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Adjournment was at 12:00 Midnight to Monday, June 20, 1988, 5:00 p.m.

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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, June 14, 1988, at 7:06 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.
[Councilman Mock departed from the meeting at 11:07 p.m.]

Absent: Councilman Applegate.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Boy Scout Troop 310 - James Gordon, Scoutmaster.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Dr. Donald E. Wilson.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve the City Council minutes of May 3, 1988, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on the agenda for this meeting, the further reading

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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 Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

5. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

City Manager Jackson requested that the following agenda items be deferred to the Council meeting of June 21, 1988.

10d. NORTH TORRANCE RELIEF DRAIN.

10e. WATER MAIN RELOCATION AGREEMENT.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RESOLUTION HONORING CATHERINE GENTILE:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING CATHERINE GENTILE
FOR HER SILVER MEDAL VICTORY IN THE LADIES
DISABLED GIANT SLALOM AT THE XIV WINTER
OLYMPICS IN CALGARY, CANADA

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-121. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

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Mayor Geissert presented this resolution which was received with appreciation by Ms. Gentile.

8b. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS:

A plaque in recognition of his years of service to the Parks and Recreation Commission was presented by the Mayor to Mr. Don Lee, newly appointed Planning Commissioner.

Mr. Wesley Musick, retired member of the Disaster Council was not present to receive his recognition for service.

8c. TORRANCE SISTER CITY EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

Present on this agenda item were:

Mr. Vic Kilburn, Co-President of the Sister City Association
Mrs. Louise Kilburn, Co-President of the Sister City Association
Mrs. Jeri Voigt, adult leader
Mr. Louis Painter, exchange teacher.

Mayor Geissert extended a warm welcome to these individuals and to the exchange students listed below.

Brian Barr - Bishop Montgomery
Keira Kamiya - Torrance High
Amy Martin - West High
Karen Oda - Torrance High
Bob Peitzman - South High
Diane Safah - South High
Charlie Schmitz - South High
Mark Schubert - West High.

The students were presented with mementos in recognition of their trip to Kashiwa, Japan during the month of July.

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8d. PROCLAMATION proclaiming June 20 to 26, 1988, as "Amateur Radio Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert, and accepted by Mr. Dick Perkins, President of the South Bay Amateur Radio Club.

8e. PROCLAMATION proclaiming June 18, 1988, as "Gang Awareness Day."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert, with acceptance by Mr. Peter Hirsch, Medical Director for Charter Pacific Hospital.

8f. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Following interviews, the Council appointed the following individuals to fill current Commission vacancies.

Mr. Charles Lobb - Disaster Council.

Ms. Janet Payne - Parks and Recreation Commission.

These newly appointed Commissioners were then duly sworn by City Clerk Wilson.

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At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a brief recess. The Council returned at 7:55 p.m.

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At 7:55 p.m. the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Torrance Cable Television Public Access Foundation. The meeting of the Foundation adjourned at 8:10 p.m., and the regular City Council agenda order was resumed.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. FY 1988-89 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT/STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (TDA/STA) CLAIM FOR TRANSIT FUNDING ASSISTANCE:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO FILE A CLAIM WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS UNDER SB-325 AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS UNDER AB-2551 FOR FY 1988-89

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-129. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

10b. STREET IMPROVEMENTS - SOUTH SIDE OF 242ND STREET BETWEEN OCEAN AND NEECE AVENUES:

Staff presentation, with the aid of slides, was provided by Sr. C.E. Associate Perkins, who elaborated on the following alternatives set forth for Council consideration.

Alternative 1

Protect Tree - Eliminate Parking from Los Codona to Neece.

This option not recommended due to the loss of all on-street parking for one block in a parking competitive neighborhood.

Alternative 2

Protect Tree - Eliminate Parking for 2/3 of Block from Los Codona to Neece.

This option not recommended due to the loss of parking for large portion of block in a parking competitive neighborhood.

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Alternative 3

Protect Tree - Include Two Planter Protrusions Between Los Codona and Neece.

