.

Team members:	Wendy Nakashima	Monique Camou
	Gwen Nakashima	Selina Mandel
	Jessica Reifer	Circe Thompson
	Jenny Yokoyama	Amy Robitzke
	Marilyn Huschka	Kathy Nye
	Lisa Lienbenau	Tracey Acquarulo
	Kim Blankinship	November Wallace
	Kelly Formiller	March Wallace
	Brittany Wantz	Jennifer Halladay.

6b. PROCLAMATION naming the week of April 1 through 5, 1991, as "Medal of Valor Week" in the City of Torrance

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted, with appreciation by Mr. Bill Oberholzer, President of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

6c. PROCLAMATION declaring April 13, 1991, as "Health Fair Expo Day" in the City of Torrance

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted, with gratitude, by Ms. Lisa Butler, Director of Admissions at Heritage Center and Ms. Maurene Bennett, representing Pacific Inn.

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- 6d. PROCLAMATION naming April 1991 as "California Earthquake Preparedness Month" in the City of Torrance

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert. This proclamation was presented to Mr. Michael Moore of the City's Disaster Council.

- 6e. PROCLAMATION naming the week of April 8 through 12, 1991, as "Building Safety Week"

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and presented to the City's Building and Safety Director Ralph Grippo.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 5, 1991.

- 7b. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH REDONDO BEACH FOR USE OF THE SOUTH BAY GALLERIA TRANSIT TERMINAL

RECOMMENDATION:

The Director of Transportation recommends that the City Council approve the three-year agreement with the City of Redondo Beach for use of the South Bay Galleria Transit Terminal by the Torrance Transit System.

- 7c. PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MAYWOOD

RECOMMENDATION:

The Director of Transportation recommends that the City Council approve the agreement for an exchange of funds with the City of Maywood.

- 7d. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish the City's annual requirements of various lubricating oils  
Ref: Bid No. B91-16  
Expenditure: \$49,349.16, including sales tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Fleet Services Department request that your Honorable Body award a contract to furnish the City's annual requirement of various

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lubricating oils to the lowest responsible bidder, Western Petroleum Inc. of Paramount, California in the total amount of \$49,349.16 including sales tax.

7e. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

- #1) Reject all bids received for a diesel generator.
  - #2) Award a contract to furnish, deliver and install an uninterruptible power supply system.
- Ref: Bid No. B91-09.  
Expenditure: \$57,928.32 including sales tax (Uninterruptible Power Supply System).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Information Systems Department request that your Honorable Body take the following action:

- #1) reject all bids received for a diesel generator.
- #2) award a contract to furnish, deliver and install an uninterruptible power supply system to Digital Equipment Corporation of Irvine, California in the total amount of \$57,928.32, including sales tax.

7f. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL REJECTION OF BID - Bid for Annual Requirements of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel  
Ref: Bid No. B91-14.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Fleet Services Department recommend that your Honorable Body reject the bids received to furnish the annual requirements of gasoline and diesel fuel.

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

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9. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

9a. NORTH TORRANCE RELIEF DRAIN, UNITS 3 & 4 (LACDPW),  
RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 91-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, APPROVING THE PLANS  
AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE NORTH TORRANCE  
RELIEF DRAIN UNITS 3 AND 4 AND AUTHORIZING  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
WORKS TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution  
No. 91-23. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call on the motion, Councilman Wirth  
inquired as to anticipated scheduling for that section of  
Prairie Avenue between 182nd and 190th Streets. Senior Division  
Engineer Perkins indicated that he will provide that informa-  
tion.

Councilman Wirth also requested that staff continue to  
monitor the activity surrounding the storage of construction  
vehicles on a vacant lot at 182nd Street and Yukon Avenue for  
any possible negative impact on the neighborhood.

Roll call vote on the above motion to adopt Resolution  
No. 91-23, was unanimously favorable.

9b. 1991 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - RESOLUTION OF INTENTION

RESOLUTION NO. 91-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS AND  
RUBBISH UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE  
PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND  
RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS  
INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT  
THEREOF

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of  
Resolution No. 91-30. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman  
Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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14.        HEARINGS

14a.       TT 46125, (EA 88-14): DAN E. BUTCHER

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal by the applicant of a Planning Commission denial of a request for a Tentative Tract to allow a 16-lot subdivision on property located in the R-1 zone on the west side of Walnut Street between 237th Place and 238th Street. TT 46125, (EA 88-14): DAN E. BUTCHER.

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

During the staff presentation on this item, Senior Principal Planner Gibson advised that the lot lines as presently reconfigured provide for principally 5750 and 5760 square-foot lots within the proposed subdivision. Mr. Gibson advised that the Planning Commission and the Planning Department recommend denial of the appeal and denial of the project.

