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Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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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, February 16, 1988, at 5:40 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilwoman Hardison.

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

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the recent passing of Ms. Pauline Milkovich, a long-time resident and active member of this community. The Mayor requested that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Ms. Milkovich.

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3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Imraan Ahmed of Boy Scout Troop 242 led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Pastor George Johnson, Cathedral of Life Church.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of January 19, 1988, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

MOTION: 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, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

5. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Councilman Mock seconded this motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee
Tuesday, February 23, 1988, 6:00 p.m.
Subject: Midyear Budget Review.

Considered out of order at this time --

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate announced that the Grand Marshal for the 1988 Armed Forces Day Parade will be General Joseph T. Palastra, Commander in Chief, U.S. Army Forces Command.

22b. Mayor Geissert inquired regarding the participation in the parade of an equestrian unit from Rolling Hills, and was advised that the Committee will be happy to consider their participation.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RESOLUTION HONORING MATTHEW A. CULBERT FIRE CAPTAIN:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING MATTHEW A.
CULBERT FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM,
AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-37. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

The above resolution and plaque in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance, and honoring him on his recent retirement, were presented to Captain Culbert by Mayor Geissert.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. STORM DRAIN IN CALLE MIRAMAR:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
FOR THE CALLE MIRAMAR STORM DRAIN AND
AUTHORIZING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COMMENCE
CONSTRUCTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 88-38. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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10b. 1988 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - RESOLUTION OF INTENTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS AND RUBBISH UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-39. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. OCCUPANT PROTECTION MINI-GRANT PROJECT:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City of Torrance participate in this program by increasing our enforcement efforts and through a series of lectures aimed at local businesses and community groups. The Police Department will also recognize seat belt users who have survived an accident by completing a survivor story application which will be kept on file in Washington, D.C.

Cost of program will be covered by grant, not to exceed \$7,000.

A staff presentation was provided by Police Captain Weyant and Sergeant Ross, following which action was taken as is reflected below.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 11a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE FOR COUNCIL DARK DATES:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council adopt the proposed schedule for the Council Chambers to remain dark.

Tuesday, March 8, 1988 (Election Day)
Tuesday, March 22, 1988 (National League of
Cities)
Tuesday, June 7, 1988 (Election Day - Primaries)
Tuesday, November 8, 1988 (Election Day)
Tuesday, December 27, 1988 (Christmas Week).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 17a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

17b. ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE: AIRPORT PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FORM OF ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE FOR THE AIRPORT PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER PROPERTY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-40. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 9 and 10.

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17d. RESOLUTION AND AWARD OF BID FOR EXPANSION OF THE BARTLETT SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A CONTRACT WITH LEONARD V. BOUAS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR \$1,216,666 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BARTLETT SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-41. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the Council, by a separate motion, appropriate \$200,000 from the Parks and Recreation Facilities Fund to complete funding of the project.

Councilman Nakano accepted this stipulation as part of his above motion to adopt the resolution; Councilman Mock accepted, as seconder of the motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

17e. REQUEST FOR LIVE COVERAGE AND REPLAY OF CANDIDATES FORUM:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Cable Television Advisory Board recommends that the City Council approve the live production and video tape playback of the Torrance League of Women Voters' Candidates Forum on February 25, 1988 from the Civic Center Library Meeting Room.

Proposed Playback Schedule on Channel 59

February 26 to March 8, 1988: 10:00 a.m.
3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

During the Council's discussion on this item, the extensive frequency of playback represented by the above schedule was noted, as was the proposal for broadcasting this production on Channel 59, rather than on CitiCable 22. It was Mayor Geissert's recommendation that, if broadcast on Channel 59, there be appropriate readerboard notification on Channel 22.

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that the Candidates Forum be broadcast live and then rebroadcast once daily for the following week, broadcast times of day to be at the discretion of conversant personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

At the time of his second, Councilman Applegate suggested that broadcasting during weekdays be during the evening; on weekends that it be in the afternoon or morning.

