

September 22, 1998

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:35 P.M. on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian, Nakano, O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

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

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Agenda Item No. 20 was considered out of order at this time.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:36 P.M., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54957, 54956.9(b) and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a joint closed session with the Redevelopment Agency to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under Item Nos. 20.A.1 (Conference with Labor Negotiator), 20.A.2 (Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Attorney), 20.A.3 (Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation) and 20.A.4 (Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator).

The Council returned to open session at 7:05 P.M. with all members present. No action was taken in closed session. The Council remained in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency.

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1. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Ms. Mary Miller, Cultural Arts Commissioner, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Torrance Police Department Chaplain Dean Mayeda gave the invocation for the meeting.

2. **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

**MOTION:** Councilmember 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 Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**MOTION:** Councilmember 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 Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

3. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson announced that Agenda Item No. 13b (Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center) was withdrawn. He related the applicant's request to continue Agenda Item No. 14a (PRE 98-0006: Tomaro Architecture – Louis Tomaro) to October 13, 1998.

Mayor Hardison advised that there was an issue with the project silhouette relevant to PRE 98-0006 and that, should the Council so agree, the item will be continued after the public hearing is opened later in the meeting.

4. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Hardison thanked Councilmember Nakano for his service as Mayor Pro Tem during the past six months. She advised that Councilmember Cribbs will serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the next six months. She related her appreciation of her fellow Councilmembers filling in for her when she is unable to attend the meetings.

5. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 98-128 RE MARK K. ANDERSEN**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-128.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-128. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-128**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
HONORING MARK K. ANDERSEN FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM,  
AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mayor Hardison noted that Resolution No. 98-128 will be presented to Mr. Andersen at later date.

6b. **RESOLUTION NO. 98-127 RE RICHARD L. NEPRUD**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-127.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution

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No. 98-127. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-127**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING RICHARD L. NEPRUD FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mayor Hardison noted that Resolution No. 98-127 will be presented to Mr. Neprud at a later date.

6c. **PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH”**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring October 1998 as “National Arts and Humanities Month” in the City of Torrance. The proclamation was accepted by Ms. Christine Aihara and Ms. Mary Miller of the Cultural Arts Commission, who thanked the Council for encouraging arts in the community.

Mayor Hardison invited the community to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual “Arts Alive!” Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4, 1998, 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

6d. **FORTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD FOR JOE QUINONES**

The Council presented a ring to Mr. Joe Quinones in honor of his 40 years of service as a City of Torrance employee.

Mr. Quinones thanked the Council for allowing him to design his 40 years’ of service ring; mentioned his efforts in organizing Torrance’s recognition of employees’ service; and acknowledged his family members and friends present.

6e. **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER REPORT**

Mr. Bob Wade, President, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, presented the Chamber’s 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report, which included governmental affairs’ advocacy, economic development, public relations, Torrance International Trade and Business Center, annual events and activities to look forward to during the next year.

Mayor Hardison related her appreciation of Mr. Wade’s presentation which, she noted, gave the community an opportunity to hear about Chamber activities.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 11, AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1998**

7b. **1998 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE BIENNIAL NOTICE**

**Recommendation**

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The City Clerk requests that the Council accept notice that amendments to the City of Torrance Conflict of Interest will be forthcoming on or before December 16, 1998.

7c. **INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 1998**

Considered separately (see page 5).

7d. **PURCHASE OF NEW AND REPLACEMENT PERSONAL COMPUTERS**

**Recommendation**

The Information Systems Director recommends that the City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 for the purchase of new and replacement personal computers over a period of one year to SYS Technologies, Inc. of Cypress, CA.

7e. **LIBRARY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT – JULY 1997 – JUNE 1998**

**Recommendation**

The Library Department recommends that the City Council accept and file the subject report.

7f. **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 7/97-7/98**

**Recommendation**

At its meeting of August 27, 1998, the Community Services Commission approved the subject report and asked staff to transmit it to the City Council for acceptance and filing.

7g. **PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL REMINGTON SCULPTURES**

**Recommendation**

The Parks and Recreation Director and the Cultural Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the placement of up to eight (8) of the Remington sculptures in the City Hall lobby and hallways surrounding the Council chambers.

7h. **ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF TRANSIT FARETRANS EQUIPMENT**

**Recommendation**

The Transit General Manager recommends that the City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$95,650 to Echelon Industries, Inc., Diamond Bar, California, for the maintenance of the Torrance Transit Faretrans equipment (Cyberkey)

from October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999.

