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Adjournment was at 7:07 p.m. to Thursday,
June 9, 1988, at 5:00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER;

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 1988, at 5:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

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

3. 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. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

4. FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP:

I. INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Geissert extended a warm welcome to all present for this first budget workshop for consideration of the City Manager's proposed budget for the 1988-89 fiscal year. A brief outline of the format to be followed in these workshop sessions was provided by the Mayor, who then invited the City Manager to speak.

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II. STAFF PRESENTATION:

A. City Manager's Overview.

The key elements of the proposed 1988-89 budget were highlighted, with the aid of transparencies, by City Manager Jackson.

Mr. Jackson's presentation encompassed the following major points.

- The Budget Process
- General Operating Budget
- Reserves
- Externally Funded Programs
- Alternatives to Balance Budget
- Revenues
- Expenditures.

B. Workshop Schedule:

Mayor Geissert announced that the next budget workshop session is scheduled for June 9, at which time citizen input will be invited.

III. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION.

Individual Councilmembers offered comments and requested additional clarification/information from staff.

Councilwoman Hardison requested additional information in the following areas:

- History of landfill rate increases.
- History of rubbish rate increases in City of Torrance.

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- Updated rubbish rate comparisons with other cities.
- Updated material on General Plan revisions.
- Staff rationale for proposed increases.
- Percentage of City's water users who use the City's sewer lines.
- Weekend staffing at Noise Abatement Center.

Staff, in responding to Mrs. Hardison's above concerns, noted that an evaluation regarding sewer line usage will be completed in approximately 90 days; weekend staffing at the Noise Abatement Center is being explored by staff; and written reports pertaining to other areas of concern will be submitted to Council.

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Councilman Mock requested, and received, clarification regarding evaluation of needs in the area of self-insured catastrophic reserves.

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Councilman Nakano's concerns centered around the apparent increase in graffiti problems in the City and the urgent need for control thereof. The possibility of a "Hot Line" will be explored, per City Manager Jackson, who also advised that a written report will be forthcoming in the near future.

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Transit needs were addressed by Councilman Wirth, who requested that information be provided in a timely manner. The City Manager indicated that an agenda item relative to short-range transit projects will be scheduled for the June 14 Council meeting.

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Councilman Applegate requested --

- Analysis of possibility of creating a graffiti abatement program.
- Evaluation of communications equipment procurement.
- Backlog report from Planning, Building and Safety, and Transportation Departments.

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Mayor Geissert asked for information regarding:

- Possible rental unit fee structure for single-family units.
- Consideration of an admissions tax for movie theaters.

Verbal clarification on all of the Council's expressed concerns was provided insofar as practicable at this meeting, with additional information to be made available in written form in the course of the budget review process.

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At 5:50 p.m., the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency, returning to the Council agenda at 5:52 p.m., but remaining in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session held later in the meeting -- see Page 5.

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5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

5a. Councilwoman Hardison voiced her appreciation for the efforts of staff, the League of Women Voters, and members of the community for their assistance in preparing for the Presidential candidate debate which was ultimately canceled.

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5b. Mayor Geissert congratulated Councilman Wirth upon his recent political victory [Democratic candidate for the 51st Assembly District].

5c. Mayor Geissert made note of the action of two citizens who recently rescued an individual from an automobile at great personal risk. It was the Mayor's request that these citizens be slated to receive the Citizens Award of Valor. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

5d. Mayor Geissert joined Mrs. Hardison in expressing appreciation to City staff and the people of the community who did much planning, coordinating, printing, etc. in preparation for the "non-debates". Mrs. Geissert particularly lauded the business community for underwriting the event.

5e. Mayor Geissert voiced her opinion that there is a need in the State of California to move the Primary Election date to early in March or April, and she requested that this possibility be explored.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session [see Page 4] 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/or 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.

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, will confer with Agency Counsel regarding current eminent domain litigation entitled Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs. Donald Ray Cucci, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C544917. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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At 5:58 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to joint executive session, returning at 7:05 p.m.

The following Council-related action was taken.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the Memorandum of Intent for the Torrance Police Officers Association. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the Memorandum of Intent for the Torrance Fire Fighters Association. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 7:07 p.m., the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency formally adjourned to Thursday, June 9, 1988, at 5:00 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


Clerk of the City of Torrance

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