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Adjournment was at 9:50 p.m.

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, July 12, 1988, at 7:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano.

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

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Mayor Geissert announced, with sadness, the passing of Ms. Betty Golden, a charter member of the Craftsmen's Guild and an active member of the community. The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Ms. Golden.

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3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Boy Scout Troop 310 - James Gordon, Scoutmaster, led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Yung C. Kim, Hope United Methodist Church.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of June 14, 1988, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

MOTION: Councilman Applegate 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 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 Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano 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. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. PROJECT MANAGER/TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER;

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the selection committee and authorize staff to negotiate a contract for project management services for The Torrance Cultural Arts Center with the firm of Kitchell CEM.

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Following a staff presentation by Management Programs Administrator Tilden, Council action was taken as is reflected below.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker,

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Geissert urged that the project be expedited and noted that there is a need for Council to further define, with input from the public, the precise goals of the project.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A PROGRAM OF
VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION TO REDUCE
WATER CONSUMPTION WITHIN THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES
BY TEN PERCENT

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-168. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Prior to roll call on the motion, Water System Superintendent O'Cain provided details of the approach to achieving a ten percent water consumption reduction within the City.

Councilman Wirth recommended that, if the voluntary effort does not produce the desired results, consideration be given to mandatory enforcement by way of an ordinance.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Applegate that advertising for this program be other than newspaper oriented -- avenues for the greatest long-term exposure were recommended, such as advertising on buses, bumper stickers on City vehicles, etc. Staff will explore these options.

Roll call vote on the above motion to adopt Resolution No. 88-168, was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

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12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. ZONE CHANGE FROM R-3 TO R-2, MADRID AVENUE SOUTH OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD TO SONOMA STREET:

Principal Planner Woodward affirmed, in response to a question by Mayor Geissert, that action of the Council initiating zone change proceedings would set into motion the public hearing process for this request.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that the Council initiate zone change proceedings from R-3 to R-2 on Madrid Avenue south of Torrance Boulevard to Sonoma Street. The motion was seconded by Mayor Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

Principal Planner Gibson advised that this matter should be considered by the Environmental Review Board in approximately six to eight weeks.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. SPRING 1987 AND 1988 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - PUBLIC HEARING TO CONFIRM ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on confirmation of the Spring 1987 and 1988 Weed Abatement Program, showing the costs to be assessed to the property owners listed thereon.

City Clerk Wilson presented the affidavit of posting for this item and it was ordered received and filed upon a MOTION by Councilman Wirth, seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried without objection [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

The receipt of supplementary agenda material on this item was noted, said material consisting of location maps showing the parcels of land included in the subject weed abatement program.

Audience comments were invited by the Mayor. There being no response, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the report of the City Manager as submitted. This motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

RESOLUTION NO. 88-175

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER SHOWING THE COST OF WEED ABATEMENT FOR SPRING 1987 AND 1988 (WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL - 1988-89)

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-175. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. DESTRUCTION OF UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-176. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

17b. AGREEMENT WITH THE DAILY BREEZE FOR LEGAL ADVERTISING:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR ADVERTISING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE [AND] THE DAILY BREEZE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1988-89

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-177. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

17c. RENEWAL OF FIRE/PROPERTY INSURANCE:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that your Honorable Body accept the bid proposal from Zurich Insurance Company to provide the City's fire/property insurance coverage for the period July 1, 1988 to July 1, 1989 at a cost of \$50,346. Funds for this coverage are contained in the 1988-89 City Manager's Budget.

MOTION; Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

17d. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR 1988-89 FISCAL YEAR:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1988-89

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-178. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

17e. APPOINTMENTS TO VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

RECOMMENDATION [per supplementary agenda material] --

It is the recommendation of the City Manager to:

- 1) Reappoint
 - a) Michael Jackson
 - b) Michael Lynn
 - c) Kurt von Zumwaltto a one-year term commencing July 1, 1988 and ending June 30, 1989;

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- 2) Transmit the requested changes in the by laws to the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce;
- 3) Defer the appointment of the three alternate members to the Visitors Bureau Board of Directors until the by laws are modified as requested.
- 4) Accept and file the January-April Quarterly Report as submitted.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager on Agenda Item 17e. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

Mayor Geissert commended the Visitors Bureau members for the outstanding brochure produced.

17f. AGREEMENTS WITH TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988-89:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-179

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE 1988-89 FISCAL YEAR

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt resolution No. 88-179. This motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

RESOLUTION NO. 88-180

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE TORRANCE VISITORS BUREAU

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-180. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. John Donald, #8 Hilltop Circle, Rancho Palos Verdes, Chairman of the Visitors Bureau, expressed sincere appreciation to the City for its support of the Bureau.

Newly elected President of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Robert Lewis, 3115 Merrill Drive, pledged their assistance in this endeavor.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

17g. **PURCHASE OF EXCESS MUNICIPAL LIABILITY INSURANCE:**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that Council appropriate \$100,000 from the 1988-89 budget insurance reserve in order to purchase excess liability insurance from Robert F. Driver Company in the amount of \$100,000 plus \$3,000 brokerage fee for \$5,000,000 self insured retention and \$5,000,000 limit.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

20. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

20a. **SUBJECT:** RELEASE OF BONDS - TRACT NO. 44282
SUBDIVIDER: Wesco
ENGINEER: Engineering Service
LOCATION: 3717 - 3729 Emerald
NO. OF LOTS: 1 Lot - 33 Unit Condominium.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that the subject bonds be released.

