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Peggy Lavery
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, January 21, 1992, at 5:40 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Walker.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE

Police Lieutenant Bob Armstrong led in the salute to the flag.

INVOCATION

The invocation for the meeting was provided by City Clerk John Bramhall.

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

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ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Walker absent].

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 [Councilman Walker absent].

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

14a. CUP 89-83, MOD 91-1, FRED ARKENBERG: Request by applicant for postponement to January 28, 1992 - see Page 9.

14c. FRANCHISE RENEWAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON: Request by Edison Company for continuation to February 18, 1992 - see Page 10.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee
Met at 4:30 p.m., this date
Subject: 1992 Armed Forces Day Parade.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. PRESENTATION TO POLICE LT. ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Mayor Geissert presented a clock to Police Lt. Robert Armstrong in recognition of his thirty years of service to the City of Torrance. There was grateful acceptance by Lt. Armstrong.

6b. RESOLUTION HONORING SWITZER CENTER

RESOLUTION NO. 92-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING THE SWITZER
CENTER IN CELEBRATION OF ITS SILVER JUBILEE

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-22. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Walker absent].

This resolution was accepted with appreciation by Dr. Janet Switzer, founder of the Switzer Center.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 17 and 20, 1991.

7b. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORTS FOR JULY 1989 THROUGH JUNE 1990 AND JULY 1990 THROUGH JUNE 1991

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and the Parks and Recreation Commission that your Honorable Body accept and file the reports.

7c. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish the City of Torrance Annual Requirements of Crushed Aggregate Base
Ref: Bid No. B92-02
Expenditure: \$173,871.15 (includes sales tax).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and Street Department recommend that your Honorable Body award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, United Rock Products, Irwindale, California, for the City's annual requirements of Crushed Aggregate Base, in the anticipated amount of \$173,871.15, including tax.

7d. Considered under TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS - See Item 9b, Page 6.

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7e. SELECTION OF AN ARCHITECT TO PREPARE DRAWINGS FOR THE REMODEL OF FIRE STATION #1

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that the City Council approve as to form a contract with BOA Architecture in the amount of \$27,000 to provide working drawings for the remodel of Fire Station #1; and, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest the contract on behalf of the City.

7f. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment at Various Park Locations

Ref: Bid No. B91-60

Expenditure: \$145,779.88, including sales tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Purchasing Division and the Parks and Recreation Department's recommendation that your Honorable Body award a contract to Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. of Huntington Beach, CA, to furnish and install playground equipment for the total amount of \$145,779.88.

7g. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish the City of Torrance annual requirements of asphalt plant mix and other related street maintenance products.

Ref: Bid No. B92-01

Anticipated Expenditure: \$729,050.22, including sales tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Street Department recommend that your Honorable Body authorize the award of an annual contract for the purchase of asphalt plant mix and other related street maintenance products from the lowest responsible bidder, Blue Diamond Materials of Long Beach, California, in the anticipated amount of \$729,050.22, including sales tax.

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7h. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM WATSON LAND COMPANY

RECOMMENDATION:

The Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council and the Personnel Manager recommend that the City Council accept the generous donation [\$2,500.00] from the Watson Land Company and transmit a letter of appreciation and appropriate the money to the Employment and Training Division's special fund: Account Number 890079.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7c, and Items 7e through 7h. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Walker absent].

9. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

9a. SUMMARY VACATION AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF PLAZA DEL AMO AND BORDER AVENUE; SUMMARY VACATION OF BLANKET UTILITY EASEMENT; AND APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP 49875
SUBDIVIDER: WESTERN BRASS DEVELOPMENT
LOCATION: 1845 PLAZA DEL AMO
NO. OF LOTS: 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE SUMMARY
VACATION OF A PORTION OF PLAZA DEL AMO
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-01. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was as follows.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilman Applegate.

ABSENT: Councilman Walker.

