

**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 5:34 p.m., on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council members Cribbs, Lee, Nakano, O'Donnell, Walker, and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: Councilman Messerlian.

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

2. **FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hardison.

Reverend Larry Young, Riviera Methodist Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/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 Councilman Messerlian).

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 Council member 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 Councilman Messerlian).

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson announced that Agenda Item No. 14a (Appeal of Denial of Modification of a Conditional Use Permit for a Gasoline/Mini-Mart/Car Wash at 3960 Artesia Blvd.) was withdrawn and continued for 90 days.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

Tuesday, November 18, 1997, 5:30 p.m.
West Annex Commission Room
Subject: 1st Quarter Budget Review

Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee

Tuesday, December 9, 1997, 5:30 p.m.
Council Conference Room
Subject: 1998 Armed Forces Day Parade

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Agenda Item No. 14b was heard out of order.

14b. **PRICE-COSTCO DEVELOPMENT**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Director that City Council:

- (1) approve GPA 95-0001 to redesignate the subject 13.8 acre property as "General Commercial";
- (2) approve ZON95-0001 to reclassify the subject 13.8 acre property as "PD" (Planned Development);
- (3) approve PD95-0001 and CUP95-0028 to allow the construction and operation of a 147,021 sq. ft. bulk retail and grocery store and establish development standards for the project;
- (4) approve DIV95-0005 to allow a lot line adjustment between the two existing parcels which will create the 13.8 acre parcel for the facility and a residual 24.3 acre parcel which is not part of the other entitlements, and :
- (5) adopt the resolutions for approval contained in Attachment #1, including a resolution making certain environmental findings and adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

GPA 95-0001, ZON95-0001, PD95-0001, CUP94-0028, DIV95-0005 (EAS95-0006): PRICE-COSTCO (JACK S. FRANK, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT)

Mayor Hardison announced that a public hearing on this matter was held at the City Council meeting on October 28, 1997, and after the public hearing was closed, the Council asked for some supplemental information, which was provided. Mayor Hardison stated that she would entertain a motion to reopen the public hearing to receive the supplemental information into the record and any additional comments with respect to that supplemental information only.

Councilwoman Cribbs stated that although she had to leave the October 28 City Council meeting at 9:15 p.m., she had reviewed the video tape of the meeting to the conclusion of the hearing.

Councilman Walker noted his absence from the October 28 City Council meeting, and stated that he also had reviewed the video tape and read all the pertinent material.

MOTION; Councilman Lee moved to reopen the public hearing to receive and allow public comment on supplemental information on the Price-Costco development. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material available of this item.

Senior Principal Planner Gibson presented the staff report on the supplemental material related to the modification of the plan addressing concerns raised by Council members with regard to the exterior appearance and the relocation of the building on the site. Transportation Planner Buchman provided information as to how potential spillover traffic in nearby residential neighborhoods will be monitored and traffic calming strategies developed to deal with any future problems. Ms. Buchman proposed that City staff work with Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association (SETHA) to identify traffic problems in the area.

Mr. Randy Berler, 2350 W. 238th Street, stated that SETHA is not currently active; that there is a significant potential for traffic intrusion as far north as Sepulveda Blvd., encouraging cut-through traffic on nearby residential streets; that concerns shouldn't be limited to the area south of 235th Street; and that any mitigation measures adopted will inconvenience residents and should be carefully considered to avoid merely shifting traffic from one street to another, provoking dissension among neighbors. He submitted petitions in opposition to the development.

Mayor Hardison disputed Mr. Berler's statement that SETHA is no longer active, noting that she is a founding member, and commented that she had received a copy of a flyer distributed by Mr. Berler and found it to be very misleading with regard to the number of vehicles projected to impact the neighborhood as a result of this development. Mr. Berler contended that the flyer was accurate and not misleading, and that it was not a factor in obtaining signatures for the petition.

Mr. Michael St. Vincent, 2031 237th Street, submitted copies of the same petition opposing the project, noting that he also prepared a flyer with information about tonight's public hearing; expressed concerns about already heavy traffic and accidents in his neighborhood; and requested that a baseline be established so that any increases in traffic, along with the efficacy of mitigation measures, can be readily determined.

Mayor Hardison noted that many signatures on Mr. St. Vincent's petition appear to be non-residents, and Mr. St. Vincent conceded that some of them were gathered in front of Sam's Club and others were nearby merchants, who may not live in the area.