**MOTION:** Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item No. 7c (Investment Reports for the Months of July and August 1998), which was considered separately. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmember O'Donnell abstaining on Item No. 7a (Minutes of August 11, and September 1, 1998).

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Agenda Item No. 7c was considered separately at this time.

7c. **INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 1998**

**Recommendation**

The Investment Committee, made up of the Finance Director, City Manager, City Attorney and City Treasurer, as created by the City Council, has reviewed the subject reports and finds that they are in concurrence with the City of Torrance Investment Policy.

Councilmember Cribbs requested input on the status cash and portfolio reports.

Finance Director Tsao advised that, because of the new accounting system, the cash and portfolio reports will not be available until the conversion of the prior year data is completed (anticipated date of October 1, 1998).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs moved for the approval of the staff recommendation for Agenda Item No. 7c. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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8. **LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION**

8a. **DIVISIONAL PLAN RE LEARNING CENTER FOR ARTS EXCELLENCE**

**Recommendation**

The Parks and Recreation Director, Parks and Recreation Commission and Cultural Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve:

- The Divisional Plan of the Learning Center for Arts Excellence;
- \$17,602 in marketing and programming funds to implement the Plan appropriated from the Program Innovation Reserve of the General Fund; and
- \$27,050 to administer the Cultural Services Division of the Parks and Recreation Department through a reallocation of funds from the Parks Services Division's materials, supplies and services budget.

Cultural Services Director Myers presented the proposed Plan for the Learning Center for Arts Excellence. He explained the mission of the Center to strengthen the City as a unique center of culture, the arts and arts education within the confines of the Strategic Plan. He offered information on the goals of the Plan and projected costs.

In answer to questions from the Council, Cultural Services Director Myers verified that room rental rates were factored into the General Services Department's budget.

Councilmember Lee related his support of the Learning Center for Arts Excellence, noting that it would make good use of the Cultural Arts Center.

City Manager Jackson affirmed that, should the Center be approved, it would be factored into the General Services Department's budget; that none of the beginning classes would be displaced as a result intermediate or advanced classes; that teachers for higher level classes have already been identified; that a Certificate of Completion would be presented to those completing classes; and that the position of Public Information Supervisor to market the Center currently exists.

Mayor Hardison commended staff's efforts in developing the Center. She called attention to the importance of marketing it.

Mr. Dean Mayeda, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, related the Commission's support of the Plan. He thanked Cultural Services Director Myers for his expertise and collaboration with community members and various City departments. He asked the Council to approve the Plan.

Dr. Owen Griffith, 3416 W. 229<sup>th</sup> Street, President of the Arts Council, commented that this is a very extensive and ambitious plan and that the Arts Council will continue to work closely with City staff in monitoring its development and providing assistance to help ensure its success.

Ms. Christine Aihara, member of the Cultural Arts Commission, related the Commission's agreement with the proposed Plan. She stated the Commission's willingness to assist with implementing it.

Mr. Byron Stefferud, South Bay Authors' Coalition, 833 W. Torrance Boulevard, stated the Coalition's appreciation with having been included in this process and he commended staff's openness to the community. He commented on possible funding difficulties as a result of the program being administered by both the Parks and Recreation and General Services Departments.

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

Mayor Hardison expressed her appreciation of staff's efforts. She requested that the Council be kept apprised of the project status.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett commended the efforts of his fellow staff members, City commissioners and various arts-related organizations.

8b. **TEEN CENTER**

**Recommendation**

It is the recommendation of the Land Management Team and the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council approve the use of a portion of the former YWCA facility as a Teen Center and direct staff to solicit proposals from Torrance-based, non-profit social service organizations interested in leasing the balance of the space.

Responding to questions raised by the Council subsequent to the transmittal of the agenda packets, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett indicated that the Teen Center budget would be approximately \$70,000. He explained the anticipated funding sources for the Center and proposed parking lot. He confirmed staff's hopes to negotiate a rent structure to help recapture the cost of improvements to the building.

Councilmember Nakano noted that the Youth Council has been advocating a Teen Center for many years. He said that he views the Center as a crime prevention program; that the Center should be supervised and activity driven; and that the future gymnasium and nature center could supplement activities at the Center.

Expressing her support of the Teen Center, Councilmember Cribbs suggested that some of the start-up costs and equipment be funded through donations obtained by the Youth Council; that the Youth Council be asked to provide input on the type of programs they would like to see offered; and that prospective tenants be notified that they would be sharing space with the Teen Center. She entertained the idea of funding the proposed parking lot through the Parks and Recreation Department Open Space Preservation Funds and pointed out that many non-profit organizations would be compatible with the Center.

