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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, December 17, 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,  
Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Ms. Johanna Connell led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Tracy Sturm, Seaside Community Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of November 26, 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

City Manager Jackson announced the following agenda changes:

Item 10a. (Rejection of Five Orion Buses) - withdrawn.

Item 17e. (Cable TV Public Access Facility Interim Policy)  
- continued.

Mr. Owen Petersen, 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, approached the podium regarding the following:

Item 16a. (Appeal of CUP 85-48) - Mr. Petersen requested continuance of this matter until after January 26, 1986, per his correspondence of record dated November 22, 1985.

Mr. Charles Shartle, present to represent the proponent, indicated acceptance of this request. (See Page 18, for formal action regarding the postponement).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with sadness, the passing of: Mr. Miles Gibbons, Ms. Sandra Schultz, and Mr. Kenneth Watts, and requested that this meeting be adjourned in their memories.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. COMMENDATION OF McDONNELL DOUGLAS CORPORATION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-344

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE McDONNELL DOUGLAS CORPORATION FOR ITS LEADERSHIP IN THE MODERN AEROSPACE INDUSTRY AND ITS DOUGLAS DC-3 ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-344. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8b. PROCLAMATION proclaiming December 9 through 15, 1985, as "Bill of Rights Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Armstrong.

8c. APPOINTMENTS TO PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL (PIC):RECOMMENDATION OF POLICY BOARD:

It is recommended that Council appoint the members of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance PIC as listed on Attachment A (of agenda packet material.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Policy Board. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. RELOCATION OF TORRANCE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE AND FENCING OF EDISON PROPERTY:RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION:

The Parks and Recreation Director is recommending that the City Council appropriate \$32,000 from the Park and

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Recreation Facilities Fund to cover the costs for the relocation of Torrance National Little League from their Plaza Del Amo/223rd Street site to the 235th Street Edison Sub-station site; and to provide a chain link fence around the perimeter of the Edison property.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

Preliminary discussions with Torrance National Little League have indicated that the League may be amenable to allowing certain public uses on these fields during non-peak times. Your Honorable Body may wish to require such an agreement in light of the expenditure of public funds.

As a "year-to-year" lease with Edison currently exists, the City is attempting to incorporate appropriate language for the recouping of site improvement costs.

Councilwoman Geissert requested assurance that reimbursement will be made from Redevelopment Funds to the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund, and offered the following motion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Director of Parks and Recreation (including the City Manager's NOTE), with the provision that reimbursement be made from Redevelopment Funds to the Park and Recreation Funds.

Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. REJECTION OF ORION BUSES:

Agenda Item 10a, was WITHDRAWN, without objection.

10b. SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE:

Staff presentation, with the aid of transparencies, was provided by City Traffic Engineer Collins, with changes in posted speed limits proposed as follows:

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	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
<u>CALLE MAYOR</u>			
Palos Verdes Blvd. to PCH	25	30	+5
Pacific Coast Hwy. to Anza Ave.	35	40	+5
<u>DEL AMO BOULEVARD</u>			
Madrona to Maple Ave.	35	40	+5
<u>LOMITA BOULEVARD</u>			
Anza Ave. to Hawthorne Blvd.	35	40	+5
Hawthorne Blvd. to Early St.	45	40	-5
Early St. to Crenshaw Blvd.	45	45	-0-
<u>PLAZA DEL AMO</u>			
Arlington to Abalone Ave.	25	35	+10
<u>SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD</u>			
West City limit to Crenshaw Blvd.	40	35	-5
Crenshaw Blvd. to Western Ave.	40	40	-0-
<u>TORRANCE BOULEVARD</u>			
West City limit to Hickory St.	35	35	-0-
Hickory St. to Western Ave.	30	35	+5
<u>VAN NESS AVENUE</u>			
Redondo Beach Blvd. to 190th St.	35	40	+5
190th Street to Del Amo Blvd.	45	40	-5
Del Amo Blvd. to Dominguez St.	35	40	+5
Dominguez St. to Torrance Blvd.	25	40	+15
<u>WESTERN AVENUE</u>			
South City limits to Torrance Blvd.	35	40	+5
Torrance Blvd. to Artesia Blvd.	40	40	-0-
<u>190TH STREET</u>			
West City limit to Inglewood Ave.	35	35	-0-
Inglewood to Prairie Ave.	40	40	-0-
Prairie to Western Ave.	45	40	-5
<u>223RD STREET</u>			
Abalone to Western Ave.	25	35	+10