Responding to Council members' concerns expressed at the last meeting, Mr. Jack Frank, Costco Wholesale, elaborated on the proposed modifications to the plan, the substitution of Mediterranean clay tiles for the metal roof and the shifting of the driveway, and indicated that the building could be relocated 20 feet to the north if the Council determines that an increased setback from Skypark is desirable.

Councilwoman O'Donnell stated that she was very pleased with the addition of the clay tile and the relocation of the driveway, but had no strong opinion on the shifting of the building 20 feet to the north.

Councilman Walker voiced support for the Price-Costco project, pointing out that the City is in the enviable position of being able to enjoy the sizable economic benefits of this project without having to offer concessions or subsidies, as other local cities have done to attract businesses of this caliber. Referring to the traffic concerns, he noted that in his experience as a Councilman dire predictions seldom materialize, and expressed confidence that impact on neighborhood traffic would be minimal. He stated that although he preferred a location fronting on Lomita Boulevard, he was ready to move forward with this development.

In response to Councilman Nakano, Mr. Frank advised that Costco Wholesale has no affiliation with Cosco Shipping in Long Beach. Councilman Nakano indicated that of the several sites Costco had considered in the past, this site seems to have the least impact as far as traffic is concerned.

Ms. Pauline McBroom, 2450 W. 237th Place, spoke of the difficulty her parents have getting out of their driveway on Lomita Boulevard and expressed her belief that there is no way of mitigating the increased traffic this project will generate.

Ms. Kathy Boedeker, 2427 W. 237th Street, stated that she is so distressed about traffic on her street that she has considered moving; voiced her concerns about the safety of the many children who live in the her neighborhood; thanked Transportation Planner Buchman for taking the time to discuss this issue with her; and requested clarification of the number of cars expected to travel on a residential street in a 24-hour period.

A resident at 215 Paseo de Gracia, name inaudible, voiced support for the project, noting that he currently has to travel to Signal Hill to shop at Price-Costco.

In response to Mayor Hardison, Transportation Planner Buchman explained that at the present time the intersection of Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvds. is functioning very well, with no delay congestion, and operational improvements (i.e. signal phasing) could be implemented if future traffic conditions warrant such action. Ms. Buchman advised that the traffic on surrounding streets, based on existing traffic counts, is typical for residential areas, although the traffic count on 237th Street is still pending.

Mayor Hardison voiced her concern regarding ingress and egress to Lomita Boulevard, and Ms. Buchman stated that ways of limiting both ingress and egress to right turns only are being discussed. Mr. Frank expressed his willingness to do whatever the City requires to mitigate traffic impact on Lomita Boulevard.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to open the public hearing to general comments on this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

Mr. Randy Berler submitted a copy of his flyer for the record and reiterated his belief in its accuracy; suggested that the City's sales tax revenue from this project will come at the expense of other local businesses, resulting in a much lower net gain than projected; and stated that an industrial development is much more appropriate for this property since it would not cause the traffic problems associated with a retail establishment.

Mr. Dutch Hollander, 20318 Gramercy Place, stated his opinion that the City is lucky to get Price-Costco and described the proposed store as “progress.”

Ms. Liz Cain, 3342 West Artesia Boulevard, spoke in support of the project, citing the convenience of having a Price-Costco closer to her home.

Mr. Lee, 2433 West 237th Street, stated that growth is good for the City, but increased traffic is always a problem and should be addressed.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

Councilman Walker stated that this project will be good for the community; that the City will make all the necessary changes to protect the people who live in the surrounding area so it will have minimal impact; and the City will benefit from the sales tax revenues for many years to come. He noted he was in favor of relocating the building 20 feet to the north because of the additional parking that would provide.

Councilwoman O’Donnell stated that she had indicated at last week’s meeting that she would be receptive to public input from the residents immediately adjacent to the proposed project, and the responses she receive favored the project by a 3-to-1 margin. She further stated that the opponents to the project had failed to present an adequate case against the project, and that she would be voting to approve it.

Noting that she lives in the area and is aware of the traffic problems, Mayor Hardison stated that she is committed to meet with Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association and residents in the area to listen to their concerns and bring them to the attention of City staff so that they can be dealt with, so that the City can enjoy the benefits of having a Price-Costco in Torrance without placing an undue burden on nearby residents.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve the project as amended to include architectural changes, realignment of the driveway, and relocation of the building 20 feet to the north. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

RESOLUTION NO. 97-146

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
MAKING CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS AND ADOPTING
A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OF A PRICE-COSTCO
BULK RETAIL FACILITY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF
SKYPARK DRIVE WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IN THE
CITY OF TORRANCE.**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-146. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

RESOLUTION NO. 97-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN, AS ADOPTED 29, 1971, BY RESOLUTION 74-194, AND THEREAFTER AMENDED, TO REVISE THE DESIGNATION OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 13.8 ACRES LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SKYPARK DRIVE, APPROXIMATELY 1500' WEST OF CRENSHAW FROM THAT OF LIGHT MANUFACTURING TO RETAIL COMMERCIAL.