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RESOLUTION NO. 92-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE SUMMARY
VACATION OF A BLANKET UTILITY EASEMENT
LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PLAZA
DEL AMO AND BORDER AVENUE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 92-02. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison,
carried as shown below.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilman Applegate.

ABSENT: Councilman Walker.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve Final Tract
Map No. 49875. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison
and carried as follows.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilman Applegate.

ABSENT: Councilman Walker.

NOTE: The following matter appeared on the agenda as Item 7d;
however, by request of the City Manager, it was considered at
this time as Agenda Item 9b. [See Page 3].

9b. REVIEW OF PROPOSED STRIPING CHANGES AT MAPLE AVENUE AND
NADINE CIRCLE SOUTH

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your
Honorable Body approve the installation of left turn
lanes at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Nadine
Circle South by eliminating parking on the west side of
Maple Avenue.

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The staff presentation, per agenda material of record, was provided by Traffic Manager Vance, who noted that if the Council does not concur with the staff recommendation for elimination of parking on the west side of Maple Avenue, staff would then, reluctantly, recommend no striping changes.

During the ensuing discussion it was the general consensus of the Council that, although the signal should be installed at this time, any left-turn channelization striping should be held pending review of the results and any negative traffic impacts which might be imposed on the neighborhood.

Mayor Geissert requested that when follow-up work is done on the subject signal, Council be provided with traffic volume counts on both the north and south ends of Nadine Circle.

Mr. Dick Johnson, 23059A Nadine Circle, requested signalization without left-turn channelization at this time, noting, however, that if a six-month trial period indicates the need for channelization, he would then acquiesce.

Mr. Kenneth Norris, 22951B Nadine Circle, expressed his opinion that left-turn channelization would create problems because of loss of parking on Maple Avenue and because of increased traffic which would result on Nadine circle and on 229th Place.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved that there be no change in the channelization at Maple and Nadine Circle South at this time. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Walker absent].

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. REJECTION OF COUNTY PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING AT TORRANCE BEACH

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that your Honorable Body reject the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors' proposal for the City of Torrance to fund a portion of lifeguard and beach maintenance for the southern portion of Torrance Beach in an amount up to \$178,500.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried without objection [Councilman Walker absent].

13b. WAIVER OF FEES - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended by the Cable Television Administrator and the City Manager that the City Council waive City fees totaling \$120.00 to provide a public address system for the League of Women Voters' Council Candidates Forum that will be held in the Civic Center Library meeting room.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the recommendation on Agenda Item 13b. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried without objection [Councilman Walker absent].

13c. ANNEXATION OF CITY OF TORRANCE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 92-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR A CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO THE CORTESE/KNOX GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION ACT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-24. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilwoman Hardison requested that the District be requested to begin interim abatement activities on February 1, in concert with the City's payment of the application fee.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable [Councilman Walker absent].

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14. HEARINGS

14a. CUP 89-83, MOD 91-1, (EA 89-20): FRED ARKENBERG

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal by the applicant of a Planning Commission decision denying modification to a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction and operation of a 9,200 square foot emergency medical facility in a previously approved retail center located in the C-3 zone at the northeast corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda Boulevards.
CUP 89-83, MOD 91-1, (EA 89-20): FRED ARKENBERG.

Proof of publication was filed without comment.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to continue Agenda Item 14a to Tuesday, January 28, 1992, 7:00 p.m. [see Page 2 of these minutes]. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilman Applegate.

ABSENT: Councilman Walker.

14b. REVISION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS [HAZ-MAT] FEES

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on the revision of Haz-Mat fees.

Proof of publication was filed without comment.

Fire Chief Adams provided the report on this agenda item and recommended that the Council adopt the resolution repealing the existing Hazardous Materials Inventory Program fees and adopting a new, more equitable fee structure for this State-mandated program.

The Fire Chief responded to Council questions, expanding on written agenda material as requested.

Mayor Geissert then invited audience input. There being no response, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Walker absent].