Discussion continued, with desired clarification and expansion provided by staff.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was ultimately offered by Councilman Wirth that Council approve the schedule of rebroadcasting as set forth in staff's recommendation with the exception that the program be rebroadcast only twice daily (once during the day and once during the evening) from February 26 through March 8.

This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock, Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate and Walker.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hardison.

17f. SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD SELECTION PROCESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT LEGISLATION BE ENACTED TO MODIFY THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-42. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Dan McClain, representing the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, 3400 Torrance Boulevard, indicated their hearty support of the subject resolution.

Roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3222:

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 6 TO DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE SEISMIC SAFETY BUILDING REHABILITATION AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 3221

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3222 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To Resurface Tennis Courts at the Las Canchas Tennis Complex.
Ref: Bid B88-1
Expenditure: \$10,105.00, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body award a contract to furnish all material, labor and equipment to resurface eight (8) tennis courts at the Las Canchas Tennis Complex, to the low responsible bidder, Barron Courts of Newport Beach, California in the total amount of \$10,105.00, including tax. It is further recommended by the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council appropriate \$11,000 from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund to cover the cost of the contract and related contingencies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

It has been seven years since the courts have been resurfaced. This work is being requested now, outside the scope of the City's normal Capital Project Budget discussion due to the safety hazard that the courts represent in their current condition. The spaldings of the concrete tennis courts' surfaces were not apparent at the time of the last Capital Budget review process.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff's recommendation on Agenda Item 20a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

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At 6:20 p.m., the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the Council agenda at 6:21 p.m., but remaining in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session to be held later in the meeting (see below).

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 2.

22b. See Page 3.

22c. Councilman Wirth expressed appreciation for his recent tour of Fire Station 6.

22d. Mayor Geissert noted her recent attendance at the Police Explorer Scout graduation ceremonies in Gardena and commented on the honors received by the City of Torrance participants.

The Council now returned to --

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session (see above), Mayor/Chairwoman Geissert read the following statement into the record.

The City Council will now recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney regarding salaries, salary schedules and compensation for certain unrepresented employees and represented employee groups as well as certain personnel matters. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54957.6 (a) and 54957.

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The City Council will also confer with the City Attorney regarding litigation entitled Daniel Shanks v. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 87391, consolidated with Clara Rose & Lawrence Wheeler v. City of Torrance, et al, Case No. SWC 88214. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (a).

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, will confer with Agency Counsel regarding eminent domain litigation entitled Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance v. Thomas Eadie, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 544918. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (a).

NOTE: Councilman Mock announced that he would abstain from hearing the matter of Daniel Shanks v. City of Torrance, and he subsequently absented himself from the meeting room during that discussion.

At 6:26 p.m., the Council/Redevelopment Agency recessed to joint executive session, returning at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Geissert announced that on the matter of the proposals received to select a firm to conduct an executive recruitment for the position of City Attorney, the City has received a proposal from Korn/Ferry and one from Ralph Anderson and Associates. It has been suggested, per Mayor Geissert, that the Council interview the principals in each of those two firms.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the City Council schedule a workshop for purposes of having discussions with both firms of Ralph Anderson and Korn/Ferry on March 9, 1988. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and there being no objection it was so ordered (Councilwoman Hardison absent).

It was requested by the Mayor that these firms be notified of the Council's desire that the individuals who would actually be in charge of the recruitment and who would be working with the Council be present for the interviews on March 9.

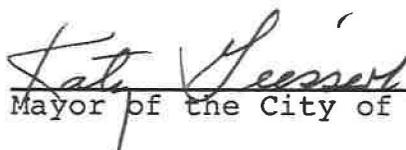
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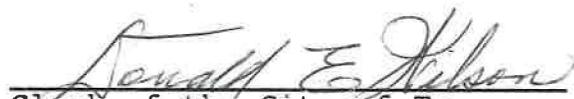
Formal adjournment was at 7:17 p.m., to Tuesday,
February 23, 1988, 7:00 p.m.

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Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of
Ms. Pauline Milkovich.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Lavery
Minute Secretary

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