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Commission and the Police and Transportation Departments recommend that the City Council adopt the attached Ordinance setting speed limits that may be enforced by radar on Calle Mayor, Del Amo Boulevard, Lomita Boulevard, Plaza Del Amo, Sepulveda Boulevard, Torrance Boulevard, Van Ness Avenue, Western Avenue, 190th Street, and 223rd Street.

Audience comments were invited by Mayor Armstrong, and were offered as follows:

PLAZA DEL AMO:

Ms. Johanna Connell, 1956 Plaza Del Amo -- Opposed a speed limit increase because of the excessive volume of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. As an alternative to denial at this time of the proposed speed limit increase, Ms. Connell suggested that the Council postpone action and direct staff to conduct a new survey during the months of January and February (while school is in session).

City Traffic Engineer Collins affirmed, in response to an inquiry from Councilman Mock, that the traffic study represented in the material, of record, was accomplished during the month of July, 1985.

Ms. Karen McGough, 2424 Santa Cruz Court, representing Torrance Elementary School, opposed an increase in posted speeds, pointing out that this is a residential neighborhood with three schools and two parks in close proximity. It was the request of this speaker that the traffic study be redone, preferably during peak school hours.

Ms. Sue Herbers, 2264 West 230th Street, speaking as Chairman of the Combined PTA Committees for Central Area Schools, pointed out the existing excessive speeds traveled in this area and requested another study -- reconsideration of the proposal was urged.

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SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD:

The matter of consistency in posted speed limits on Sepulveda Boulevard (as well as on Lomita Boulevard) was discussed by Councilman Applegate, and acknowledged by Director of Transportation Horkay as an excellent point and one worthy of reconsideration.

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Ms. Shirley Fowler, owner of business property at 2630 Sepulveda Boulevard, opposed any reduction in traffic speed in this area, noting her opinion that such action would increase congestion.

Responding to Ms. Fowler's comments, Councilman Applegate pointed out the underlying problem on Sepulveda Boulevard of the difficulty in exiting from driveways onto this heavily traveled Boulevard -- a reduction of 5 MPH would be a substantial improvement, per Mr. Applegate.

Ms. Pam O'Brien, 5005 Sepulveda Boulevard, favored the proposed reduction from 40 MPH to 35 MPH, stating that she lives on the side of Sepulveda without a service road, and acknowledging the difficulty in exiting her driveway.

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LOMITA BOULEVARD:

Ms. Gail Bedinger, 4011 West 232nd Street, advised (as did various other speakers during consideration of this agenda item) that effective notification was not accomplished or was received too late for attendance at the Traffic Commission hearing on the proposed speed limit modifications. Ms. Bedinger then affirmed the statements in her correspondence, of record, opposing an increase in allowable speeds from 35 MPH to 40 MPH between Anza Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard because of the many Arnold Elementary School and Calle Mayor Middle School children required to cross Lomita Boulevard.

Mayor Armstrong directed staff to pursue the matter of the notification procedure in such instances.

Ms. Caren Brownlie, 22926 Kent Avenue, Safety Chairman of the Arnold Elementary PTA, strongly opposed any speed limit increase on Lomita Boulevard (correspondence of record) noting her opinion that it would not be reasonable or safe to do so. Advising that she also represents Seaside Elementary School, this speaker read aloud correspondence (of record) from Debra Thornburg, Seaside Safety Chairperson, urging denial of a speed limit increase.