GPA95-0001: PRICE-COSTCO

City Attorney Fellows noted a scrivener's error in the title of Resolution No. 97-147 (...as adopted 29, 1971... should read ...as adopted August 29, 1974 ...).

- **MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-147. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

ORDINANCE NO. 3441

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SKYPARK DRIVE APPROXIMATELY 1,500 FEET WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) TO PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT).

ZON95-0001: PRICE-COSTCO

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3441. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

RESOLUTION NO. 97-148

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A 148,000 SQUARE-FOOT GROCERY AND BULK MERCHANDISE FACILITY ON VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SKYPARK DRIVE APPROXIMATELY 1,500 FEET WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

PD95-0001: PRICE-COSTCO

City Attorney Fellows recommended that the following addition be made to the text of the "Introduction" of Exhibit B of Resolution Nos. 97-148 and 97-149:

The existing fair share cost allocation, with respect to the roadway widening of Lomita Boulevard between Crenshaw and Pennsylvania, is withdrawn, and staff is directed to redetermine the appropriate fair share cost allocation as between the City of Torrance and Price-Costco.

City Attorney Fellows advised that the staff has no intention of increasing the City of Torrance's fair share allocation, and if there is a redetermination, it would be in the direction of increasing Price-Costco's fair share, as has been discussed with the applicant.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-148 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

RESOLUTION NO. 97-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A 148,000 SQUARE-FOOT GROCERY AND BULK MERCHANDISE FACILITY ON VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SKYPARK DRIVE APPROXIMATELY 1,500 FEET WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

CUP94-0028: PRICE-COSTCO

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-149 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

RESOLUTION NO. 97-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DIVISION OF LOT TO ALLOW A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN TWO EXISTING PARCELS ON VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SKYPARK DRIVE APPROXIMATELY 1,500 FEET WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

DIV95-0005: PRICE-COSTCO

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-150. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

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The Council recessed from 7:10 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the polls would be open until 8:00 p.m. and presented information on ballot result locations.

City Clerk Herbers also invited the public to view the work of artist Stan Sinnett currently on display in the City Clerk's office as part of the Art on View program featuring artists of the Torrance Artist Guild.

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6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION RE "VETERANS DAY WEEKEND"**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the weekend of November 7 through November 11, 1997 as "Veterans Day Weekend" in the City of Torrance to Larry Fritzen of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Fritzen announced that veterans will be offering "buddy poppies" in front of local markets with proceeds benefiting disabled veterans and their families, and noted that students from Torrance and West Highs are participating in the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" contest that will award a \$20,000 scholarship to the winner.

6b. **PROCLAMATION RE "KEY CLUB WEEK"**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of November 2 through November 8, 1997 as "Key Club Week" in the City of Torrance to Ryan Skophammer, North High School Key Club President, and Alda Ly, West High School Key Club President.

6c. **PROCLAMATION RE "AMERICA RECYCLES DAY"**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring November 15, 1997 as "American Recycles Day" in the City of Torrance to Ms. Allison Sherman, Waste Management Coordinator, City of Torrance. Ms. Sherman announced that there is a display in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library showing various products made from recycled materials and invited residents to participate in the first "America Recycles Day" contest.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 14, 1997**

Withdrawn.

7b. **ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY GIFT**

Recommendation

The City Librarian recommends that the City Council accept and appropriate \$60,000 from the Friends of the Torrance Library to be use for purchase of microcomputers for the public at Katy Geissert Civic Center Library.

7c. **TRANSIT SYSTEM SOFTWARE CONTRACT**

Recommendation

The Fleet Services Director recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk attest to the attached agreement with International Road Dynamics, Inc. to provide software to automate the bidding, dispatching and timekeeping for the Torrance Transit System bus operators for the anticipated cost of \$57,310 (plus 10% contingency allowance).

7d. **APPROPRIATION RE ENTRADERO RETENTION BASIN**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council appropriate \$80,000 from the Corrugated Metal Pipe Replacement Project for repairs to portions of the slope at the Entradero Retention Basin.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar, excluding Item No. 7a (withdrawn). The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

Councilwoman O'Donnell called attention to the Friends of the Torrance Library's generous donation for the purchase of microchip computers (7b), and Mayor Hardison thanked them for their fundraising efforts and the services they provide at the libraries.