This option not recommended due to safety concerns of the planter protrusions. This safety concern would not be mitigated were the planter protrusion concept also extended westerly to Ocean Ave.

Alternative 4

Removes Existing Tree - Installs Curbs 40' Apart and Provides Parking on Both Blocks.

This option is recommended because it provides consistency with standards of accepted geometric design that is expected by the motorist. Additionally, the short-term effect of the tree removal can be mitigated by the planting of three parkway trees of a 24" box size. This is substantially larger and more mature than a standard 15 gallon size tree normally planted.

Alternative 5

Protect Tree - Slight Planter Protrusion and Reduce Street Width to 34' Curb to Curb.

This option not recommended. The 34' curb width is the approximate width of the existing paved area today. To construct curbs at 34' and provide on-street parking will narrow the roadway below the 40' now existing west of Ocean Avenue and east of Neece Avenue. Additionally, 34' curb width with parking on both sides is very narrow for a street with high on-street parking needs. With the neighboring park and public facilities, a 40' curb distance provides greater maneuvering and clearance area to parked vehicles.

No Improvement Alternative - Retain existing status.

This option not recommended. The uncontrolled manner of right angle and parallel parking of vehicles results in pedestrians forced into the roadway. Drainage deficiencies can not be corrected but only mitigated through constant maintenance.

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The Council may wish to accept a deposit for the street improvement for a specified period, for instance, five years. Should the Council not elect to require improvements during this period, the deposit agreement would clearly indicate the deposit be returned to the developer or his designee. At that time, the street improvement would be waived by the City Engineer per Section 74.3.10 of the Code (75% waiver provision).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Alternative #4 be approved with a condition for three parkway trees of 24" box size be planted in the south parkway behind the curb west of Neece Ave.

Clarification as desired by Councilmembers was provided by Mr. Perkins, with attention particularly directed to street width curb-to-curb, which he advised would be 32 feet if the tree is retained, per Alternative 3.

Mr. Dick Rector, 125 Via Colusa, builder of the five new homes on the south side of 242nd Street [the area under consideration] referenced his correspondence of record, and that of two owners of the homes who have indicated their preference for the tree to be removed and street improvements to be installed [Alternative 3].

Responding to Mr. Rector's expressed concerns regarding underground utilities, Sr. C.E. Associate Perkins advised that the recommended 24-inch box trees would cause no problem in that regard; however, they would require periodic trimming so that they do not become entangled in the overhead wires.

There was no response to the Mayor's invitation for further audience input.

Council discussion followed.

It was Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia's opinion that there is no way of satisfactorily "paring back" the large eucalyptus tree, and he recommended that it not be saved.

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with staff's recommendation for Alternative 4, with three 24-inch box trees to be planted in the parkway. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock, Nakano, Walker and Wirth.

NOES: Mayor Geissert.

ABSENT: Councilman Applegate.

Mayor Geissert voiced her strong desire to save this 50-year old tree, thus Alternative 3 was preferred by her.

Councilwoman Hardison indicated that her vote was a reluctant "yes" because of a desire to save the tree; however, she did not wish to consider narrowing the pavement to just 32 feet at that location.

10c. ENGINEERING SERVICES AMENDMENT ON T-8 SERVICE CONNECTION PROJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT C-2720 EXECUTED ON OCTOBER 28, 1986 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JAMES M. MONTGOMERY, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR PROVIDING ENGINEERING SERVICE RELATED TO MODIFICATION OF T-8 SERVICE CONNECTION WITH THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-130. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

10d. NORTH TORRANCE RELIEF DRAIN, UNIT I:

10e. WATER MAIN RELOCATION AGREEMENT:

Both of the above agenda items were continued to the Council meeting of June 21, 1988 - see Page 2.

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10f.

FY 1989-91 SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN UPDATE AND
PROPOSITION A INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATIONS:

NOTE: This item was a duly advertised public hearing.

Director of Transportation Horkay provided an overview of the 1989-91 Short Range Transit Plan update which was in the hands of the Council.