Ms. Sandy Patton, 22923 Marjorie Avenue, noted that her back yard faces Lomita Boulevard, and strongly objected to the proposed increase for safety reasons, as well as the increase in noise levels which would be represented thereby.

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Ms. Connie Lowe, 4335 West 230th Street (backs up to Lomita Boulevard) advised of two injury accidents in the subject area and urged that the safety of the children be given paramount consideration. Denial of the proposed speed limit increase was requested.

Mrs. Jerry Moreau, 23221 Grant Avenue, speaking as Torrance Council PTA Safety Chairman, noted her dismay at the proposed speed limit increase on Calle Mayor, as well as on Lomita Boulevard. This speaker also read aloud a letter signed by Ms. Karns Rounds, Torrance Council PTA Safety Chairman, urging denial of an increase in allowable speeds.

Mr. Dave Cupper, 22602 Kathryn, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Seaside Homeowners Association, requested that this matter be deferred to allow his Homeowners Association to meet on the subject.

Mrs. Jackie Decker, President of Seaside Homeowners Association, 23102 Carlow Road, voiced serious concerns regarding the proposed increase.

Ms. Wendy Addinger, 4328 West 230th Street, noted her opinion that the current speed limit (at the "safe school crossing") of 35 MPH is already excessive -- to consider increasing the speed limit at that location would seem contradictory. Ms. Addinger advised that the school crossing is not clearly marked or easily noticed by motorists.

Mr. Jim Fraso, 23007 Kent, President of Southwood Riviera Homeowners and speaking for that group, opposed any increase in allowable speeds on Lomita Boulevard, and further urged that the speed limits on Lomita between Hawthorne and Anza be lowered to 30 MPH (correspondence of official record).

Mr. John Badar, 4701 Bindewald Road, Board Member of Seaside Homeowners Association, speaking for himself, noted that the inconsistency in speed limits is of concern to him and recommended Police presence as a possible deterrent to excessive speeding.

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VAN NESS AVENUE:

Mrs. Joyce Faguchi, 17316 Van Ness Avenue, advised that Van Ness between Redondo Beach Boulevard and 190th Street is strictly a residential area, and described serious traffic concerns with

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children unable to safely cross to the schools in the area. Opposition to an increase in speed limits was voiced by this speaker.

A resident of 2201 169th Place (name unintelligible) described the difficulty in making a left turn at Van Ness and 169th Street during heavy traffic hours, and indicated opposition to an increase in posted speed limits.

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There being no further audience comments at this time, Council discussion ensued.

Councilman Walker suggested that this item be returned to the Traffic Engineer for further study, taking into consideration the proximity of school sites and the need for a survey during school operating hours.

Councilwoman Geissert commented on the following areas of controversy:

Calle Mayor from Pacific Coast Highway to Anza: She would favor retaining the 35 MPH speed limit, the primary reason being the 25 MPH posted speed limit at Calle Mayor School with no warning -- it would not seem rational to suggest raising the speed limit to 40 MPH and, without warning, in front of a school, to require deceleration to 25 MPH.

Lomita Boulevard between Anza and Hawthorne Boulevard: It was Mrs. Geissert's contention that to increase the speed limit to 40 MPH would be edging the legal speed up to a critical speed. The fact that homes basically back up to the street in this area tends to encourage motorists to increase their speed, per Councilwoman Geissert, and she would recommend installation of some type of forewarning at the school crossing.

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Council discussion continued. Councilman Applegate requested that Van Ness from Dominguez to Torrance Boulevard be included for further study; also Del Amo Boulevard between Madrona and Maple (recommended for an increase to 40 MPH, with a 20 MPH curve within that area).

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The following motion was then offered.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of staff and the Traffic Commission in the following instances (see Page 5 of these minutes):

Torrance Boulevard (two areas)  
Western Avenue (two areas)  
190th Street (three areas)  
223rd Street (one area).

