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Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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DONNA M. BABB, CITY CLERK

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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, October 15, 1985, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Assistant to the City Manager Albert Ng led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Tom Rothhaar, Walteria Methodist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt the City Council minutes of September 17, and September 24, 1985, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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5. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Applegate MOVED that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. EMPLOYEE 25-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS:

Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of his colleagues on the Council and the citizens of Torrance, presented watches commemorating 25 years of City employment to the following.

James Kennedy, Fire Engineer
Albert Ng, Assistant to the City Manager.

8b. PRESENTATION TO 1985 MISS TORRANCE:

Held.

8c. COMMENDATION TO SOUTH BAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-287

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE SOUTH BAY JEWISH
COMMUNITY CENTER UPON BEING OFFICIALLY
RECOGNIZED AS A COMMUNITY CENTER

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-287. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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- 8d. PROCLAMATION proclaiming October 15, 1985, as "White Cane Safety Day."
- 8e. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the month of October, 1985, as "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Month."
- 8f. PROCLAMATION proclaiming October 20, 1985, as "National Catholic Daughters Day."
- 8g. PROCLAMATION proclaiming October 20 through 26, 1985, as "National Lupus Week."
- 8h. PROCLAMATION proclaiming October 13 through 20, 1985, as "Higher Education Week."
- 8i. PROCLAMATION proclaiming October 16, 1985, as "Quality Day."
- 8j. PROCLAMATION proclaiming October 20 through 26, 1985, as "California Safe School Week."

Agenda Items 8d through 8j SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

- 9a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish budgeted 1986 annual requirements of periodical subscriptions for the Torrance Library system
REF. Bid No. B85-50
ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE: \$32,019.51

RECOMMENDATION:

Both the Library and the Purchasing staff have mutually determined that the EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION service is the low responsible bidder for this bid.

Therefore, inasmuch as the EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES of Los Angeles has been determined to be the low responsible bidder for this requirement, it is staff's recommendation that Council award a contract to them for the required library periodicals for the calendar year 1986, in the total amount of \$32,019.51.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Taken out of order at this time --
17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following statement was read into the record by Mayor Armstrong.

The City Council will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following:

1. Pending litigation entitled: City of Torrance v. Torrance Unified School District, Case No. C561662, Los Angeles Superior Court. This closed session is being held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
2. Possible litigation concerning the Park Del Amo Project and the deed to the Madrona Marsh. This closed session is being held pursuant to Section 54956.9(c).
3. Possible litigation concerning the City and Group W and the structure of the public access foundation and the allocation of monies therefor. This closed session is held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8.

(NOTE: Councilman Applegate announced that he would abstain from any discussion of the Park Del Amo/Madrona Marsh issue, however, that matter was not considered until the Executive Session held later in the meeting - see Page 10).

At 5:50 p.m., the Council recessed to Executive Session, returning at 6:58 p.m., to take the following action.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the City Manager be authorized to submit a letter of proposed settlement as offered by the City Attorney to the School District on October 16, 1985. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Action as a result of the Executive Session concerning --
17d. RECOMMENDATION RE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS THE CABLE TELEVISION FOUNDATION:

City Manager Jackson requested the Council to direct staff to prepare an agenda item to return to the City Council at a later date with the foundation as established within the Documents of Franchise for Group W.

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Councilwoman Geissert SO MOVED. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The Council now considered --

17c. SALE OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY/FINANCE DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body adopt the attached RESOLUTION approving the various documents and approving the sale of Certificates of Participation.

Messrs. Masood Sohaili of O'Melveney & Myers, and John Fitzgerald of Merrill Lynch Capital Markets, were present to provide clarification as desired by the Council.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-288

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE GROUND LEASE, LEASE AGREEMENT, ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT, TRUST AGREEMENT, PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AND APPROVING THE PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION WITH RESPECT TO THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000,000 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CITY OF TORRANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS), AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT THEREFOR AND STATING IT WILL ACCEPT TITLE TO FACILITIES FINANCED THEREBY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-288. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate (for previously stated reasons of record, pertaining to the Theater Arts Complex).

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The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

Considered together --

10a. TRACT NO. 43319

SUBDIVIDER: TORRANCE INVESTMENT CO.
 LOCATION: SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MAPLE AVENUE
 AND MONTEREY STREET
 NO. OF LOTS: 7

10b. TRACT NO. 43326

SUBDIVIDER: TORRANCE INVESTMENT CO.
 LOCATION: MADRONA AVENUE TO MAPLE AVENUE BETWEEN
 MONTEREY STREET AND SEPULVED BOULEVARD
 NO. OF LOTS: 9

Councilman Applegate announced that he will abstain in consideration of Items 10a and 10b.

At the request of the Mayor, City Clerk Babb read title to the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-289

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
 OF TORRANCE APPROVING A 12 MONTH TIME EXTENSION
 TO A SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT FOR TRACT 43319 BETWEEN
 THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND TORRANCE INVESTMENT CO.

At this time, City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that Agenda Items 10a and 10b be held to the end of the meeting (following the second Executive Session). There were no objections, and it was so ordered. See Page 11.