Details of the programs were described [with the aid of slides] by the City's Transit Manager, Ray Schmidt, who noted the following department recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Transportation recommends that Council:

1. Approve the FY 1989-91 Torrance Short-Range Transit Plan Update for submittal to the LACTC.
2. Approve the attached resolution supporting the Proposition A Incentive Program funding application for continuation of the South Bay Joint Transit Telephone Information Project. For this particular project, Council must direct staff concerning whether they wish the telephone answering to remain at the SCRTD in FY 1988-89, or whether they wish the bulk of the service to be brought on-site at the Transit Facility, so that staff can adjust the transit budget accordingly prior to Council adoption.
3. Approve the attached resolution supporting our application for Proposition A Incentive Program funding for the extension of Line #8 and authorize staff to proceed with the acquisition of the five buses required to operate the new service at a capital cost of \$875,000 in Proposition A Local Return funds; and authorize staff to enter into negotiations with Redondo Beach and El Segundo to determine an equitable funding share for each of those cities to contribute (staff would return to Council with additional implementing actions required prior to service inauguration in the second half of FY 1988-89).

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4. Approve the attached resolution supporting the joint application of seven South Bay cities for Proposition A Incentive Program funding for 50% of the cost of a privately-contracted three-route South Bay commuter network servicing the El Segundo employment center, including approval of our participation in the funding of the 50% local share of this service at a FY 1988-89 cost of \$68,100 in Torrance Proposition A Local Return funds.
5. Authorize staff to develop and issue a request for proposals for the operation of a new "dial-a-ride" taxi program for Torrance seniors, called Senior Ride, and to budget \$264,000 for this purpose. Staff recommends that Council delay setting a fare for this service until the recommendation comes forth for award of contract, since we will have a better estimate of the program's cost at that time.
6. Authorize staff to proceed with the issuance of bid specifications for the wheelchair lift retrofitting of 16 buses, funded 80% from UMTA Section 9 capital funds and 20% from Torrance Proposition A Local Return funds as discussed above.

A brief Council discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Hardison expressed her concerns regarding the projected likelihood for a rate increase for 1992, as shown in the Plan. Mrs. Hardison also requested that she be provided with a prioritization of the six enhancements listed above [see Page 11 for staff's response].

City Manager Jackson reviewed his concerns [as set forth in his cover memo to this agenda item] which pertained to the role of the City of Torrance as a subregional provider and matters related thereto.

Audience comments were invited by the Mayor.

Mr. Gary Spivack, Director of Planning for the Southern California Rapid Transit District [RTD correspondence of official record], related his concerns regarding the recommended extension of Torrance's Line 8, which, in his opinion, would result in substantial duplication of RTD service and loss of revenues to them. Mr. Spivack indicated his desire to continue discussions with Torrance Transit staff in an attempt to reach an agreement.

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Identifying himself as a bus rider, Mr. John Elan, 4930 Lurette, urged that RTD 685 BEEP [the businessman's express] be retained for convenience of those employed in the El Segundo area.

Mr. Irv Jones [no address given], stated that he is responsible for overseeing the commuter services program at one of the large employers in the El Segundo area, and advised the Council that this is an opportune time for the City to consider implementing a new service into that employment center.

Council discussion developed at this point.

Attention was returned to Councilwoman Hardison's earlier request for prioritization of staff's recommendation [Page 10]. Transit Manager Schmidt advised that the items are listed in priority order with Senior Ride and wheelchair lifts as low priorities.

During ensuing discussion of the Senior Ride program [Recommendation #5], Councilwoman Hardison requested that the budgetary figures presented be further analyzed by staff.

Councilman Walker expressed his opinion that the criteria [age only] established for Senior Ride is inappropriate, as he would object to subsidizing such a program for able bodied, financially secure individuals.

Mayor Geissert voiced her concurrence with reduced cab fares for needy seniors and for "not-so-needy" seniors by way of a two-tiered, reduced fare structure. The Mayor acknowledged the need this would fill for those seniors who find it difficult to reach a bus stop, or during periods of inclement weather, etc.