Councilmember Walker indicated that he could not agree with dual uses. He agreed that the Youth Council should make an effort to solicit financial support and equipment donations for the Center.

Councilmember Messerlian agreed with Councilmember Walker that there should not be dual uses. He voiced his opinion that the compatibility of uses is as important as the rent structure.

Councilmember Lee explained his viewpoint that the Center would be a good opportunity to provide a centralized location for many organizations in the City and that a reasonable compromise would be to obtain input from the Youth Council on their vision regarding use of the remaining space.

Councilmember O'Donnell explained that she would like to see a number of services compatible with the Center occupy the space. She agreed that the Youth Council should provide input on ideas for uses.

Councilmember Nakano highlighted the Youth Council's past success in raising funds. He agreed that non-profit organizations compatible with the Center could occupy the space.

Mayor Hardison commented on the need for additional funding for the project. She related that she has been contacted by several persons interested in occupying the space and suggested that the Council remain open to possible uses.

City Manager Jackson requested that the Council discuss the issue of the trailer on the site.

Councilmember Walker recommended that uses at the Center not be overlapped and that the youth of the community provide input on compatible uses.

Youth Council Member Jean Hwang, 17808 Florwood Avenue, requested that the Center be approved with or without dual uses. She entertained the idea of offering a variety of programs at the Center.

A Youth Council member, Paul Seo, related his support of the Teen Center.

Ms. Rosie Haq, 3709 Spencer Street, stated her agreement with the Center and the Youth Council's intent to look into obtaining donations of funds and equipment.

Ms. Ann Tsai, 20525 Wood Avenue, agreed that the Teen Center should be approved with or without dual uses.

Mayor Hardison called attention to the importance of making certain the Youth Council remains involved in the project.

Assistant City Manager Sunshine clarified that the owner of the trailer on the site has had free storage until this time and he requested input from the Council about the trailer.

Mayor Hardison suggested that the lease of the land to the owner of the trailer be included in the project costs.

Assistant City Manager Sunshine advised that the trailer would not limit the proposed parking lot; but, it might reduce the number of parking spaces in the existing parking lot.

Councilmember Nakano related his opinion that parking spaces for the Center should be a high priority.

Assistant City Manager Sunshine confirmed that staff will look into the issue of parking and that pertinent information will be provided to the Council in the future.

Councilmember Lee mentioned the need to provide good ventilation in the building, especially for computers.

Mayor Hardison recommended that this item be continued for three weeks to give staff time to obtain input on the trailer and its affect on parking, additional costs should dual uses be excluded, parking and input from the Los Angeles County Health Facility for use of their parking lot for overflow parking during evenings and weekends.

Councilmember Messerlian suggested that, prior to making a determination on dual uses, prospective tenants be contacted to see if they are still interested.

The Council agreed to continue this item to October 6, 1998

12. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

12a. **PLANNING DIRECTOR PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION**

**Recommendation**

The City Manager, Civil Service Administrator and the Civil Service Commission recommend that the City Council approve the examination for Planning Director to be conducted on a promotional basis provided that a minimum of four employees meeting the requirements for promotional examinations actually file applications. If less than four employees file, the promotional examination will be canceled and it will be re-advertised on an open competitive basis.

Civil Service Administrator Ghio explained the staff recommendation.

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

12b. **CONTRACT RE HUMAN RESOURCES/PAYROLL SYSTEM**

**Recommendation**

The Human Resources Director, Finance Director and Information Systems Director recommend that the City Council approve a contract with Data Study, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$97,300 plus 5% contingency for a total appropriation of \$102,165 to conduct a pre-implementation study to identify process or system modifications necessary to implement a Human Resources/Payroll System.

Human Resources Administrator Fuentes advised that this is a recommendation from three departments for the approval of a contract with Data Study, Inc. to assist in a pre-implementation study in anticipation of implementing the new Human Resources/Payroll System. She noted that an additional \$2,165 will be taken from the \$1,700,000 appropriation for the Human Resources/Payroll System Implementation.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation, with the understanding that an additional \$2,165 will be taken from the \$1,700,000

appropriation for the Human Resources/Payroll System Implementation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **RECOMMENDATIONS RE NOVEMBER 1998 BALLOT MEASURES**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee for the City Council to concur as a whole with the Committee's recommended positions on the November 3, 1998 ballot measures.

