

February 9, 1999

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in joint session with the Torrance Youth Council on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, at 5:42 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, Messerlian, O'Donnell*, Walker, and Mayor Hardison.
*Arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

The Youth Council shared information on the Teen Center (per additional material of record), Youth in Government Day plans, the proposed skateboard park, a multi-cultural fair, the Teen web page, and meetings scheduled with high school Associated Student Body leaders. Mayor Hardison commended the Youth Council on their leadership and indicated the Council's pleasure in the activities they have undertaken.

The Council recessed at 6:49 p.m. and reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:06 p.m. (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #310, Bruce Maass, Scoutmaster.

Pastor Lloyd Harrison, South Bay Church of God, gave the invocation for the meeting.

Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Forest Hunt, Jr., a 38-year resident of Torrance.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF PSOTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairwoman Cribbs announced that the Finance and Government Operations Committee is scheduled to meet on March 16, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room regarding the mid-year budget review.

Chairman Lee announced that the Citizens Development and Enrichment Committee is scheduled to meet on March 10, 1999, at 5:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Assembly Room with members of Torrance Unified School District.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to visit the Clerk's office to view oil paintings by Annora Barattoni Scherer, this month's Art on View artist.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 99-05 RE POLICE OFFICER JAMES HENRY COOK**

RESOLUTION NO. 99-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER
JAMES HENRY COOK UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
CITY AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-05. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6b. **RESOLUTION NO. 99-06 RE POLICE OFFICER LYNDAL JOE SPRADLIN**

RESOLUTION NO. 99-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER
LYNDAL JOE SPRADLIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
CITY AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-06. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented the resolution to Police Officer Spradlin, who expressed his thanks and introduced family members present at the meeting. Police Chief Herren commended Officer Spradlin for his people skills and common sense.

6c. RESOLUTION NO. 99-04 RE POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM ALLEN KANEEN

RESOLUTION NO. 99-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER
WILLIAM ALLEN KANEEN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
CITY AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-04. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented the resolution to Police Officer Kaneen, who spoke of his commitment to serve the community and introduced his wife Maureen. Police Chief Herren commended Officer Kaneen for his diligence and dedication to his work.

6d. RESOLUTION NO. 99-08 RE GERRY AND SANDY DEL CONTE

RESOLUTION NO. 99-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE CONFERRING THANKS AND BESTOWING
RECOGNITION TO GERRY AND SANDY DEL CONTE UPON
THE CLOSING OF THEIR RESTAURANT, DEL CONTE'S,
A CITY LANDMARK SINCE 1969**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-08. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented the resolution to Gerry and Sandy Del Conte. Gerry Del Conte thanked the Council and the community for their 30 years of patronage.

6e. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends that City Council review applications and make appointments to fill vacancies on the Civil Service Commission and Traffic Commission. The City Clerk further recommends that the City Council confirm the Walteria Senior Club appointment to the Commission on Aging and that the City Clerk administer the Oath of Office to those appointed Commissioners present at the meeting.

Mayor Hardison introduced applicants present at the meeting and invited them to address the Council with any additional information they wished to provide regarding their applications.

Subsequent to nominations by the Council, the following motions were offered.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved for a unanimous ballot on the appointment of Tom Brewer and Allen Mitchell to the Civil Service Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for a unanimous ballot on the appointment of Robert Billet to the Traffic Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to confirm the Walteria Senior Club appointment of Charles Breaker to the Commission on Aging. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian, and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

City Clerk Herbers administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Commissioners.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 12 AND JANUARY 19, 1999**

7b. **PURCHASE ORDER RE HONDA ACCORDS**

Recommendation

The Acting Fleet Services Director and the Chief of Police recommend that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$87,457.36 to Honda World Downey, Downey, California, for the purchase of four (4) 1999 Honda Accords.

7c. **CONTRACT RE REPAIR OF CITY OWNED VEHICLES**

Recommendation

The Acting Fleet Services Director and the Fire Chief recommend that City Council approve a contract with Harbor Diesel and Equipment, Inc., Long Beach, CA to repair engines and transmissions in City owned vehicles not to exceed \$50,000.

