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AUGUST 5, 1988, 6:30 P.M.

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Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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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 Tuesday, August 2, 1988, at 5:07 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert. Councilman Applegate arrived at 5:15 p.m. [Councilman Wirth left the meeting briefly between 5:41 and 5:47 p.m.]

Absent: None.

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

Considered at this time --

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

Mayor Geissert read the following statement into the record.

The City Council will now meet in closed session to consider the appointment of a City Attorney to replace Mr. Remelmeyer following his retirement. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54957.

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At 5:08 p.m., the Council recessed to executive session, returning at 5:33 p.m. to conduct the regular City Council meeting of this date as reflected on the subsequent pages of these minutes. [No action was taken as a result of this early executive session].

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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 regular session on Tuesday, August 2, 1988, at 5:36 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

See Page 1.

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It was with sadness that Mayor Geissert announced the passing of Mr. Frank Grippo, Father of the City's Director of Building and Safety, Ralph Grippo. The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Frank Grippo.

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3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Ms. Gerry Rische, member of the Civil Service Commission of the City of Torrance.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Jim Brewster, Alondra Park United Methodist Church.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of June 8, 9, 20, and July 5, 1988, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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 Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

City Manager Jackson noted that staff is recommending continuance of Agenda Item 15b, SEISMIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 88-1, to the Council meeting of December 6, 1988 -- see Page 17.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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At this point in the meeting [5:41 p.m.] Councilman Wirth left the meeting for a brief period. Mr. Wirth returned at 5:47 p.m., as is noted on Page 5 of these minutes.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE - PAUL CARTER:

Mayor Geissert presented a plaque in recognition of his retirement from City services to Mr. Paul Carter, Communications Electrician. There was appreciative acceptance by Mr. Carter.

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8b. RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARTIN D. GALLAGHER:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MARTIN D.
GALLAGHER FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE
TO THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-192. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried by unanimous roll call vote [Councilman Wirth absent].

8c. PRESENTATION OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

It was with a great deal of pride that Mayor Geissert presented to Finance Director Mary Giordano the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, which is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting to be presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

The Mayor acknowledged Ms. Giordano's excellence in her field, and the Finance Director, in turn, expressed appreciation to her fine staff for their outstanding efforts which contributed toward the receipt of this distinct honor.

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Councilman Wirth returned at this time [5:47 p.m.]

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9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. EXTENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR JOSEPH O'BRIEN:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended [by City Librarian/Library Commission] that your Honorable Body authorize a three-month extension of Library Commissioner Joseph O'Brien's leave of absence, such leave to last until October 10, 1988.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation [Agenda Item 9a]. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. REJECTION OF BIDS for Construction of Steel Fence and Gate for Closure of Vine Avenue Access to Shery High and SCROC [B88-38].

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body reject the bids received for the subject project and authorize the City Engineer to readvertise the project for construction bids.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

In response to an inquiry from Councilwoman Hardison, City Engineer Burtt provided clarification regarding modifications to discretionary bid and bonding requirements which are to be instituted.

- 10b. CONSULTING SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF "SEWER DISCHARGE FEE":

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Engineer recommends that:

- 1) The firm of Harris and Associates be retained to provide professional engineering and support services for the development and implementation of the "Sewer Discharge Fee";
- 2) That your Honorable Body appropriate \$20,000 from the Sewer Revolving Fund for that purpose; and,
- 3) That the Resolution be adopted authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for these services.

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RESOLUTION NO. 88-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND
CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS OR
AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEWER DISCHARGE FEE.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-193. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. MORATORIUM ON SUBDIVISION OF LOTS:

At the request of Mayor Geissert, Planning Director Ferren provided background information [of written record] to this agenda item, noting the RECOMMENDATION of the City Attorney and Planning Director, based on the request of the Planning Commission, for enactment of a 60-day moratorium on division of lots or subdivisions in the Seaside Ranchos area in order to allow an adequate study of the impact on the division of large lots.

Audience input was invited by the Mayor.

Mr. Quinton Johnson, 5351 Carol Drive, requested and received clarification as to the action presently under consideration by Council.

Ms. Sue Herbers, 2264 West 230th Street, President of the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association, read aloud a statement [later submitted as part of the official record] recommending that the entire City be included in the moratorium area, rather than just Seaside Ranchos.