His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote, a member of the audience who did not identify himself, indicated concern that citizens in the above specified areas may have failed to receive notice regarding the proposed changes. It was pointed out by Councilman Walker that the areas covered in his motion have either no change recommended or only a minor change.

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to hold for re-evaluation and further study and resubmittal all recommendations other than the four covered in the Council's above action - further, as part of the resubmittal, suggestions be brought forward to the Council on several of the school areas that have been mentioned in testimony and Council comments this evening; specifically the safety of the crosswalk on Lomita Boulevard, and the need to forewarn motorists of the reduction in speed at the Calle Mayor School, as well as any other pertinent safety suggestions relating to school zones.

This motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was directed by Mayor Armstrong that all affected areas, homeowner associations, schools, PTA's, etc. be appropriately notified.

10c. ANZA AVENUE FROM 190TH STREET TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND FROM SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD TO CALLE MAYOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-346

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON ANZA AVE. FROM 190TH STREET TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND FROM SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD TO CALLE MAYOR

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-346. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-347

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF ANZA AVENUE WITHIN SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-347. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10d. GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY ON THE AIRPORT NURSERY LEASE:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-348

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-348. This motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10e. PAVEMENT REHABILITATION ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AT 182ND STREET AND THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY RAMPS AND AT 190TH STREET (B85-70) - REJECTION OF BIDS:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

- 1) That both bids for this project be rejected, and
- 2) That the Engineering Department be authorized to combine this work (Phase I) with Phase II rather than re-advertise Phase I separately.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Mayor Armstrong requested that staff check into correcting the rough railroad grade crossing on Arlington. The City Engineer will follow through.

10f. TORRANCE INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT AREA - STREET MODIFICATION PROPOSALS:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

It is recommended that:

1. The bulk of the material be received and filed.
2. That \$460,000 in gas tax, as programmed in the Action Plan, be appropriated for the Torrance Boulevard realignment between Cabrillo and Lewellyn (Project #4 in agenda material).
3. That the concept of street modifications adjacent the railroad depot be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10g. ENGINEERING SERVICES ON WALTERIA BOOSTER PUMP PROJECT:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-349

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO AGREEMENT C-2564 EXECUTED ON JANUARY 22, 1985 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JAMES M. MONTGOMERY, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR PROVIDING ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO MODIFICATION OF THE WALTERIA BOOSTER PUMP STATION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-349. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10h. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DESIGN OF DOWNTOWN STREET LIGHTS:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that the contract for Design of the Downtown Street Lighting system be awarded

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to Mohle, Grover & Associates for total amount of \$15,000; that it be appropriated from Street Lighting District #17 funds, and all other proposals be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation, with the indicated appropriation. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. LOCAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE INVENTORY/RELEASE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN PROGRAMS:

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE AND POLICE CHIEFS:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body consider designating the City of Torrance Fire Department as the responsible agency for AB 2185 Program administration within Torrance and establish January 14, 1986 as the date for a public hearing and further discussion on a proposed ordinance which would effect said designation.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. EARTHQUAKE HAZARD REDUCTION ORDINANCE:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY:

1. That the City prepare an ordinance requiring unreinforced masonry buildings to be structurally reinforced to specified minimum seismic standards within three years of notification. That the proposed ordinance be heard at a public hearing with the affected property owners being notified.
2. That the City explore funding means to assist property owners in retrofitting these buildings.
3. That adequate staff and training be funded to accommodate the cost of this program.
4. That an advertised public hearing be set for January 28, 1986 to discuss the above recommendations.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the staff recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. LEAD MECHANIC - NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-350

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AMENDING RESOLUTION 85-209

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-350. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

NOTE: The above motion was later withdrawn.

Mr. Don Smith, 1629 Juniper Avenue, AFSCME Local 1117, requested that Item 14a. be withdrawn and returned to the Civil Service Commission (per correspondence of record).