7d. **SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION GRANT**

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that City Council fund the Torrance Sister City Association for specified services to the community for fiscal year 1998-99. The budgeted grant appropriation for the Association's services for the year is \$1,500.

7e. **COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FY 1997-98**

Recommendation

The Finance Director recommends that City Council accept and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998.

7f. REPLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL AREA EXPRESS (MAX) BUSES

Recommendation

The Transit General Manager recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) authorizing creation of a Proposition A/C Local Return capital reserve account for replacement of the Municipal Area Express (MAX) buses.

7g. PURCHASE ORDER RE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Recommendation

The Acting Fleet Services Director recommends that City Council authorize purchase orders through the State of California for the purchase of three (3) sedans, one (1) passenger van, four (4) pickups and three (3) cab and chassis as a cooperative purchase of \$1807.10 for a service charge to the State of California for the use of their contracts.

7h. PURCHASE ORDER RE CHEVROLET TAHOES

Recommendation

The Acting Fleet Services Director and the Police Chief recommend that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$113,515.46 to Martin Chevrolet, Torrance, CA, for the purchase of four (4) Chevrolet Tahoes.

7i. CONTRACT RE TORRANCE AND HARBOR ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER

Recommendation

The Human Resources Director recommends that City Council award a contract to Pacific Office Interiors for \$100,914 for modular furniture at the Torrance and Harbor One-Stop Career Center.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

10. POLICE / FIRE

10a. RENEWAL OF COUNTY DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM CONTRACT

Recommendation

The Chief of Police recommends that City Council approve the agreement for conduct and administration of the County Delinquency Prevention Program and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to same.

Police Chief Herren advised that the County Delinquency Prevention Program Grant would provide funding for the City's Juvenile Diversion Program, offering counseling for youths exhibiting pre-delinquent and delinquent behavior.

Noting her experience as a former teacher, Mayor Hardison stated that this is a very valuable program that provides an opportunity for intervention when young students are not making good choices.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. PERSONNEL MATTERS

12a. STATE OF CALIFORNIA ONE-STOP CAREER IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

Recommendation

The Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Consortium Policy Board recommend that City Council:

- (1) Authorize the submittal of One-Stop Career Center Implementation and Transition Planning grant proposals to the State Job Training Coordinating Council for One-Stop Career Center funds;
- (2) Accept grant funds if awarded by the State Job training Coordinating Council for One-Stop career Center Implementation and Transitional Planning; and
- (3) Designate the Mayor as the authorizing signature for any resulting contract and amendments.

Ms. Patricia Unangst, Training Manager for Employment Training Division PIC, reported that this grant is designed to assist in the implementation of local One-Stop Centers and to support local partnerships as they move toward One-Stop service delivery as required by the Workforce Investment Act that goes into effect July 1, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING THE MAYOR OF TORRANCE AS THE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR CARSON/LOMITA/TORRANCE CONSORTIUM WITH RESPECT TO ALL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT GRANT-RELATED DOCUMENTS CONNECTED WITH THE OPERATION OF LOCAL ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-11. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

By adopting Resolution No. 99-11 City Council authorized submittal of grants and acceptance of funds if awarded.

12b. REVISION OF CLASS SPECIFICATIONS RE PERSONNEL ANALYST AND SENIOR PERSONNEL ANALYST

Recommendation

The Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Director recommend that City Council approve the proposed revision to class specifications for Personnel Analyst and Senior Personnel Analyst pursuant to the updating of the Classification Plan. It is the further recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a supplemental resolution modifying the salary range.