Two highly important issues, in Councilman Wirth's opinion, are that the Senior Ride be made available to those without alternate transportation and that it be available to low income seniors.

Discussion was also directed briefly to wheelchair lifts [Recommendation #6]. Councilman Walker urged that the City's previous commitment to those in wheelchairs be honored. Concurrence was generally indicated.

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The hearing was closed upon a MOTION by Councilman Walker; seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

RESOLUTION A

RESOLUTION NO. 88-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION A INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDS TO FINANCE 50% OF THE PROJECT COSTS OF THE SOUTH BAY JOINT TRANSIT TELEPHONE INFORMATION PROJECT FOR
FY 1988-89

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-131. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

City Manager Jackson advised, in response to Mayor Geissert's inquiry, that details on each of the proposals considered will be returned to the Council for finalization.

RESOLUTION B

RESOLUTION NO. 88-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION A INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDS TO FINANCE 50% OF THE NET PROJECT COSTS TO EXTEND TORRANCE TRANSIT LINE #8 EL SEGUNDO AND LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-132. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilwoman Hardison inquired regarding the return of information on this subject to Council. Director of Transportation Horkay affirmed such action.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

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RESOLUTION C

RESOLUTION NO. 88-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE JOINT APPLICATION OF SEVEN SOUTH BAY CITIES FOR PROPOSITION A INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDS TO FINANCE 50% OF THE NET COST OF A SOUTH BAY COMMUTER TRANSIT NETWORK

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-133. This motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote, Sr. Administrative Analyst Hildebrand affirmed, in response to City Manager Jackson's inquiry, that this action is contingent upon the concurrence of all seven agencies.

Resolution No. 88-133 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with Recommendation #6, to authorize staff to proceed with the issuance of bid specifications for wheelchair lift retrofitting of 16 buses funded 80% from UMTA Section 9 Capital Funds and 20% from the Torrance Proposition A Local Return Funds.

This motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that, following additional staff study and analysis, the following issues be referred to the City Council Transportation Committee: dial-a-ride taxi service for seniors; handling of the Joint Telephone Information Project; details on the extension of Line 8; and the organization of the Commuter Network.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried without objection [Councilman Applegate absent].

Further discussion led to the determination that the In-House Telephone Information Project will be addressed further at the next Budget Workshop [June 20].

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City Manager Jackson pointed out that if the Line 8 extension is initiated, it will be necessary at some point to make modifications to the external budget with regard to an additional bus operator and equipment.

The final motion on this agenda item is reflected below.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve the FY 1989-91 Torrance Short-Range Transit Plan Update for submittal to the LACTC. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and carried without objection [Councilman Applegate absent].

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At 9:55 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a brief recess. The Council returned at 10:10 p.m., to continue with their regular agenda order.

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. APPROVAL OF CLASS SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE FOR STREET SERVICES CREW SUPERVISOR:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-134

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 PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION NO. 87-177

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-134. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

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14b. APPROVAL OF CLASS SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION AMENDING RESOLUTION #87-165

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-135. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Wirth requested that the Council be kept informed of developments in this regard. Staff will follow through.

Roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 88-135 was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

14c. JOB TRAINING AND PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) FY '88 ON-THE-JOB TRAINING CONTRACT WITH MC DONNELL DOUGLAS

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 88-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATEST A CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MC DONNELL DOUGLAS CORPORATION FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-136. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

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15. HEARINGS:

15a. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 1988-89:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the first public hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 1988-89 fiscal year.

The affidavit of publication was presented by City Clerk Wilson, following which Councilman Wirth MOVED that it be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

Mayor Geissert then invited audience comments.

First to speak was Mr. Dan McClain representing the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, 3400 Torrance Boulevard. Mr. McClain voiced the Chamber's concurrence with the position taken by Mobil Oil [June 9th Budget Workshop] in opposition to the proposed cogeneration tax, it being Mobil's position that approximately \$920,000 in additional utility users taxes will be realized by the City from their consumption of natural gas purchased locally for cogeneration. Mr. McClain further advised of the Chamber's opposition to any thought of replacing this cogeneration tax with an alternative new tax on other businesses.

