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Adjournment was at 7:19 p.m. to Tuesday,
July 26, 1988, 7:00 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, July 19, 1988, at 5:35 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilmen Applegate and Walker.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Mr. Joe D'Alesio led in the salute to the flag.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve the City Council minutes of June 21, 1988, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Applegate and Walker 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 thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or or-

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dinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Applegate and Walker 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 Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 15a. CUP 87-48, E. E. LOHN: Request of the applicant for continuance to August 9, 1988 -- see Page 7.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RESOLUTION HONORING PAUL LIDAK:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING PAUL LIDAK
FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-181. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

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8b. RESOLUTION HONORING ANNE T. MOORE:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-182

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING ANNE T. MOORE
FOR HER DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-182. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

Ms. Anne Moore accepted the above resolution with an expression of sincere appreciation.

8c. SERVICE AWARDS:

Mayor Geissert presented service awards to the following City employees:

Mr. Bill Uchino, Tree Trimmer, for twenty-five years of service; and

Mr. Joe D'Alesio, Recreation Supervisor, for twenty years of service.

There was grateful acceptance by these two employees.

8d. RESOLUTION COMMENDING JAMES B. SLAYDEN:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING JAMES B. SLAYDEN
FOR HIS SERVICE AS CHAIR OF THE PRIVATE
INDUSTRY COUNCIL

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 88-183. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

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8e. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the summer months of 1988 as "Heal the Bay Summer."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert and accepted with appreciation by Mr. Don May of the "Heal the Bay" organization.

8f. DEL AMO ROTARY EXCHANGE PROGRAM STUDENTS:

Mr. Tom Gregory, President of the Del Amo Rotary, was present to introduce the following exchange students.

Traveling to Urawa, Japan --

Scott McDonough
James Buckley

Traveling to Fareham, England --

Tricia Harden
Chris Larsen (not present this evening --
represented by his father).

Mayor Geissert extended a warm welcome on behalf of the Council, and presented mementos of the City of Torrance to these students.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. DESIGNATION OF ARLINGTON AVENUE FEDERAL-AID-URBAN ROUTE

RESOLUTION NO. 88-184

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE DESIGNATION
AND ADDITION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE'S
PORTION OF ARLINGTON AVENUE SOUTH OF
SEPULVEDA BLVD. TO THE FEDERAL-AID-URBAN
SYSTEM

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-184. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR ACCOUNT CLERK:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Personnel Department and the Civil Service Commission recommend adoption of the revised class specification for Account Clerk. The Torrance Fiscal Employees Association (TFEA) concurs in this recommendation.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 14a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

14b. RECRUITMENT OF THEATER MANAGER:

Civil Service Administrator Ghio reviewed the supplementary material [of record] on this agenda item, noting that there is contained therein the proposal submitted by Norman Roberts and Associates to conduct an executive recruitment for the position of Theater Manager.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND
NORMAN ROBERTS & ASSOCIATES FOR CONSULTING
SERVICES IN THE RECRUITMENT FOR THE POSITION
OF THEATER MANAGER AND APPROPRIATING THE
SUM OF \$13,000 FOR SAID SERVICES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-185. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

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14c. JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) 1988-89 PILOT PROJECTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THESE CERTAIN CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LIFE STEPS FOUNDATION, INC., COUNCIL OF ADVISORS FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT OF EX-OFFENDERS, AND TRAVEL AND TRADE CAREER INSTITUTE.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-186. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

14d. ADOPTION OF MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING FOR VARIOUS CITY EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 3, 1988 TO JULY 1, 1989

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-187. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

RESOLUTION NO. 88-188

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 3, 1988 TO JULY 1, 1989

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-188. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

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RESOLUTION NO. 88-189

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 RECURRENT RECREATION
EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-189. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 87-48, E. E. LOHN:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an applicant appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit to allow an existing 18,000 square-foot building to be converted from an industrial use to a medical office use in the M-2 zone on the northwest corner of Lomita Boulevard and Telo Avenue at 3011 Lomita Boulevard. CUP 87-48, E. E. LOHN.

Proof of publication was provided by Deputy City Clerk Hong, and it was filed without objection.

Acknowledging the request of the applicant for continuance of this agenda item, Councilman Wirth offered the following --

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to continue CUP 87-48, E. E. LOHN, to the City Council meeting of August 9, 1988, at 7:00 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent].

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: Re: Purchase of one (1) budgeted-replacement used "Special Use" Vehicle
Expenditure: \$8,570.00.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body approve the purchase of the "Special Use" vehicle from the Avis Leasing Company in the total amount of \$8,570.00 including tax.

- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To furnish an improved tape back-up device for the Police Department Computer System.
Ref: Bid No. B88-29
Expenditure: \$9,816.96, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division and the Police Department recommend that your Honorable Body award a contract to furnish and install a Kennedy Model #9610 tape back-up device, to the low responsible bidder, Western Scientific Marketing, Inc., of Torrance, California, in the total amount of \$9,816.96, including tax.

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

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At 6:07 p.m., the City Council recessed and convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, adjourning as Redevelopment Agency and reconvening as the City Council at 6:08 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. At the request of Mayor Geissert, City Manager Jackson provided an overview of a recent conversation with a representative of Mobil Oil Corporation regarding the City's investigation into safety procedures at that facility. The City's study, per Mr. Jackson, should commence August 1, 1988, with the resultant report available some ten weeks hence.

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22b. Councilwoman Hardison addressed the matter of retrofitting the non-sprinklered high-rise buildings in the City, and requested that any possible grant funding for this purpose be thoroughly researched and pursued by staff.

22c. Councilman Mock requested that the Council's concerns regarding lot split activity in the Seaside Rancho area of the City be made known to the Planning Commission.

Various alternative approaches were reviewed by City Attorney Remelmeyer. Councilman Wirth recommended that the alternatives set forth in Planning staff's memorandum on this subject be shared with the Commission.

22d. Councilman Nakano noted that he has received several calls from concerned citizens regarding safety conditions at Mobil Oil, and requested that the City Manager's office keep Council apprised of progress during the City's safety audit of Mobil.

22e. Councilman Wirth expressed appreciation to staff for keeping the Council informed regarding Mobil Oil.

22f. Councilman Wirth expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts in bringing various areas of the City before the Traffic Commission for discussion of traffic problems and concerns.

22g. Mayor Geissert announced that the third anniversary of the Farmers Market was celebrated this date, with an "impressive crowd" in attendance.

22h. Mayor Geissert commented on the tremendous concern residents of the City are experiencing regarding Mobil Oil, and expressed appreciation for Mobil's cooperation regarding the City's scheduled study.

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23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

Mayor 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 confer with the City Attorney regarding litigation entitled John Hunter v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 81374. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (a).

The Council will also confer with the City Attorney regarding potential litigation arising from a claim filed against the City by Hubert Duc Trieu. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (b).

At 6:25 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 7:17 p.m.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and Carl Warren and Company regarding the settlement of the claim of Hubert Duc Trieu against the City of Torrance.

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

At 7:19 p.m., the meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, July 26, 1988, 7:00 p.m.

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Kate Heiser
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Don Hong, Deputy
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