Planning Director Ferren advised, in response to an inquiry by Councilwoman Hardison, that there are three lot split applications currently on file in the Department, two of those three are located in Southeast Torrance.

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Voicing additional support to the concept of a city-wide moratorium was Mr. John Eubanks, 21617 Ladeene Avenue.

The next speaker, Ms. Martha Mc Avoy, 5334 Linda Drive, inquired regarding comparable lot sizes as an established standard, and was advised by Mayor Geissert that the Council is merely considering the possibility of declaring a moratorium in the Seaside Ranchos area at this time.

Alluding to the above noted remarks by citizens desiring a city-wide moratorium, City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that under the Brown Act the Council is precluded tonight from considering anything but the Seaside Ranchos area.

The following action was then taken.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 3233

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE SUBDIVISION OR DIVISION OF CERTAIN LOTS IN THE CITY WHICH ARE WITHIN CERTAIN DEFINED BOUNDARIES; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 3233 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. ADOPTION OF MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING FOR VARIOUS EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS;

RESOLUTION NO. 88-194

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

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-194. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 88-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES
AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 5, 1988 TO JUNE 30, 1989

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-195. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 87-38, PP 88-17, D 88-8, LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for a continued public hearing of a City Council consideration of an applicant's appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit, Precise Plan of Development and Division of Lot to allow the construction of medical office building(s) limited to 69,000 square feet, a two-level parking structure and a three-lot subdivision in the ML(M1-PP) zone located on the west side of Earl Street between Maricopa and Emerald Streets. CUP 87-38, PP 88-17, D 88-8: LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL [James P. Ruetz].

Proof of publication was provided by the City Clerk and it was filed without objection.

Staff presentation on this project [for a single medical office building and a two-lot subdivision] was provided by Principal Planner Gibson who noted that the Planning Department recommends denial of the appeal and denial of the project. Mr. Gibson observed that in staff's opinion the proposed site design and building placement could be modified.

Mayor Geissert then addressed the considerable audience present regarding the recent history of this case, and requested that input at this time be directed toward planning issues rather than economic considerations.

Input from the proponent's representative was then invited by the Mayor.

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Mr. Jim Ruetz, Vice President of Little Company of Mary Hospital, 4101 Torrance Boulevard, stressed the hospital's critical need for this facility and defended their siting of the building on the southeast corner of the parcel. This speaker stated that a complete redesign [required to comply with Council's stated requests at the last meeting] would be unacceptable to the hospital in costs and time delays.

Mr. Ruetz further advised that the hospital is willing to commit to a written condition or development agreement with the City not to build a second medical office building on the site and to delete the parking structure if so desired by the City.

Asked by Mayor Geissert for an opinion, City Attorney Remelmeyer offered his observation that an agreement precluding construction of a second medical office building on the site [as above suggested by Mr. Ruetz] would not be permanently binding on either party.

The Mayor then invited audience input.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT:

Mr. Forest Nutter, 4201 Sepulveda Boulevard --
Addressed the community asset represented by the hospital.

Ms. Ann O'Brien, 5124 Scott Street, member of Southwood Homeowners Association and volunteer at Little Company of Mary -- Expressed her opinion that traffic can be controlled by way of restrictions such as speed bumps, street closures, etc.

Mr. George Schneider, 636 Calle Miramar, member of the Board of Directors of Little Company of Mary Hospital and member of their Finance Committee -- Reviewed the hospital's financial picture and stressed the need for this project.

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Dr. Robert Nagamoto, 3294 Via Campesina, Rancho Palos Verdes, a practicing obstetrician associated with Little Company of Mary Hospital -- Set forth his requirements as an obstetrician working out of this hospital and described the needed support which will be afforded by the proposed medical office building.

Dr. Lou Duncan, 1110 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, director of the Emergency Department at Little Company of Mary -- Described the impact on the community should Little Company's emergency facilities be lost through denial of this related structure.

Ms. Tia Roberson, 25995 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, an employee of Little Company of Mary Hospital -- Noted her concern regarding the continuation of quality health care in the community.

Mr. Dick O'Brien, 235 Paseo de las Delicias -- Urged approval of the building design presented.

Ms. Polly Watts, 4825 Paseo de las Tortugas -- Compared the financial structure of Little Company of Mary and Torrance Memorial [not-for-profit organizations] with South Bay Hospital [structured for the realization of profit]. Ms. Watts also disputed an earlier suggestion that the proposed project would cause a drain on utilities.