Following Council discussion, Councilwoman Geissert withdrew her above motion; Councilman Nakano withdrew his second.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that Item 14a. be returned to the Civil Service Commission for input prior to its return to the City Council. This motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14b. MANPOWER CLERK II - REVISED TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION:

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body approve the job title revision for Manpower Clerk II to Senior Employment and Training Clerk and approve the proposed revised job description.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried without objection.

14c. SUPPLEMENTAL MOU FOR TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-350

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 85-189

Assistant to City Manager Keane requested that the subject resolution be modified to indicate an effective date of December 8, 1985.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-350, as modified. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14d. SUPPLEMENTAL MOU FOR TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-351

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (TCEA) AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 85-262

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-351. This motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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At 7:13 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, during which time the following City Council agenda item was considered.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. PROPOSED VACATION OF PORTIONS OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD, CABRILLO AVENUE AND 213TH STREET:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing regarding the vacation of portions of Torrance Boulevard, Cabrillo Avenue, and 213th Street, subject to certain conditions.

Proof of publication was provided by the City Clerk and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That following the public hearing the City Council find that said portions of Torrance Boulevard, Cabrillo Avenue, and 213th Street will not be needed for street purposes after reconstruction of curb, gutter and pavement at the subject intersection.
2. That the City Council approve and adopt the attached Resolution ordering the vacation of said portions of Torrance Boulevard, Cabrillo Avenue, and 213th Street subject to the conditions in said Resolution.
3. That the vacation be resubmitted to the City Council for final determination that all conditions have been fulfilled.

Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience. There being no response, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 85-352

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF  
PORTIONS OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD, CABRILLO  
AVENUE, AND 213TH STREET IN THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-352. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 7:16 p.m., the regular Council agenda order was resumed, the Agency/Council remaining in Joint Session for purposes of an Executive Session to be held later in the meeting (see Pages 24-26).

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15b. FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council to conduct a public hearing and authorize an appropriation of \$770,000 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the acquisition of the Greenwood School site.

Proof of publication was presented by the City Clerk. Councilman Applegate MOVED that it be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Audience input was then invited by the Mayor.

There being no response, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to authorize an appropriation of \$770,000 from Federal Revenue Sharing funds for the acquisition of the Greenwood School site. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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16. APPEALS:16a. CUP 85-48, KING YOU CHAI:

The request related by Mr. Owen Petersen to continue Item 16a. to January 29, 1986, or a time thereafter (see Page 2) was noted by the Council.

The following motion was offered, but later withdrawn.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to continue Agenda Item 16a. to February 4, 1986, a 5:30 p.m. meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote, a brief Council discussion ensued. Councilman Applegate noted his personal concern for the extensive period of time represented by this postponement, and indicated his opinion that such action would not be fair to the proponent. General Council concurrence was indicated, whereupon, Councilman Applegate WITHDREW HIS MOTION; Councilman Wirth withdrew his second.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to continue Agenda Item 16a. to the City Council meeting of January 14, 1986, a 7:00 p.m. meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried without objection.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. RODNEY A. PANTAGES DBA SHASTA PAN OIL COMPANY FRANCHISE:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-353

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO GRANT A FRANCHISE TO RODNEY A. PANTAGES, DBA SHASTA PAN OIL COMPANY, TO BUILD, OPERATE MAINTAIN, REPLACE AND REPAIR A PIPELINE AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-353. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17b. EXTENSION OF 45 DAY MORATORIUM AND CUP REQUEST FOR OFF-SALE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENT:

At Mayor Armstrong's request, City Clerk Babb read title to the following Emergency Ordinances:

Ordinance "A"

ORDINANCE NO. 3157

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR PACKAGE LIQUOR SALE ESTABLISHMENTS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3157, at its first and only reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Ordinance "B"

ORDINANCE NO 3158

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PACKAGE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR THE TERM OF THE EXTENDED MORATORIUM ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 3157, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3158, at its first and only reading. This motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17c. USE OF LIBRARY MEETING ROOM BY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body direct the League of Women Voters to use the Library Meeting Room