Mayor Geissert noted staff's recommendation that the utility users tax be forgiven on locally purchased natural gas to be used in the cogeneration process. The Mayor then inquired as to Mobil Oil's intended means of acquiring the natural gas required for the this process.

A representative of Mobil Oil [who did not identify himself] advised that their current plan is to use purchased natural gas, as natural gas produced internally by the Torrance Mobil Refinery would be insufficient to meet the cogeneration needs; however, he acceded that obtaining this gas through a pipeline from out of State, rather than purchasing it locally, would be a possibility [thus precluding any increased utility users tax fee revenues for the City of Torrance].

The need for further investigation in this regard, including long-term projections, was voiced by Mayor Geissert.

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Next to speak from the audience was Mr. Chris Melcher, 2613 Highcliff Drive, who requested consideration of expanded staffing in City parks. Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett advised that this matter is under study by the Parks and Recreation Commission -- Alta Loma Park, which was of particular concern to Mr. Melcher, will be reviewed for possible immediate in-house staffing adjustments, per Mr. Barnett.

Councilman Wirth requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission submit a report regarding their discussions on the regular use of parks by large organizations without the payment of City fees.

Concerns regarding the decline in parking space availability at the Civic Center Library was voiced by Ms. Susan Distaso, 5131 Mindora Drive, a member of the Library Commission.

City Manager Jackson reviewed the on-going efforts of staff to find a solution to this growing problem. Mayor Geissert suggested that spaces across the driveway immediately north of the current 20-minute parking spaces behind the Library be considered for short term parking restrictions also. Staff will evaluate this recommendation.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to continue the public hearing on the City Manager's proposed budget for 1988-90 to Tuesday, June 28, 1988, at 7:00 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

Mayor Geissert announced, for the benefit of those present, that the next budget workshop session is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 1988, 5:00 p.m.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. PURCHASE OF PAYMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF NCR CORPORATION TO FURNISH A PAYMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM IN THE SUM OF \$98,280.

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-137. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

17b. ASSEMBLY BILL 2815 [JOHNSON AND KATZ] MOVING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PRIMARY:

Staff report was provided by Management Assistant Sunshine.

During the brief Council discussion on this item, Councilman Walker indicated his opposition to AB 2815 because, in his opinion, the system has been satisfactory and because of the significant cost involved [\$35 million to \$50 million].

RESOLUTION NO. 88-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF AB 2815, LEGISLATION REQUIRING PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES TAKE PLACE THE 3RD TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE 3RD MONDAY IN FEBRUARY IN YEARS DIVISIBLE BY 4

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-138. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

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- 17c. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Lease-purchase of fifteen (15) replacement Xerox copiers from Xerox Corporation.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 88-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRADE-IN AND REPLACEMENT OF FIFTEEN (15) EXISTING COPIER MACHINES FROM THE XEROX CORPORATION; AND THE FINANCING OF THE REPLACEMENT COPIERS UTILIZING A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SECURITY PACIFIC MERCHANT BANK IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$211,738 AT A RATE OF 7.5%

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-139. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

- 17d. STATUS REPORT - FORMATION OF ASSESSMENT DISTRICT to Fund Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program for Existing Buildings.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Departments of Building and Safety, Finance and the City Treasurer recommend that the City Council concur with the action plan and proposed meeting dates for the formation of an Assessment District.

Background information was provided by Building and Safety Director Grippo.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

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- 17e. CONTRACT WITH THE RICHTER GROUP to Conduct a Study of the City's Communication Functions:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING THE MAY 18, 1988 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE RICHTER GROUP TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE CITY'S COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS AND CAPABILITIES AND AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR CONDUCT OF SAID STUDY FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-140. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

- 17f. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 23 and 24.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To furnish, deliver and install an uninterruptable power supply for the computer system at the Police Department.
Ref: Bid No. B88-24
Expenditure: \$33,627.27 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body award a contract to furnish, deliver and install an uninterruptable power supply to the low responsible bidder, EDP Environments, Inc. of Torrance, California, in the total amount of \$33,627.27, including tax.