8. **LIBRARY & PARKS AND RECREATION**

8a. **APPROVAL OF WILSON PARK BUILDING CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that City Council approve the conceptual design for the gymnasium, multi-purpose space, patio/plaza area and related landscaping at Charles H. Wilson Park; and authorize the architect to proceed with the development of the construction documents in preparation for putting the project out to bid.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett presented the staff report (per written material of record); asked the Council for their input as to whether or not a kitchen facility and/or any other amenities should be included in the plans; and introduced John Bates, John Bates and Associates, Inc., the architect for the project.

In response to Councilman Lee's question regarding the location of the Farmers Market Office, Mr. Bates explained that the offices are consolidated in one area for purposes of security and various other reasons.

Mr. Barnett advised that staff was not recommending that a kitchen be included, but only offering that as an option.

Mayor Hardison related her opinion that there are sufficient places in the City with kitchen facilities available, and concurred with the staff's recommendation. Councilman Lee agreed and noted that a kitchen could be an expensive addition to the

building's cost. Councilman Nakano stated that he would not recommend adding a kitchen facility, and that having a kitchen in a gymnasium is inconsistent with its use.

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

12. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

12a. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY II**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that City Council appoint Elizabeth A. Turner to the position of Deputy City Attorney II.

Councilman Lee left Council Chambers at 7:52 p.m.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian and Councilman Lee).

Councilman Lee returned to Council Chambers at 7:54 p.m.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **PURCHASE OF PROPERTY - PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND HAWTHORNE**

Recommendation

The City Manager and Land Management Team that City Council:

- (1) approve the agreement of purchase and sale and escrow instructions for the acquisition of the southeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne. The address of this property is 3744 Pacific Coast Highway.
- (2) authorize an appropriation of \$239,000 from the State Gasoline Tax to cover the overall cost of acquisition.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

13b. **NEW FINANCIAL SYSTEM**

Recommendation

The Finance and Governmental Operations Committee recommends that City Council approve a contract with PeopleSoft, Inc. and Business Information Technology, Inc. (BIT) for the purchase and implementation of financial software not-to-exceed \$1,625,000 and appropriate \$1,625,000 from fiscal year 1996-97 carryover.

Councilman Lee advised that this new financial system will solve a multitude of problems, including the widely publicized Year 2000 compliant problem. Councilwoman Cribbs cautioned staff to make sure the system works before paying for it.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the committee recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

13c. **TEMPORARY LEASE OF COLUMBIA PARK PARKING LOT**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council authorize the execution of a lease agreement with CUC Software for the temporary use of a portion of the western-most Columbia Park parking lot located on 190th Street to stage deliveries to their 190th Street facility.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine presented the staff report (per written material of record).

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

13d. **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION LEGAL COUNSEL**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that City Council approve an encumbrance of funds in the amount of \$45,000 from General Support Legal Services to fund a new contract with the law firm of Richards, Watson & Gershon to provide general legal advice to the Civil Service Commission.

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

14. **HEARINGS**

14a. **MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - 3960 ARTESIA BLVD.**

Withdrawn, see page 1.

14b. **PRICE-COSTCO DEVELOPMENT**

Heard out of order, see pages 2-8.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

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At 8:02 p.m. the City Council met as the Torrance Redevelopment Agency. The Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. and the regular Council agenda was resumed.

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19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. Mayor Hardison noted the passing of Torrance Police Officer Vern Michael Alexander and asked that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

19b. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that the Torrance Rose Float Association is holding a volunteer orientation on Thursday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The public will be able to sign up to work on the City of Torrance float at the meeting.

19c. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced a Dry Work Day for the Torrance Rose Float Association on Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Plunge.

19d. Councilwoman O'Donnell invited the public to attend the Torrance Rose Float Association's "Queen's Reception" on Saturday, November 22 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center. For fee information call 618-2930.

19e. Mayor Hardison thanked all staff for their efforts in bringing the Price-Costco project forward.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:08 p.m., pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(b) and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a closed session to confer on matters listed on the meeting agenda.

Councilman Lee left City Hall at 8:35 p.m.

The Council returned to Chambers at 8:55 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter heard in closed session.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

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At 8:55 p.m. Council adjourned to Tuesday, November 18, 1997, 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

***** Adjourned in Memory of Police Officer Vern Michael Alexander *****