Speaking for the applicant, Mr. Peter Lacombe, 4284 Spencer Street, concurred with all conditions of record and requested favorable consideration of the 16-lot subdivision as submitted.

Mr. Donald Gefvert, 23814 Walnut Street, submitted a prepared statement of opposition for the record. Mr. Gefvert verbally outlined his concerns and reasons for opposing the subject tentative tract, which principally related to lot size and width.

Ms. Margaret Guerr, 2128 West 233rd Street, spoke in favor of the 16-lot subdivision.

Representing the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association [SETHA], Ms. Sue Herbers, 2264 West 230th Street, noted SETHA's opposition to less-than 6,000 square-foot lots and to lots of less than 55 feet in width.

Mr. Charles Lobb, 1843 244th Street, submitted a written statement for the record, which he read aloud. Mr. Lobb recommended a neighborhood traffic-water impact study prior to consideration of the proposal.

There being no further audience comments, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Councilwoman Hardison explained that her previous vote for denial of a 16-lot subdivision on this site [prior to the reconfiguration of lot lines represented by this proposal] was based on the fact that minimum lot size requirements were not met, nor was there compliance with the Lot Compatibility Ordinance. She pointed out that this is still the case.

Noting that there are existing lots in the neighborhood some 5700 - 5800 square feet in size which do not appear to present a problem, Councilman Wirth observed that the adjusted lot lines in the subject submittal have resulted in basically 5750 - 5760 square-foot lots and, in his opinion, the frontages of these lots appear to be acceptable.

Noting his opinion that there is a need for flexibility and reasonableness in adherence to the Comparable Lot Ordinance, Mr. Wirth offered the following...

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to grant the appeal and grant the proposal for a 16-lot tract. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Councilman Applegate observed that this case presents an opportunity to create some standard sized lots and the City should, in his opinion, take advantage of that opportunity.

Speaking in favor of the submittal, Councilman Walker pointed out that there are a number of homes in Southeast Torrance built on lots of less than 6,000 square feet. Mr. Walker also deemed this is an opportunity to correct an on-going site maintenance problem and to realize development of the street.

Mayor Geissert pointed out that by accepting these lots at less than 6,000 square feet, it lowers the average of the lots in the area and changes the standard for the next group of lot divisions under consideration.

The above motion for approval carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Mock, Nakano, Walker and Wirth.

NOES: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison and Mayor Geissert.

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RESOLUTION NO. 91-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING  
A TENTATIVE TRACT TO ALLOW A SIXTEEN-LOT  
SUBDIVISION ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE  
R-1 ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF WALNUT STREET  
BETWEEN 237TH PLACE AND 238TH STREET

TT 46125: DAN E. BUTCHER

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 91-35. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Mock, Nakano, Walker and Wirth.

NOES: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison and Mayor Geissert.

14b. PP 90-20, PACIFIC BUILDERS

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a continued public hearing of City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Precise Plan of Development to allow construction of a first- and second-story addition to an existing single-family residence located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 22320 Redbeam Avenue. PP 90-20: PACIFIC BUILDERS.

Proof of publication was filed without objection.

Councilwoman Hardison announced that, because of a business commitment with one of the parties involved in the subject matter, she has been advised by the City Attorney to abstain. Mrs. Hardison then departed from the Council Chambers.

Staff presentation was provided by Senior Principal Planner Gibson, who noted that the Planning Commission recommends denial of the appeal and denial of the project; the Planning Department recommends approval of the appeal and approval of the project.

In response to a request by Councilman Nakano, Mr. Gibson addressed the concept of original versus acquired view as it has been addressed in the past by Council.

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Present to represent Pacific Builders was Mr. Daryl Kieffer, 3845 Pacific Coast Highway, who addressed the view currently enjoyed from neighboring residences. Mr. Kieffer advised that the Fitzer view [adjoining property to the north] was acquired by the addition of a second story and their view from the back of their property is more panoramic than their view across the subject site.

Following Mr. Kieffer's statement that the second story of the subject proposal has been reduced as much as possible in deference to view loss from across the street, Mayor Geissert pointed out that the revised plans contain more square footage than previously -- 2400 total as opposed to 2260.

Differing opinions were forthcoming as to the current occupancy of the subject property, following which further audience input was invited.

Speaking in favor of the project were...

- Ms. Kathy Willhardt, 22305 Redbeam - because of age and size of homes in area.
- Mr. Joseph Fedrick, 22316 Linda Drive [planning to move to 22228 Redbeam] - desires to increase living area in his new home.
- Ms. Patti Strawn, 22308 Redbeam - would like to add to her home.

Opposed were...