Human Resources Director Winer advised that the proposed revision is consistent with the objectives established to update the City's overall Classification Plan and would consolidate two classifications into a single broader classification entitled Human Resource Analyst.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to approve the revisions to class specifications for Personnel Analyst and Senior Personnel Analyst pursuant to the updating of the Classification Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-84 SETTING FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE UNRESPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-12. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison thanked staff for providing the update of the Classification Plan included in agenda material.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. CITY OPERATED OR SPONSORED EVENT LICENSE

Recommendation

The Finance Director recommends that City Council adopt an ordinance to approve the addition of Section 31.6.6 to Division 3 of the Torrance Municipal Code, adding a free event license to the City of Torrance or designated sponsor/agent and exempting all vendors participating in a specific City of Torrance sponsored or operated event from payment of a business license for the specific event.

Responding to Ms. Nancy Clinton, representing Torrance Air Fair Association, City Manager Jackson confirmed that vendors at the annual Torrance Air Fair would be included under this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 3464

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 31.6.6 TO ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSES FOR CITY SPONSORED EVENTS

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3464. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13b. 1999-2001 CITY MANAGER PROPOSED BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends the City Council review the 1999-2001 City Manager Proposed Budget Development Plan and concur with the general guidelines set forth.

City Manager Jackson asked for input from the Council regarding the need to adjust the proposed base budget for changes in expenditure patterns; a citizen and employee outreach effort to encourage budget involvement; and possible uses for additional funds made available by a reduction in Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) rates.

Noting that the City Manager was recommending two town hall meetings in North and South Torrance, Mayor Hardison suggested that the Council attend the meetings to receive input from the community on the budget.

Councilman Lee, echoed by Councilwoman Cribbs, expressed support for the Mayor's suggestion.

Councilwoman Cribbs pointed out that the City's libraries have been seriously impacted due to past budget cuts and asked that consideration be given to expanding their budget for collections and materials, as well as for additional staffing needs.

Ms. Shirley Duran, read the following letter, dated February 8, 1999, and signed by Alan Lee, President of TME-AFCME Local 1117, Richard Connor, President of TPOA, and Paul Hoy, President of TFFA/IAFF Local 1138, into the record:

Dear Mayor and Members of the Council:

It has come to our attention that the PERS rate has significantly dropped. As a result of this unforeseen rate reduction, it is our understanding that approximately seven million dollars is now available as budget surplus. While we understand fiscal prudence would require setting aside some reserve funds to offset any future fluctuations in the PERS rate, we believe all other funds should be used for the purpose for which they were originally budgeted, public employees retirement benefits.

We are concerned that Management may seek to raid the surplus retirement funds in an effort, to undo previous efficiency measures enacted by Council, through the budget process. Please know that we feel strongly that these funds were budgeted for employees and should stay with employees. We are looking forward to meeting with Management to jointly explore meaningful options in connection with the PERS surplus. It is our hope that the Council will be supportive of ensuring that the surplus PERS funds are appropriately allocated.

Mayor Hardison noted that twice in the past three years the Council had been called upon to find the funds to pay for sharp increases in PERS rates, causing reductions in, or suspension of, other City programs, and expressed surprise that now that there is a surplus, employee organizations seem to have forgotten past sacrifices.

City Manager Jackson provided clarification that the \$4 million mentioned in the agenda item refers to money available to the General Fund and that there are additional funds available, but he did not believe the amount would rise to \$7 million. He offered to share more detailed information with the employee organizations. Observing how PERS rates have fluctuated in the past, he advised that one percent of the rate is being put aside as a rolling reserve within the payroll of employees until it is determined that PERS rates are stable. He noted that he is recommending that part of the additional funds be reserved for potential wage and benefit adjustments to maintain the City's competitive advantage; and that the two-year budget includes a pre-committed amount to the Firefighters, TPOA, and TME for second year pay raises. He expressed his willingness to share budget strategy with employee organizations and the community and to listen to their input until a final recommended budget is submitted to the Council in May.