Dr. Clara Friend, 23451 Madison -- Suggested that the issue at hand is the preservation of an incredibly high quality of medical care in the City of Torrance, and stressed the need for offices adjacent to the hospital as planned.

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SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT:

Mr. John Eubanks, 21617 Ladeene Avenue, President of Southwood Homeowners Association and speaking for their Board of Directors -- Opposition was based on traffic considerations and precedent-setting aspects.

Ms. Fran Quinlan, 4208 Michelle Drive -- Reviewed concerns of record and recommended the following criteria for ML-zoned land:

- Two-story height limit;
- Surface parking only;
- Less than .5 floor area ratio;
- No more than 7 trip ends per day per 1,000 square feet [610 trip ends per day for the subject project].

Mr. Seymour Uberman, 4116 Konya Drive -- Recommended that any future CUP's be for development compatible with ML usage and related to traffic and resource requirements.

Ms. Sandi Monda, 21506 Talisman -- Noted opposition because of the project's location [in Victor Precinct and position on lot], size, intended use and traffic generation. The possible future addition of another building was also of concern to this speaker, who opposes any medical office use in the area because of traffic.

Mr. Don Cook, 4133 Konya Drive -- Deemed the proposal totally out of context with the area and recommended that the resurfacing of Earl Street be addressed.

If approved, he recommended that the Council consider requiring:

1. Surface parking only.
2. The subdivision be tied together by covenant so that it may not be further subdivided or further built on.
3. The closing of Earl Street between Michelle Drive and the ML (M1-PP) delineation of the property.

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Discussion was directed to Mr. Cook's recommendation (2) above regarding a tie-in of the building parcel which will be owned by physicians and the parking parcel which will be under the ownership of the hospital. An extensive review of the various ramifications and considerations involved resulted in City Attorney Remelmeyer suggesting that further research is needed to determine an appropriate mechanism to accomplish the purpose of the Council in protecting a building/parking relationship in the future, and, at the same time, permit the hospital to go forward.

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At 7:45 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a brief recess. The Council reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

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Following the above noted recess, public input continued as follows.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT (Continued):

Ms. Loretta Hogan, 23203 Doris Way -- Stressed the need for physicians' offices near the hospital for emergency purposes and suggested that nearby rest homes be allowed to use parking to be provided for the proposed facility.

Ms. Helen Berg, 4114 Emerald Street - Favored the proposal as opposed to a light manufacturing use because of truck traffic associated with manufacturing -- a parking structure was also favored.

Ms. Peggy Meldrom, 1721 Aviation Boulevard, Redondo Beach -- Noted the need for offices in close proximity to health care facilities and suggested that the present lack of on-street parking will be ameliorated by a parking structure on the subject site.

Ms. Susan P. Taylor, 1137 6th Street, Manhattan Beach -- Urged approval noting the importance of the hospital as a community service organization.

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Ms. Susan Gibbons, 609 Sartori, employee of Little Company of Mary Hospital -- Opined that traffic generated by this facility will be spaced throughout the day and will not greatly impact residents of the City.

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SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT (Continued):

Mr. Ron Daley, 4713 Deelane Street, representing residents of Deelane & Talisman Streets [submitted a petition from the Del Amo West Homeowners Committee] -- Increased traffic problems in the neighborhood were of concern.

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The following speaker stated that he is UNDECIDED as to whether he is for or against the project.

Mr. Phil Thomas, 21321 Ocean Avenue -- Pointed out existing serious traffic problems on Ocean Avenue and noted his opinion that no constructive traffic mitigations have been offered.

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Councilman Applegate addressed specific inquiries to the proponent regarding their failure to submit alternative designs addressing relocation of the building on the site, per Council request.

Mr. Joel Jaffey, President of Rochlin Baran & Balbona, Inc., project architects, described various alternatives considered by the hospital and stated that these options were found to be unacceptable.

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Councilmembers individually noted their dissatisfaction and disappointment that their previously voiced concerns regarding this project were not addressed. Mr. Ruetz maintained his position that the cost involved in redesign [some \$180,000] is an unacceptable consideration for the hospital.