- Ms. Eileen Brady, 22317 Redbeam [across the street] - because of potential view loss.
- Ms. Rosa Fitzer, 22314 Redbeam [next door] - cited view loss and submitted real estate documentation for the record and illustrated her personal view impact with the aid of slides. Ms. Fitzer pointed out that her second story was already in existence when she purchased the home.

There being no further audience comments, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilwoman Hardison abstained].

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Councilman Walker stated his concurrence with the proposed project because, in his opinion, there is no significant view blockage from the Brady second story and because the neighboring [Fitzer] residence would only lose a small portion of an expansive view. Although upholding the applicant's right to a second-story addition, Mr. Walker criticized the appearance of the specific design proposed.

Voicing her opposition to the proposed construction, Mayor Geissert was of the opinion that the subject property could be vastly improved and substantially increased in size without having such a negative impact on the house next door and the one across the street.

Councilman Applegate perceived the issue as being one of acquired versus original view and indicated his support of the staff recommendation for approval of the project.

A design change to minimize view impact was supported by Councilmembers Nakano and Mock, and the following was offered.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to deny the appeal and deny the project without prejudice. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Mock, Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: Councilmembers Applegate and Walker.

ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Hardison.

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At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Geissert declared a recess. The full Council [including Mrs. Hardison] reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

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14c. GPA 90-4, ZC 90-5, PD 90-2, TT 49936 (EA 89-18):  
TORRANCE CRENSHAW PARTNERS

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a continued public hearing for City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, a Planned Development, and a Ten-

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tative Tract to allow the phased construction of a shopping center and a light industrial park on property located in the M-2 zone west of Crenshaw Boulevard between Lomita Boulevard and Skypark Drive. GPA 90-4, ZC 90-5, PD 90-2, TT 49936 (EA 89-18): TORRANCE CRENSHAW PARTNERS.

Proof of publication was filed without comment.

Senior Principal Planner Gibson outlined project modifications proposed by the developer [delineated in staff material of record] and noted that the Planning Department continues to recommend approval of the project [the Planning Commission has not reviewed the modifications].

Mr. Norm LaCaze, 2601 Airport Drive, addressed earlier expressed Council concerns [March 19 hearing] and the proposed design changes in response to those concerns, such as relocation of the fast food facility, driveway on Skypark, etc. Mr. LaCaze identified, as yet unresolved, the issue of the provision of a shuttle service connecting other shopping centers and businesses within the community.

An extensive discussion followed concerning various approaches to fulfilling AQMD requirements regarding participation in a Transportation Management Authority such as a shuttle service as above referenced by Mr. LaCaze [and addressed in staff Condition #32]; a commitment for a related future monetary contribution; etc.

The proposal was reviewed at length. Councilmembers aired their concerns and received clarification from staff relative to access to the site from Skypark, circulation, density, traffic, etc.

Councilwoman Hardison noted that when this case was earlier considered by Council [at the March 19 meeting] her concerns centered around the number of individual pads on the site and the density of commercial development with the resultant traffic impacts. Neither of these two concerns have been met with the resubmittal, per Mrs. Hardison.

From the audience Mr. Robert Lee, representing the Sunset Gardens Homeowners Association, 24410 Crenshaw Boulevard, reiterated his concerns voiced at the March 19 meeting wherein he requested a signal for the entrance to the Center be placed opposite the senior citizen residence driveway. Traffic Manager Vance indicated that the signal for the Center is proposed for 200 feet north of the residential entrance.

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There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak to this matter, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The desire had earlier been expressed by Councilman Applegate to prohibit Home Depot from holding product sales in front of the store without benefit of a permit. At this point Senior Principal Planner Gibson pointed out that such activity is precluded by Condition #26 which disallows the outside display of merchandise without prior approval.

As discussion pertaining to shuttle service continued, Planning Director Ferren suggested the following revised language for Condition #32.

32. That the proponent shall participate in a Transportation Management Authority [TMA] Plan to address AQMD requirements subject to review and approval of the Director of Transportation. Such plan may include participation in a shuttle service, donation to a transportation fund, or other means of trip reduction to the site.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the Planning Department to grant the appeal and approve the project as modified, subject to all conditions amended as follows...

Condition #31: [re driveways on Skypark] DELETE.

Condition #32: [rewritten as presented above by the Planning Director.]

The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

During his formation of the above motion, Councilman Applegate noted his intent that there be a signal at the entrance to the Center on Crenshaw Boulevard, and that the proponent work with the Department of Transportation in order to effectuate the proper type of signal at that location.

Throughout the hearing on this case Mayor Geissert expressed serious concerns regarding the viability of a shuttle service and the need to establish details to ensure a feasible transportation plan to benefit the entire area. The Mayor acknowledged that there is a great deal of merit in the project; however, she expressed disappointment that some of the concerns expressed by her have not been worked out.

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Roll call vote on the above motion for approval of the project was as follows...