Mr. Alan Lee, TME, AFSCME, Local 1117, indicated that the Mayor's point was well-taken, but observed that employees also suffered hardships as a result of budget-tightening measures as vacant positions went unfilled and material and supplies were cut. He stated that he was only requesting that the Council make sure that some of the additional funds are allocated to the employees.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the general guidelines and outreach program set forth in the written material of record. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13c. SUPPLEMENTAL MOU AND RESOLUTIONS RE REORGANIZATION PLAN

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council:

- (1) Adopt a supplemental TMEO MOU, restructuring the pay grid for Fleet Services Manager and Purchasing Agent, deleting Transit General Manager and adding Deputy City Clerk and Deputy City Treasurer.
- (2) Adopt a resolution for Certain Management Employees restructuring the salaries of General (Internal) Services Director and Finance Director, and adding a pay range for Transit General Manager.
- (3) Adopt a resolution for Unrepresented Employees adding the position of Business Manager.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane advised that MOU and resolution changes brought forward for adoption are part of the implementation of the short-range reorganization plan. She noted that the supplemental Torrance Management Employees Organization (TMEO) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) does not include the addition of the Deputy City Clerk or Deputy Treasurer positions because bylaw changes need to be made before they can be added.

Mr. Alan Lee, representing TME-AFSCME, Local 1117, stated that he had received a fax from the City Manager's office indicating that most of the elements of the Short-Range Reorganization Plan will be implemented effective February 14, 1999, contrary to direction given by Councilmembers at the January 26, 1999 Council meeting for management to meet and confer with TME regarding the plan's impact on employees prior to implementation. Referring to the proposed changes in the salary ranges for Purchasing Agent and Finance Director, he commented that staff had acted quickly to recommend pay raises for management but had shown little interest in meeting and conferring with employee organizations. He maintained that it was illogical to give managers pay raises prior to their assuming additional responsibilities and requested that the Council table all pay raises connected to the reorganization plan until they can be reviewed in their totality to ensure fairness, equity, and consistency.

Mayor Hardison related her understanding that all pay raises proposed this evening were included in the previous agenda item and offered clarification that the pay raises reflect additional responsibilities taken on by management as a result of the extensive reorganization of City departments.

Following a brief discussion of the status of the meet and confer process, Councilwoman O'Donnell related her preference to postpone action because too many issues remain unresolved.

Councilman Messerlian also expressed support for continuing the matter in keeping with the City's policy to be open and accessible to both citizens and employee groups. He urged both sides to get together and discuss the issues in good faith as soon as possible.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to defer implementation of the reorganization and any further actions to the Council meeting of February 23, 1999. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13d. MADISON PARK SUBLEASES

Recommendation

The Land Management Team recommends that City Council:

- (1) Consent to a sublease to Hughes Aircraft Employees Federal Credit Union;
- (2) Consent to a sublease to China Buffet, Ind., and
- (3) Adopt a 6th amendment to the ground lease for the property located on Pacific Coast Highway between Madison and Aero Way in the City of Torrance known as Madison Park.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13e. WILSON PARK GYMNASIUM

Recommendation

The City Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment recommends that City Council:

- (1) Concur in the hiring of Universal Construction and Maintenance for the construction of the Gymnasium at Wilson Park;
- (2) Concur with the inclusion of all four deductive alternates for a total construction contract amount of \$2,845,000;
- (3) Concur with the expenditure of \$300,000 from the Parks and Recreation and Parks Open Space Funds and \$153,000 from the Torrance Skate Association Concession Revenue as methods of funding the deductive alternates and other project-related costs; and
- (4) Approve an amendment to the agreement with John Bates Associates in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to cover pass through expenses for services provided by C.N.C. Engineering Company and Weir Landscape.

Councilman Lee reported that bids for the Wilson Park Gymnasium came in better than anticipated and that the project can be completed with all four deductive alternates by using Parks and Recreation Open Space Funds and revenue generated by the Torrance Skate Association. He stated that he was pleased to move forward with this much-needed facility and commended all involved in the process. He noted that plans for the Madrona Marsh Nature Center were also discussed at the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee meeting and that those plans would be presented to the Council in two weeks.