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RESOLUTION NO. 92-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 90-84 IN ITS ENTIRETY ESTABLISHING THE RATES FOR THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DISCLOSURE PROGRAM AND SUBSTITUTING THIS NEW RESOLUTION THEREFOR WHICH ESTABLISHES NEW RATES FOR THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DISCLOSURE PROGRAM

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-5. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Walker absent].

14c. FRANCHISE RENEWAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on a franchise renewal for Southern California Edison.

Proof of publication was filed without comment.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that the hearing on this matter be continued to Tuesday, February 18, 1992, 5:30 p.m. [see Page 2 of these minutes]. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Walker absent].

14d. SALE OF BONDS - LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY AND TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITALS

Councilman Applegate noted that, inasmuch as he has a possible conflict in this matter [unrelated to the specific matter before the Council], he will abstain from the hearing.

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on the sale of bonds for Little Company of Mary Hospital and Torrance Memorial Hospital.

It was further noted by the Mayor that this hearing is held under the provisions of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) which requires that public bonds sold to benefit private activities be approved by the legislative body of the agency selling the bonds.

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Finance Director Giordano-Specht advised that the necessary notice for this hearing was published in the Daily Breeze on January 6, 1992.

A brief presentation was then provided by the Finance Director wherein it was noted that the bonds are limited obligation bonds issued by the City of Torrance on behalf of Little Company of Mary and Torrance Memorial Hospitals. Further, per Ms. Giordano-Specht, the bonds are 30-year revenue bonds and the issue size will be approximately \$30 to \$35 million, the proceeds of which will be split approximately 50/50 and used for capital projects by each hospital. She noted also that the bonds are repayable solely from the revenues of the hospitals.

Mr. Craig Leach, Vice-President of Finance for Torrance Memorial Medical Center, was present as was Mr. Jim Ruetz, Vice-President of Finance at Little Company of Mary Hospital. There were no questions of these gentlemen at this time.

Councilman Wirth inquired regarding any liability on the part of the City in the event of default. The City's Finance Director and the City Attorney explained that the language of the related documentation removes all liability from the City and emphasizes that the only source of liability and pay-back will be revenues from the hospitals.

Messrs. Leach and Ruetz affirmed, in response to Councilwoman Hardison, that the bond money will be used for equipment. Mr. Ruetz also indicated that Little Company is considering the purchase of an existing building which houses administrative offices for the hospital.

There being no further audience comments, Councilman Wirth moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and approval was unanimous [Councilman Applegate abstained; Councilman Walker absent].

RESOLUTION NO. 92-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING CERTAIN BOND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO AN ISSUE OF BONDS FOR LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL AND TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER; APPROVING THE FORMS AND TERMS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND SAID CORPORATIONS, THE INDENTURE BETWEEN THE CITY AND FIRST INTERSTATE BANK OF CALIFORNIA, THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND THE BOND PURCHASE CONTRACT; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE

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OF BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000,000; APPROVING THE
SALE OF SAID BONDS TO A. G. EDWARDS & SONS,
INC.; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY
CLERK TO EXECUTE THESE AND ANY OTHER
RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SAID
BONDS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 92-23. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison,
carried by the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilman Applegate.

ABSENT: Councilman Walker.

Councilman Nakano pointed out that the foundations from
both hospitals have fund-raising events throughout the year,
many of which are held at hotels outside the City of Torrance.
Mr. Nakano suggested that, whenever possible, patronage of Tor-
rance hotels for these events should be seriously considered by
both entities.

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At 6:46 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened
as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meet-
ing of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Councilman Applegate referenced recent newspaper ar-
ticles in the Los Angeles Times regarding the City's loss of
\$6.1 million from its investment portfolio, deeming the articles
a "cheap shot" at the Torrance City Council.

Mr. Applegate registered his strong displeasure at the
tone of the captions and the insinuations set forth in the body
of the articles.