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock, Nakano, Walker and Wirth.

NOES: Councilwoman Hardison and Mayor Geissert.

RESOLUTION 91-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE TORRANCE CRENSHAW PARTNERS PROJECT FOR THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CRENSHAW AND LOMITA BOULEVARDS NORTH OF SKYPARK DRIVE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 91-29. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock, Nakano, Walker and Wirth.

NOES: Councilwoman Hardison and Mayor Geissert.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN, AS ADOPTED AUGUST 29, 1974, BY RESOLUTION 74-194, TO REVISE THE DESIGNATION OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CRENSHAW AND LOMITA BOULEVARDS NORTH OF SKYPARK DRIVE FROM THAT OF LIGHT MANUFACTURING TO RETAIL COMMERCIAL AND LIGHT MANUFACTURING

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 91-26. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by the following roll call vote.

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AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock, Nakano,  
Walker and Wirth.

NOES: Councilwoman Hardison and Mayor  
Geissert.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING  
THE APPEAL OF THE SUBDIVIDER AND APPROVING  
TRACT 49936, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS,  
ON LAND LYING WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD  
BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD AND SKYPARK DRIVE  
TENTATIVE TRACT 49936  
TORRANCE CRENSHAW PARTNERS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution  
No. 91-27. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and  
carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock, Nakano,  
Walker and Wirth.

NOES: Councilwoman Hardison and Mayor  
Geissert.

ORDINANCE NO. 3322

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING  
DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE  
TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY WEST OF  
CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD  
AND SKYPARK DRIVE FROM M-1 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING)  
TO PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT)  
ZC 90-5: TORRANCE CRENSHAW PARTNERS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance  
No. 3322 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Council-  
man Walker, carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock, Nakano,  
Walker and Wirth.

NOES: Councilwoman Hardison and Mayor  
Geissert.

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RESOLUTION NO. 91-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING THE APPEAL OF THE SUBDIVIDER AND APPROVING A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A SHOPPING CENTER AND A LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PARK IN THE PD ZONE (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, ON LAND LYING WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD AND SKYPARK DRIVE  
PD 90-2: TORRANCE CRENSHAW PARTNERS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 91-28, as amended. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock, Nakano, Walker and Wirth.

NOES: Councilwoman Hardison and Mayor Geissert.

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At 8:50 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 8:53 p.m., and the regular Council agenda order was resumed.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. City Librarian Buckley announced the Friends of the Library Book Sale to be held April 4 through 6.

19b. General Services Director White reported on the effectiveness of the City's anti-graffiti program and the need to deal with sources of paint.

Councilman Mock requested that staff explore the possibility of a coordinated effort with the City of Carson, as was requested by a member of their City Council.

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It was suggested by Councilman Applegate that the City of Torrance go on record as recommending State legislation prohibiting the sale of spray paints to minors.

19c. Councilman Applegate advised that there is graffiti on one of the City's new park benches on the El Prado mall.

19d. Councilman Applegate requested that staff investigate possible solutions to scheduling of the use of night lighting at Victor School. Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett indicated that his department will follow through.

19e. Councilwoman Hardison, referencing the LaCaze development [Pages 11-16 of these minutes], expressed her hope that as development in the City recycles there be an effective means of determining and dealing with traffic impacts in the early planning stages. Mrs. Hardison stated her desire that this concept be explored as the Land Use Element of the General Plan comes forward.

19f. Councilwoman Hardison expressed appreciation for support demonstrated by Council and staff during the time of the recent passing of her father-in-law.

19g. In response to an inquiry by Councilman Mock, City Manager Jackson and Water Utility Director Heisner reported on Mobil Oil's water usage and its impact on the City of Torrance's conservation program.

19h. Councilman Wirth requested information from staff relative to the RTD proposal for a county-wide system of electric trolleys with overhead wires. Mr. Wirth noted a specific interest in discerning how such a system might relate to the proposed light rail line.

19i. Mayor Geissert requested that Council receive an update of emergency preparedness issues. She suggested that this update be prepared by way of the Council's Public Safety Committee, Councilman Mock, Chairman.

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20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. 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;
- 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 John Rastello, et al. vs. Rollo Green, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 74882;
- Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance vs. Protective National Insurance Company of Omaha, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. LC 000352;
- Pending litigation entitled Shirley Chan vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 556215; and,
- Possible litigation regarding the liability claim of Eddy Haemker at 802 Sartori Avenue, Torrance.

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

At 9:16 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 10:53 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

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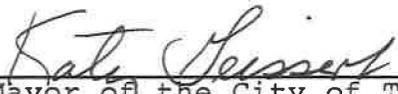
21. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:53 p.m., this meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, April 9, 1991, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the  
memory of

Mr. Lowell Hardison, Sr.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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