10c. GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON:

At Mayor Armstrong's request, City Clerk Babb read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 85-290

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND
 CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN
 EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
 COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL
 SYSTEMS AND APPURTENANCES

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-290. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION #6:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-291

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A CONTRACT WITH LEONARD V. BOUAS FOR \$1,028,844 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TORRANCE FIRE STATION #6

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-291. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. RECONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF THE YMCA DEED OF TRUST:

Councilman Applegate announced that, as Chairman of the Board of Managers for the YMCA, he would abstain in consideration of this matter.

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-292

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR PARTIAL RECONVEYANCE BY THE YMCA, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THE REQUEST FOR PARTIAL RECONVEYANCE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-292. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Geissert, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None.
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Applegate.

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17b. INCREASE OF FIRE PERSONNEL:RECOMMENDATION (ORIGINAL):

The City Manager and Fire Chief recommend that the City Council appropriate \$600,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies and authorize 12 new Firefighter positions.

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

(Subsequent to receipt of an update regarding SB 1570, per information from the National Public Employer Labor Relations Association, the following was offered by the City Manager).

If the Bill passes, the City Manager would still recommend the hiring of 12 firefighters except defer the hire date to April 15, 1986.

Even if Council concurs with the hiring of personnel, the earliest start date would be January, 1986.

Speaking for the Torrance Firefighters Association, their Vice-President, Rick Bongard, spoke in favor of the hiring of 6 firefighters (per Option IV of staff material), deeming this approach the most beneficial to the City.

The pros and cons of the various options were debated, with clarification in support of the City Manager's recommendation provided by Assistant to City Manager Rojas.

The following motion was offered, and ultimately carried.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with Option IV, the hiring of 6 firefighters, with the appropriation of the necessary funds. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate to concur with the City Manager's recommendation (as above stated). This motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Roll call vote on Councilman Walker's motion was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Armstrong commended Fire Department personnel and the City Manager's staff for the extensive effort put forth on this item.

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17c. SALE OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION:

Considered earlier - see Page 5.

17d. CABLE TELEVISION FOUNDATION:

Discussed during Executive Session - see Pages 4 and 5, for action.

17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 4 and 10.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3151:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

ORDINANCE NO. 3151

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE WAGES, HOURS, AND
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEYS

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3151 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

At this time, City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that this matter be held until after the Executive Session (see Page 12).

Councilwoman Geissert thereupon WITHDREW HER MOTION; Councilman Nakano, his second.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - TRACT 41658

SUBDIVIDER: Batta Vuicich (Prime Construction, Inc.)

LOCATION: 4512-4542 182nd Street

NO. OF LOTS: 1 (14 unit condominium)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the subject bonds be released.

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- 20b. WATER MAIN IN MADRONA AVENUE Between Torrance Boulevard and Civic Center Drive and at Spencer Street (B85-27) - NOTICE OF COMPLETION

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT for the Lease Purchase of Eight (8) Replacement Xerox #1025RE Coin-Operated Copy Machines for Public Use in City Libraries.
EXPENDITURE: \$22,194.96 with total estimated annual revenues of \$22,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR/CITY LIBRARIAN:

It is staff's combined recommendation that Council authorize the purchase of eight (8) Xerox #1025RE coin-operated copy machines for the City's Library System utilizing Xerox Corporation, standard Xerox 'KEEP' lease-purchase financing plan to pay for the copiers payable in 60 monthly installments at an interest rate of 11.5% annually with the understanding that after the first year, the program will be self sustaining.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, and 20c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 7:24 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, followed immediately by a Joint Executive Session.

Prior to the Executive Session, Mayor/Chairman Armstrong read the following statement into the record.

The City Council will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following:

1. Possible litigation concerning the Park Del Amo Project and the deed to the Madrona Marsh. This closed session is being held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c).

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The City Council acting as the Redevelopment Agency, will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with and receiving advice from the Redevelopment Agency's counsel concerning the following:

1. Pending litigation concerning eminent domain proceedings of 25 acres of land situated north of Torrance Boulevard and east of Van Ness Avenue. (Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs. M & W Properties, et al, Superior Court Case Number C544900. Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs. Donna Leasing, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C544901. Torrance Redevelopment Agency vs. Donald Cucci, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C544917.)

The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

The City Council will also recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager regarding salaries, salary schedules and compensation of certain employee groups. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54957.6.

NOTE: Councilman Applegate abstained in consideration of the Park Del Amo/Madrona Marsh matter.

At 7:55 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to a Joint Executive Session, returning at 8:27 p.m. Following Agency-related action (as reflected in Redevelopment Agency minutes of October 15, 1985), the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Council action was then taken as follows.

- 10a. TRACT NO. 43319:
10b. TRACT NO. 43326:

City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that Agenda Items 10a, and 10b be held for two weeks, to be returned October 29, 1985.

Councilwoman Geissert SO MOVED. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Geissert, Mock Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Walker.
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Applegate.

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18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3151:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to hold the second reading of Ordinance No. 3151 (Agenda Item 18a) to the City Council meeting of October 22, 1985. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

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The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Considered earlier - see Pages 9 and 10.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson noted the City's interest in the development of the CAL ID Program (computer automated fingerprint identification system), and requested that the City Council recommend to the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors the appointment of Supervisor Dana to serve on the committee regarding funding of this program.

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and Council concurrence was unanimous.

22b. Ms. Sharon Jones, 1220 Elm Avenue, submitted a petition in support of the City's acquisition of the Greenwood School site for open space purposes.

23. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 p.m., the meeting of the City Council was adjourned to October 22, 1985, 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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