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Mayor Geissert and Councilwoman Hardison concurred with Mr. Applegate's comments, pointing out that the City is continuing to pursue the matter and the Council is scheduled to consider an agenda item on the investment loss at its January 28 meeting.

19b. Councilwoman Hardison commended staff and those involved -- particularly Dr. Frances Steiner and the Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay -- for a delightful concert Saturday, January 18, at the James Armstrong Theatre. Continuing expansive publicity of theatre events was urged by Mrs. Hardison.

19c. Councilwoman Hardison requested that Metropolitan Water District Director Brewer be requested to attend the City Council meeting when the water rate increase proposed by the Metropolitan Water District is to be considered. Mrs. Hardison also requested information prior to February 18, as to how that rate increase would affect the City of Torrance. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

19d. Councilman Mock suggested that the City send a strong message of opposition to the Metropolitan Water District concerning the proposed rate increase. City Manager Jackson advised that this matter will be returned to Council as an agenda item at an early date.

19e. Councilman Nakano voiced his concerns regarding the new Congressional boundaries proposed for the State of California which fragment the City of Torrance.

Mr. Nakano advised that he had requested the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Reapportionment to include in their January 13 brief before the State Supreme Court a proposal that North Torrance become part of the 53rd District. This proposal was favorably received by the Justices, per Mr. Nakano.

19f. Councilman Nakano voiced his strong disapproval of recent remarks of a disparaging nature by Japanese politicians against American workers.

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19g. Councilman Wirth referenced Councilman Applegate's Oral Communication [19a, Page 12], also voicing his disapproval of the newspaper articles mentioned. Mr. Wirth pointed out that the loss of funds was the result of a criminal activity unrelated to the City of Torrance.

Mr. Wirth also took great exception to implications in the articles regarding the absence of proper attention to certain matters on the part of the City Council.

19h. Councilman Wirth expressed appreciation for the recent listing of the Torrance Arts Center's coming events in the Entertainment Magazine of the Daily Breeze. Mr. Wirth urged that this type of advertising continue.

19i. Councilman Wirth commended the Hughes and General Motors Corporations for the initiation of a production operation in the City of Torrance which will provide employment opportunities for some 250 individuals.

19j. Mayor Geissert praised as superb the recent performance of the Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay, including the Concert Master from the Los Angeles Philharmonic as violin soloist.

19k. Ms. E. Lenore Johnson, 23059A Nadine Circle, offered the following remarks and observations...

- Commended the Council on its thorough study of the Maple/Nadine Circle signalization request;
- Announced a candidates' forum at New Horizons on Sunday, February 2, noting that parking on the west side of Maple Avenue is sorely needed at such events;
- Expressed appreciation for the Cultural Arts Center.

19l. Mr. Norman Estner, representing Golden West Towers, 3510 Maricopa Street, #1311, submitted a letter for the official record requesting that the utility tax imposed on low income individuals be waived.

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City Manager Jackson advised that his office will investigate this subject and provide the Council with a report and analysis of what is currently available as exemptions or modifications to the rates.

Mayor Geissert requested that Finance Director Giordano-Specht meet with Mr. Estner immediately following this meeting and also prepare a written response to his letter.

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 James Geibel vs. Steyr-Daimler-Puch, etc., et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 99162.
- Litigation entitled Securities and Exchange Commission vs. Institutional Treasury Management, Inc., United States District Court, Central District of California Civil Action Case No. 91-6715RG (Ex).
- Acquisition of property for street widening located at 23624 Arlington Avenue, Torrance.
- Threatened litigation regarding the closure of Via Valmonte.

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

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a recess, followed immediately by the above noted executive session. The Council returned at 8:58 p.m., to take the following action.

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RESOLUTION NO. 92-21

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION
NO. 91-106 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES
REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING
CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED
BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES
ORGANIZATION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 92-21. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by
unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Walker absent].

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., this meeting was formally adjourned to
Tuesday, January 28, 1992, 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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