Mayor Hardison advised that the Council Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, (composed of herself and Councilmembers Cribbs and Messerlian) based its decision on the following criteria: would the proposed measures affect local control or public safety and would they have a financial impact on the City. In answer to a question from Councilmember Walker, Mayor Hardison verified that a blanket vote could be taken on the Committee's recommendations; however, she noted the Committee's majority/minority report on Proposition 2.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmembers Cribbs and Lee relating their opposition to Proposition 8.

Following the vote, Councilmember Nakano voiced his personal opposition to some of the ballot measures, such as Proposition 8. But, he said that he would support the Committee's recommendations based on the criteria used.

Councilmember O'Donnell echoed Councilmember Nakano's position. She stated her personal opposition to Proposition 8; however, her supporting vote was based on the criteria used by the Committee and not her personal feelings.

13b. **ROLLING HILLS PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER**

Withdrawn (see "Withdrawn/Deferred Items," page 2).

13c. **APPEAL RE REGENT ACUPRESSURE BUSINESS LICENSE REVOCATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the License Review Board that City Council conduct a hearing on the appeal of Regent Acupressure's business license revocation by the Business License Review Board.

On behalf of the City, Assistant City Attorney Pohl asked the Council to accept the written material from the License Review Board into evidence (License Review Board minutes of June 23, and 30, 1998 and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law established by the License Review Board).

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Mayor Hardison verified that the documents referred to above by Assistant City Attorney Pohl would be accepted into evidence.

Detective Hector Bermudez came forward to answer questions from Assistant City Attorney Pohl and to provide a detailed description of his investigation pertaining to Regent Acupressure, including his visits to the business on June 21, 1998, February 27, 1998 and March 11, 1998. During his presentation, Detective Bermudez explained that Regent Acupressure violated Torrance Municipal Code Section 35.11.10 © (Failure of Operator to Keep Customer Records) and that he obtained sufficient information to conclude that the business was offering unlawful sexual acts.

On behalf of the appellant, Attorney Donald Rich, 535 N. Brand Boulevard, Glendale, came forward to ask questions of Detective Bermudez.

Responding to questions from Attorney Rich, Detective Bermudez provided clarification concerning his report relevant to this matter and some of his testimony during the License Review Board hearings.

Attorney Rich advised that the owner of Regent Acupressure, Mr. Won Dae Kim, never received any notice that there was anything wrong with the business until he received the revocation notice, so he had no chance to correct violations he did not know were occurring. He clarified that Regent Acupressure provides acupressure, and not acupuncture; that, in this case, there was some contact by one employee that probably was improper, but there was no sex or agreement for it; that this was an isolated incident; and that the record keeping was not as good as it should have been, but since that time it is in compliance with City requirements. Attorney Rich asked the Council to consider that there have been no previous violations reported against Regent Acupressure; that the appellant has not had an opportunity to correct the situation; and that this should be a lesser penalty such as a suspension of the business license for 30 days.

At the request of Attorney Rich and via an interpreter, Mr. Won Dae Kim, appellant, described acupressure as being similar to a chiropractor. He indicated that acupressure businesses have many older customers and noted that Regent Acupressure has received many compliments. Mr. Kim explained his efforts to improve the situation of concern to the City since he was notified of the violations. He said that he now strictly observes employees' behaviors, that he educates them to follow City requirements (including customer records) and that he received no notice of any violations until this matter arose.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Lee, Attorney Rich verified that no one at Regent Acupressure was charged with prostitution.

During the final arguments' phase of this hearing, Assistant City Attorney Pohl explained that, even though the appellant says he had no notice of violations, he should have been aware that customer records were not being kept. He pointed out discrepancies in the appellant's testimony before the City Council and the License Review Board, in that the appellant previously said that nothing happened and how he appears to concede it might have occurred and that this was not a one-time event

because there was a consistent policy of not following the Municipal Code. Assistant City Attorney Pohl advised that there has been enough evidence presented to the Council to concur with the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law established by the License Review Board and deny the appeal.

Attorney Rich stated that the revocation of a business license is a death penalty for a business. He reiterated that the appellant is now making certain customer records are kept and he requested a suspension of the business license, particularly since this is the first violation. Attorney Rich clarified that a different strategy was not used at the License Review Board meeting, but various witnesses having the right to remain silent because charges were filed against them were unable to testify before the Council.

Attorney Rich verified for Mayor Hardison that the Ms. Lee referred to by Detective Bermudez during testimony before the License Review Board and the City Council is the original owner of Regent Acupressure and that she also applied for the business license.

Detective Bermudez supplied clarification for Councilmember O'Donnell regarding the attire worn by Regent Acupressure employees.