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instead of the Council Chambers for their Candidates Forum on Thursday, February 20, 1986.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17d. SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 1754 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the joint recommendation of the City Engineer and the Land Management Team that the City:

- 1) Sell the fee simple of this 12 foot strip of land at 1754 Crenshaw Boulevard to Plasma Technology Employees, a general partnership, subject to their granting the City the westerly 10 feet for a street easement.
- 2) Charge Plasma Technology the agreed price of \$7,000.00 for the remaining easterly 2 feet or 349.88 square feet of land. The agreed price is similar in value to other recent easement acquisitions along Crenshaw Boulevard done by the City.
- 3) Direct the City Attorney to draft the necessary legal document pertaining to this transfer of ownership and dedication of street easement.

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

17e. CABLE TELEVISION: PUBLIC ACCESS CENTER INTERIM OPERATIONS POLICY:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the request (of written record) to continue Agenda Item 17e. to January 14, 1986. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

17f. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 25-27.

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3130:

ORDINANCE NO. 3130

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT  
 3851 - 226TH STREET FROM R-3  
 TO R-5  
 ZC 84-5: THOMAS SAFRAN AND ASSOCIATES

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3130, at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. PARCEL MAP 16296 (D84-12):

SUBDIVIDER: James Karl (Burescia & Gaunt)  
 LOCATION: 24454 Neece Avenue  
 NO. OF LOTS: 3

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the City Council approve Parcel Map No. 16296 and accept the right-of-way dedication thereon.

20b. PARCEL MAP 16974 (D85-8):

SUBDIVIDER: David R. Ball  
 LOCATION: N.W.C. Fonthill Ave. & 226th Street  
 NO. OF LOTS: 2 Lots

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the City Council approve Parcel Map No. 16974 and accept the right-of-way dedication thereon.

20c. GREEN VINYL COATED CHAIN LINK FENCE ON SOUTH MEDIAN ALONG PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY E/O CALLE MAYOR (B85-30) - NOTICE OF COMPLETION:

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RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

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

- 20d. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL AUTHORITY - Re: Disposal of Surplus City Vehicles and Equipment Via Commercial Public Auction:

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES/  
EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

It is recommended that Council authorize the sale of the listed Surplus vehicles and equipment utilizing the services of a commercial vehicle auction outlet, "The Ken Porter Auction Company."

- 20e. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish City's annual requirements for miscellaneous dry cell batteries.  
Reference Bid: B85-73  
Anticipated Expenditure: \$11,179.73 (including tax)

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that Council award an annual contract for furnishing the City's requirements of dry cell batteries to the low bidder, Battery Specialties Company of Long Beach, California, in the total amount of \$11,179.73, including tax.

- 20f. COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SELL THREE (3) ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES UTILIZING FORMAL "SEALED BID" PROCESS:

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council authorize the sale of three (3) administrative vehicles utilizing the Formal Bid Process for "sealed bids" setting a minimum of \$5,000.00 for each vehicle.

- 20g. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of budgeted replacement Motorola Radios utilizing the "Cooperative Purchase" program with Los Angeles County.  
Ref. L.A. County Agreement #45877  
Expenditure: \$43,570.22

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council authorize the purchase of the required budgeted replacement radios utilizing our "Cooperative Purchase" Program with Los Angeles County. The purchase will be direct from the manufacturer and sole outlet of these radios, the Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. of El Segundo, California in the amount of \$43,570.22 including tax.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, 20c, 20d, 20e, 20f, and 20g. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Considered together --

- 20h. AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACT - For City Motor Vehicle Fuel with the Chevron Oil Company  
REF. ORIGINAL BID NO. B82-37  
ANTICIPATED ANNUAL EXPENDITURE: \$828,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council authorize a one-year extension of the City's present fuel contract with the Chevron Oil Company, in the anticipated amount of \$828,000.00 as a "special opportunity" purchase as provided for in the Municipal Code.