Continued discussion which included expressions of extreme disappointment from the Council regarding the inflexible attitude displayed by hospital representatives, culminated in the President of Little Company of Mary Hospital, Mr. Jim Lester, approaching the podium.

After explaining that Mr. Ruetz has been acting under strict instructions from the hospital's Board of Directors as to the issues and parameters of this project, Mr. Lester advised that he would personally take the responsibility to indicate that the hospital will "basically be open to considerations."

Councilman Applegate interjected, at this point, the strong message which had been conveyed by this Council in the past -- that the project as designed is not acceptable. Mr. Applegate specifically stressed that the building needs to be moved elsewhere on the site in order that a safe circulation element can be provided and appropriate parking be realized. Additional concessions involving neighborhood considerations were noted by Mr. Applegate as necessary in order to move ahead.

Mr. Lester then consented, on behalf of Little Company of Mary Hospital, to a continuance of this agenda item to August 30, 1988.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to continue Agenda Item 15a [CUP 87-38, PP 88-17, D 88-8, LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL] to the Council meeting of August 30, 1988, at 5:30 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, discussion turned briefly to traffic issues.

Councilman Wirth alluded to the many traffic concerns in the area which need to be handled, and noted that the Council has directed that those issues be sent to the Traffic Commission and that staff seek meaningful mitigation measures.

In response to a request for clarification from Councilwoman Hardison, Traffic Manager Vance affirmed that the correct traffic count for Torrance Boulevard is 40,000 [rather than 50,000] cars as indicated in supportive material.

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Councilman Applegate reiterated his earlier request that the possibility of extending the service road median on Torrance Boulevard at Ocean Avenue, which would preclude right turns, be included when this matter is returned to Council. It was further strongly recommended by Mr. Applegate that installation of a 4-way STOP sign at Michelle Drive and Earl Street be addressed by the Council without delay.

Roll call vote on the above motion for continuance was unanimously favorable.

At this time Mr. Seymour Uberman returned to inquire as to proposed provisions for traffic control that will accommodate the needs and safety of the area residents. Director of Transportation Horkay advised of planned scoping sessions to include the area bounded by Anza, Hawthorne, Del Amo, and Torrance Boulevard, wherein recommendations of residents will be considered.

Councilman Wirth stressed the need for careful scheduling of the Traffic Commission's scoping sessions on traffic problems in various areas of the City, and he requested that the Council be provided with a preliminary schedule of these meetings.

Councilmembers were then invited by the Mayor to provide input regarding the subject project.

Councilman Wirth requested that the hospital meet with the Department of Transportation and Planning Department regarding traffic issues.

Councilwoman Hardison advised that she will be looking for a better placement of the building on the site, with parking provided next to the building for handicapped accessibility and drop-off points, and with a resolution of the circulation problems. Mrs. Hardison also advised of her preference [with the one-building concept] for all surface parking, rather than a parking structure.

The most important considerations in Councilman Walker's opinion, are safe interior circulation and parking.

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Councilman Applegate favored surface parking; however, he indicated that if the alternatives presented by the hospital provide for a parking structure, he would not want that structure focused on the Earl Street corners of the property. ,

Relocation of the building was the major concern noted by Councilman Nakano, who also favored surface parking.

Mayor Geissert requested that City Attorney Remelmeyer explore the matter of the lot division and provide the Council with optional approaches. The Mayor requested that the hospital provide architectural plans wherein the building design has the appearance of a single project; direct access to parking and no parking structure if possible.

Councilman Walker expressed his opinion that consideration might well be given to construction of a parking structure at this time for possible use in the future.

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At 9:26 p.m., the Mayor called a brief recess. The Council returned at 9:45 p.m. to continue with the regular agenda order.

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15b. SEISMIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 88-1:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on Seismic Safety Assessment District No. 88-1. The purpose of the District formation is to sell bonds to provide a fund for certain seismic safety rehabilitation to buildings within the City of Torrance.

City Clerk Wilson presented the affidavit of publication and posting, which was filed without objection.

Building Regulations Administrator Isomoto explained staff's request for continuance to December 6, 1988 [see Page 4] in that there is a need to meet with affected property owners prior to Council consideration of the item.