In response to Councilwoman Cribbs inquiry, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett advised that the original amount of bond funds designated for the gym was \$2.8 million, that 3.5% of the cost (\$100,000) is to be reserved for change orders, and that an outside project manager will be hired.

Councilwoman Cribbs indicated that she would not be supportive of the project as presented, stating that she was firmly committed to adhering to the \$2.8 million budgeted for the project and that she did not believe enough money was being set aside for contingencies. She expressed concerns about the contractor's inexperience in the area of new construction, and the proposal to take \$300,000 out of Open Space Funds that could be used for other purposes, such as upgrading lighting and irrigation systems, replacing the jogging track, or resurfacing game courts.

Councilman Lee stated that the Committee had had a lot of the same concerns, but noted that the architect had expressed confidence in the contractor's ability to do the job based on his prior experience with him. He pointed out that this project has been a priority for over 15 years and voiced his opinion that the use of Parks and Recreation Open Space funds is appropriate because necessary improvements at Wilson Park are incorporated in the cost of the project, including the construction of a plaza area and the reconfiguration of the parking lot

Voicing his support for the project, Councilman Messerlian commented that this is a project that the City will build only once and it is important to do it right. He stated that he felt the amount over the \$2.8 million was justified since the gymnasium will serve the youth of the community at large.

Noting that he was a member of the City Council when Wilson Park was first dedicated, Councilman Walker stated that he believes that the project will be a great addition to a very fine park.

Mayor Hardison indicated that she had entertained the idea of eliminating the multi-purpose room, but in view of the increased demand for meeting space in the City, she now feels it is an essential part of the project. She asked that a timeline for the project be provided.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and passed by majority roll call vote, with Councilwoman Cribbs dissenting.

18. ADDENDUM MATTERS

None.

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The Council met as the Torrance Redevelopment Agency from 8:50 to 10:28 p.m.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATION

19a. Fire Chief Bongard invited the public to attend the annual Torrance Firefighters Spaghetti Dinner on February 13, 1999, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

19b. Councilwoman Cribbs, noting that the Friends of the Torrance Library had donated over a half a million dollars, asked that the City provide some assistance in locating temporary quarters during the renovation of the Civic Center library basement. City Manager Jackson indicated that the City was extending assistance by obtaining a storage unit.

19c. Councilwoman Cribbs asked about the possibility of using automated photo equipment for traffic enforcement at intersections.

19d. Councilman Lee congratulated Mayor Hardison for receiving a Continuing Service Award from the Torrance Council of PTAs.

19e. Councilman Messerlian stated that he would like to see some form of public service announcements in the form of scrolled messages at the bottom of the screen on Channel 22 listing the schedule for public works projects, tree trimming, and street resurfacing.

19f. Councilman Messerlian asked about the method of distribution of crime reports to various homeowner's associations.

19g. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced children's programs at the Armstrong Theatre, stories on February 14, and a Bach concerto on April 25.

19h. Councilwoman O'Donnell invited participation in a Torrance Historical Society bus excursion to the Museum of Miniatures on Saturday, February 20, 1999.

19i. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that the North High School Steppers and the JROTC will hold a dinner on February 25 at North High.

19j. Mayor Hardison commended the Finance Department on the preparation of the Consolidated Annual Financial Report.

19k. Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, submitted a letter for the record concerning the proposed plan being recommended for the Natural History Center at the Madrona Marsh.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:10 p.m., pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(a), 54956.9(b)(3)(A) and (B) and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a closed session to confer on matters listed on the meeting agenda under Item No. 20 – Executive Session.

Councilman Lee left City Hall at 10:10 p.m.

Council returned to Council Chambers at 10:28 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter heard during executive session. City Attorney Fellows noted that Councilman Lee did not deliberate on the matters listed in the Redevelopment Agency closed session for previously disclosed reasons.

21. ADJOURMENT

At 10:28 p.m., based on the recommendation of staff, City Council declared Tuesday, February 16, 1999, as a dark night and adjourned to Tuesday, February 23, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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***Adjourned in Memory of
Forest Hunt, Jr.***
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Torrance