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

- 21a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of 1000 ft. of 15" Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Gravity-Flow Sewer Pipe.  
REF: Bid #B85-71  
EXPENDITURE: \$6,666.90.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council award a contract for the purchase of the required 15" PVC sewer pipe to the low bidder, the Aldrich Supply Company of Long Beach, California in the total amount of \$6,666.90 including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20h, and 21a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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21b. See Page 26.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson introduced the City's new Capital Projects Management Programs Administrator, Mr. Phil Tilden. A warm welcome was extended to Mr. Tilden by the Council.

22b. City Manager Jackson announced that this was the last Council meeting to be attended by Mr. Gene Bourbonnais in his official capacity as City Engineer due to his retirement.

Mr. Jackson stated, in part: "Gene has been a very faithful and committed employee of the City of Torrance over an extended period of time -- an outstanding Department Head who has a delightful knowledge of engineering and a very bright and amazing idea of design and concepts . . . We are going to miss him very, very much, and wish him the best in his retirement."

These sentiments were echoed in kind by Mayor Armstrong and each member of the Council in turn.

22c. Councilman Applegate requested appropriate recognition to the following:

- o Second place winners from West High School of the Accademic Decathelon competition -- also the coaching staff of these young people.
- o West High Warriors football team, Bay League Champions.
- o El Camino men's soccer team, winners of the State Championship.

22d. Councilman Applegate suggested that questions concerning the proposed assessment district for tree trimming in the Riviera area of the City be referred to the appropriate homeowners association, inasmuch as this is not a City proposal.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert called attention to the CAN TREE in the City Hall lobby and invited participation in this worthwhile effort.

22f. City Engineer Gene Bourbonnais expressed sincere appreciation for the accolades expressed by the Council and for the opportunity of serving the City for more than 26 years.

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22g. HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all from Mayor Armstrong and the Council.

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The Council now returned to --

17f. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor 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. Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance vs. Torrance Unified School District, Case Number C561662, held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
2. Pending litigation entitled James D. Bruner, et al v. City of Torrance, et al, Case Number SWC 73546, held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
3. Pending litigation entitled City of Lomita, et al vs. County of Los Angeles, et al, Case Number C293182, held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
4. Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance vs. Torrance Investment Company, et al, Case Number C577962, held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
5. Possible litigation involving the City and the FAA, held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).
6. Possible litigation involving a dispute concerning the sale of merchandise, held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c).

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, will also recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the legal counsel for the City's Redevelopment Agency concerning the following:

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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. Cucci, et al, Superior Court Case Number C544917; Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs. Weiss, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C544896; Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs. Donna Leasing, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C544901.)

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.

At 7:43 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed, convening in Joint Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

NOTE: Councilman Applegate abstained in consideration of the matter involving the Torrance Investment Company, and absented himself from the meeting room during that discussion.

At 8:45 p.m., the Council/Agency returned to take the following action.

21b. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-345

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING EUGENE E.  
BOURBONNAIS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
THE CITY AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-345. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Redevelopment Agency related action is shown below.

MOTION: Mr. Applegate moved to concur with the Redevelopment Agency's Executive Director's recommendation in the matter of South Bay Heating and the settlement thereof.

His motion, seconded by Mrs. Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

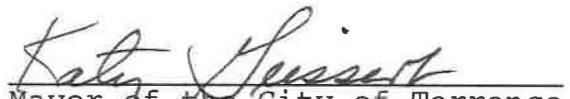
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23. ADJOURNMENT:

23a. In light of the upcoming holidays, it was the consensus of the Council that December 24, 1985, and December 31, 1985, would be DARK. Therefore, at 8:48 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency were formally adjourned to January 7, 1986, at 5:30 p.m., upon a motion by Councilman Applegate; seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and unanimously carried.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memories of Mr. Miles Gibbons, Ms. Sandra Schultz, and Mr. Kenneth Watts.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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