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20b. SUBJECT: FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 45354
 SUBDIVIDER: Taylor & Schneider
 LOCATION: 2076 238th Street
 LOTS: 5.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department and Planning Department recommend that Final Tract Map 45354 be approved.

20c. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To purchase 1987-88
 Budgeted Replacement Vehicles, consisting of
 One (1) General Purpose Tractor,
 One (1) Tractor/Loader/15' Extendahoe and
 One (1) Tractor/Loader/Landscaper
 for the Fleet Services Department
 Ref: Bid No. B88-37
 Expenditure: \$55,881.98 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends your Honorable Body award a contract to the low bidder, the EBERHARD EQUIPMENT CO., Santa Ana, CA, for the procurement of three (3) Tractors, as described, with pricing, terms and conditions based on Bid B88-37. The total award, including tax, will amount to \$55,881.98.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b and 20c. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote [Councilmembers Hardison, Mock and Nakano absent].

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At 7:33 p.m. the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency, returning to the Council agenda at 7:35 p.m., but remaining in joint session for purposes of a joint executive session to be held later in the meeting [see Pages 12 and 13].

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate referenced recent correspondence received by the City Manager from Miss Lula Patrick, and inquired regarding the status thereof. City Manager Jackson advised that a response has been transmitted this date - copies to be provided to the Council.

22b. Councilman Applegate expressed serious concerns regarding the preponderance of graffiti in many areas of the City. It was Mr. Applegate's request that an aggressive anti-graffiti program be instituted including a photographic record for identification purposes, as well as early removal of the graffiti.

City Manager Jackson indicated that staff will follow through in this regard.

22c. Councilman Wirth advised that he was requested by Councilman Mock to ask staff to initiate an ordinance governing lot splits of the type currently of concern in the Seaside Rancho area of the City. Staff will follow up.

22d. Mayor Geissert announced the annual Pueblo taco sale to be held Sunday, July 17, 1988. All were invited to attend.

22e. Mayor Geissert reported on the recent outstanding Fourth of July celebration at Wilson Park, and commended all City staff involved in making this a memorable event.

22f. Mayor Geissert noted receipt of correspondence from the Torrance Beach Improvement Association relative to policing problems in the Torrance Beach parking lot.

It was the Mayor's desire that this matter be referred to the Council's Public Safety Committee. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the City's sphere of responsibility and Police enforcement efforts presently in place, as well as the need for County support in this regard.

It was ultimately determined that a copy of the correspondence at hand will be submitted to the City Attorney with a request for guidance in the matter..

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22g. Ms. Lenore Johnson, 23059A Nadine Circle, read aloud a prepared statement [which was then submitted as part of the official record, together with a petition containing some 41 signatures], urging enforcement of Conditional Use Permit conditions which were imposed in 1979 on the industrial tract behind the New Horizons residential area.

Ongoing problems, including the sound of gunshots late at night from the industrial area, were related by Ms. Johnson, and an attempt by the City to rectify the situation was urged.

Building and Safety Director Grippo advised that his department will investigate and report back to the Council within a week regarding the matter.

22h. Ms. Shirley Bachelder, 16432 Illinois Court, and her daughter, Ms. Aleta Matthews, 16436 Illinois Court, were present to request assistance in removing the City's requirement for a sidewalk in their neighborhood, and the installation of curbing instead in order that a large existing tree might remain. A petition with ten signatures supporting their request was submitted for the record.

City Engineer Burt provided information as to the current status of this request in his department.

It was ultimately determined that this matter will be returned to Council as a regular agenda item at the August 2, or August 9, Council meeting.

22i. Mr. Roy Stone, 3436 West 229th Street, accompanied to the podium by his wife, Minerva, related recent incidents involving a loaded fire arm and requested assistance in retrieving this object from Police Property. Mr. Stone was referred to Police Chief Nash to discuss the matter and was advised by the Mayor to notify the Council if a satisfactory resolution is not reached.

22j. Mr. Douglas Stavoe, 1718 Esplanade, #523, Redondo Beach, related the history of his attempts to establish his banner towing operation at the Torrance Airport, and inquired regarding the current status of his request.

Clarification of the existing policy and the facts surrounding the current state of banner towing operations at the Torrance Airport were provided by Councilman Applegate and by Director of Transportation Horkay.

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23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in joint session [see Page 9], 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 Council will also confer with the City Attorney regarding potential litigation arising from the widening of Torrance Boulevard, property located at 1889 Torrance Boulevard. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (b).

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. Woolson/Roemisch, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C 544910. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (a).

The City Council will also confer with the City Attorney regarding lease amendments to city-owned airport property known as Doolittle's Raiders which is currently leased to Specialty Restaurants. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.8.

At 8:35 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to joint executive session, returning at 9:50 p.m.

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No action was required of either Body as a result of the executive session, and the City Council/Redevelopment Agency meetings of this date were formally adjourned to Tuesday, July 19, 1988, 5:30 p.m.

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Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of
Ms. Betty Golden.

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Larry Weissert
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Rosa Hong, Deputy
Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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