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20b. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION GUARANTEE -

TRACT NO. 45010
SUBDIVIDER: Oxford Properties
ENGINEERING: Albert C. Martin & Assoc.
LOCATION: S.E.C. Torrance & Hawthorne Blvd.
NO. OF LOTS: 3.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that the Time Certificate of Deposit No. 115552 for public improvement design plans be released.

- 20c. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To reroof Joslyn Arts Center Building with a UL Class "A" rated fire retardant roof.
Ref. Bid #B88-33
Expenditure: \$67,920.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council award a contract to the low bidder, the Rey-Crest Roofing and Waterproofing Company, to reroof the Joslyn Arts Center in the total amount of \$67,920.00.

- 20d. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Based on proposals to remove hazardous materials off of Joslyn Arts Center Building (as part of reroofing project).
Expenditure: \$12,640.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council authorize the award of a contract to remove hazardous material from the roof of the Joslyn Arts Center building to the company submitting the lowest cost proposal, the Power Master, Inc. company of Fontana, California, in the total amount of \$12,640.00.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, 20c, and 20d. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

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At 10:46 p.m., the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. At 10:48 p.m., the regular City Council agenda order was resumed, but the Council/Agency remained in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session to be held later in the evening [see Pages 23 and 24].

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson commended Department of Transportation staff for their efforts in producing the Short Range Transit Plan.

22b. Councilwoman Hardison expressed appreciation for the recent informative Los Angeles County Sanitation District's Water Tour.

22c. Councilman Mock advised that he has been appointed as Legislative Chairman of the International Cities Association.

22d. Councilman Nakano requested that Council be provided with a status report on the Dominguez Bike Path proposal.

22e. Councilman Walker announced the long awaited dedication ceremonies for Coleman Court to be held on June 15, 1988.

22f. Councilman Wirth requested an agenda item for Council consideration regarding proposed legislation which may restrict the use of State funds to cities.

22g. Ms. Mary Warnacutt, 332 Paseo de la Playa, spoke on behalf of the Torrance Improvement Association to register complaints regarding loitering, etc. in the County-owned parking lot at Torrance Beach.

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Council and staff provided information as to the City's efforts to rectify this on-going seasonal problem. It was the suggestion of Councilman Wirth that the County Supervisor's office be contacted to reinforce the need for cooperation in policing the lot. Staff will follow through.

The Council now returned to --

17f. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session [see Page 22] 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 will also confer with the City Attorney regarding the following litigation matters:

Alberta L. Bell v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 683540;

Maurice Duncan v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Municipal Court Case No. 87K43410;

Richard Cerezo v. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 93701; and

Ghulam Khwaja v. City of Torrance, United States District Court Case No. CV870420 JMI (Gx).

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 the owner participation agreement with Gascon-Mar, Ltd. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(b).

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At 11:07 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency recessed to joint executive session.

NOTE: Councilman/Member Mock departed from the meeting at 11:07 p.m. and was not present during the executive session.

The Council/Agency returned at 11:58 p.m. No Agency action was required. Council action is reflected below.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney for settlement of the following cases:

Maurice Duncan v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Municipal Court Case No. 87K43410;

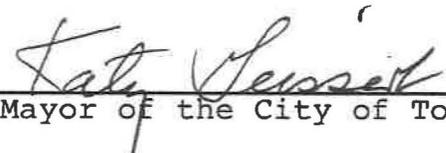
Richard Cerezo v. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 93701; and

Ghulam Khwaja v. City of Torrance, United States District Court Case No. CV870420 JMI (Gx).

Councilman Nakano SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Applegate and Mock absent].

At 12:00 Midnight, both the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency were formally adjourned to Monday, June 20, 1988, 5:00 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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