At the request of Mayor Hardison, Attorney Terence Boga, representing the City Attorney's office, advised that the City does not have a requirement that businesses must be given a warning when undercover work is being done.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison reminded the Council that deliberations on this matter must be in open session and that further discussion/action by the Council would be appropriate at this time.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Review Board, thereby sustaining the revocation of Regent Acupressure's business license. The motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Attorney Boga clarified that, in approving the recommendation of the License Review Board, the Council adopted the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law established by the Board and that no other action is necessary.

14. **HEARINGS**

14a. **APPEAL RE PRE 98-0006: TOMARO ARCHITECTURE – LOUIS TOMARO**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Acting Planning Director That City Council deny the appeal and approve as conditioned PRE 98-0006 to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence on property located in the Hillside Overlay District of the R-1 zone at 331 Calle de Andalucia.

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Walker moved to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

No interested parties came forward to speak.

At the applicant's request due to some discrepancies in the project silhouette, the Council agreed to continue this item to October 13, 1998. (For further information, see "Withdrawn/Deferred Items," page 2.)

14b. **ALLOCATION OF BJA GRANT FUNDS**

**Recommendation**

The Chief of Police and City Manager recommend that the City Council review The meeting minutes of the 1997 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Block Grant Local Advisory Board and, after holding a public hearing for comment Regarding the proposed uses of block grant funds, approve and allocate said Funds and accrued interest to the recommended programs.

City Clerk Herbers verified that this item was properly advertised.

Police Chief Herren presented the staff report. Relating the City's ability to accept approximately \$228,000, Chief Herren reviewed the BJA Local Advisory Board's recommendations for the use of the funds.

Councilmember Cribbs recommended that \$10,000 of the Vice and Narcotics Communications section be allocated for the replacement of Neighborhood Watch signs.

Councilmember Lee recommended that any funds over and above the \$10,000 come from the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

Chief Herren confirmed that the Neighborhood Watch signs are installed by a volunteer and that each sign costs approximately \$20.00. He advised that the idea of the Street Services Department examining the Neighborhood Watch signs on an annual basis is being examined and that additional BJA funds to be received by the Police Department will be used to fund projects which could not otherwise be done.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs moved that \$10,000 of the Vice and Narcotics Communications section be allocated for the replacement of Neighborhood Watch signs and that any funds over and above the \$10,000 come from the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

18a. **MODIFICATIONS TO AGREEMENT WITH WILLDAN ASSOCIATES**

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## **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council:

- Approve the modifications to the Consulting Services Agreement with Willdan Associates; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the Agreement on behalf of the City for the design and construction of the 223<sup>rd</sup> Street/Abalone Avenue Improvement Project.

Engineering Director Burttt provided the staff report. At the request of Councilmember Cribbs, Mr. Burttt reviewed the modifications made to the Consulting Services Agreement with Willdan Associates.

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

## 18b. **ADDITIONAL ITEM CONSIDERED UNDER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### 4. REAL PROPERTY – CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (California Government Code 54956.8)

c. Property:	Transit Station at Del Amo Mall
Negotiating Parties:	LeRoy J. Jackson and James Jones
Under Negotiations:	Rental Terms.

## 19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. City Clerk Herbers announced the voter registration deadline of October 5, 1998 to vote in the November 3, 1998 General Election.

19b. Engineering Director Burttt offered input on the success of “Beach Clean-Up Day” at Torrance Beach, with commendations for staff member Wendell Johnson’s efforts.

19c. In response to questions/comments from Councilmember Cribbs, Engineering Director Burttt provided information on the public works’ projects and related impacts on City streets.

19d. Councilmember Messerlian mentioned that flyers for the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation series were mailed. He urged residents to subscribe or attend at least one event.

19e. Councilmember Nakano announced the success of the recent Salvation Army “Senior Health Fair.”

19f. Councilmember Walker extended early “Happy Birthday” wishes to Councilmember O’Donnell.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:15 P.M., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54957, 54956.9(b) and 54956.8, the Council entered into a joint closed session with the Redevelopment Agency to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under Item Nos. 20.A.1 (Conference with Labor Negotiator), 20.A.2 (Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Attorney), 20.A.3 (Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation) and 20.A.4 (Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator).

At 11:32 P.M., the Council returned to open session with no formal action having been taken during the closed session. (For further information see “Executive Session,” page 1).

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:33 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 6, 1998, 5:30 P.M., for an executive session, to be followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

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City Clerk of the City of Torrance