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Further discussion revealed that December 6, would not be an appropriate date for the continuance because of the National League of Cities meeting scheduled for that date -- December 13, was deemed more appropriate, and the following action was taken.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to continue Agenda Item 15b, SEISMIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 88-1, to the City Council meeting of December 13, 1988, at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS;

17a. RENEWAL OF BUS PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that your Honorable Body accept the bid proposal submitted by Fred S. James of California for the Progressive Insurance Company to provide Bus Physical Damage insurance coverage for the period July 31, 1988 to July 31, 1989 at a cost not to exceed \$64,845 with a deductible of \$5,000. Funds for this coverage have been placed in the 1988-89 City Manager's Budget.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17b. SELECTION OF PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE GENERAL AVIATION CENTER:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council authorize staff to negotiate a contract for project management services for The General Aviation Center with the firm of Kitchell CEM.

City Manager Jackson responded to questions from Councilman Mock as to the necessity and purpose for the above recommended action.

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Responding to Councilwoman Hardison's concerns, Management Programs Administrator Tilden provided information relative to project scheduling, noting that with the above action, completion of the working drawings should be accomplished by March of 1989.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation on Agenda Item 17b. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17c. PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1 - ORDINANCE VIOLATION - INFRACTION OR MISDEMEANOR:

Mayor Geissert called attention to supplementary agenda material which sets forth the cost of a consolidated election.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL STATEWIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1988, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY A CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 727 AND 728 WHEREBY THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE VIOLATION OF ANY GIVEN CITY ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUNISHED AS A MISDEMEANOR OR AS AN INFRACTION; AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE SAID SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH SAID GENERAL STATEWIDE ELECTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-196. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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17d. PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2 - PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES/SUMMARIES:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL STATEWIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 1988, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY A CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHARTER SECTION 721 WHEREBY THE CITY COUNCIL MAY IN ITS DISCRETION DETERMINE TO PUBLISH AN ADOPTED ORDINANCE IN FULL OR A SUMMARY THEREOF; AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE SAID SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH SAID GENERAL STATEWIDE ELECTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-197. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Mock requested that on Agenda Items 17c and 17d, the City Council be furnished with copies of the argument in favor prior to submittal.

Roll call vote on the above motion to adopt Resolution No. 88-197 was unanimously favorable.

17e. PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 3 - DATE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council adopt the resolution. It provides the necessary authority to place the matter on the November 8th ballot, and requests the County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the elections. It is further recommended that Councilman Applegate be authorized to sign the ballot argument in FAVOR of the said measure.

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CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

Due to the tight time frame to the November election, it would be difficult to submit this matter to the Council's Finance and Governmental Operations Committee for study. Therefore, the matter is being brought directly to Your Honorable Body for consideration.

During the ensuing Council discussion, there was a general indication of opposition to the subject recommendation particularly in light of the fact that the Council's Finance and Governmental Operations Committee has not reviewed the matter. Financial considerations were touched upon and various date options were discussed, with no consensus of opinion reached.

Councilman Applegate voiced concurrence with the above recommendation, it being his opinion that the City of Torrance would benefit in the area of greater voter participation.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to receive and file Agenda Item 17e. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried as shown below.

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

NOES: Councilman Applegate.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT:

For Hardware Maintenance Service for the VAX 8530 and VAX 780 Computer Systems
Anticipated Expenditure: \$107,318.16.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Information Systems Department and the Purchasing Division recommend that your Honorable Body authorize the renewal of a maintenance service contract with Digital Equipment Corporation of Culver City, California, to provide required maintenance service for the City's computers in the total annual amount of \$107,318.16 or \$8943.18 monthly.

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20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For required Hardware Maintenance Service on the VAX 11/750 and the Microvax II computer system located at the Police Department.
Anticipated Annual Expenditure: \$33,781.32.

RECOMMENDATION:

Both the Torrance Police Department and Purchasing Division recommend that your Honorable Body authorize the renewal of this maintenance service contract with Digital Equipment Corporation to provide the required maintenance service for these Police computers in the total annual amount of \$33,781.32 or \$2815.11 monthly.

20c. COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION: To sell various vehicles as listed below via Public Auction.

LISTING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERIAL #</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>VEH.#</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>	<u>COND.</u>
1983	Ford	Fairmont	1FABP36X1DK179224	E799133	178	30873	Good
1983	Ford	Futura	1FABP36X3DK179225	E799125	180	35241	Good
1985	Chevy	Caprice	1G1BN69H9FY176604	E478718	7002	23977	Good
1981	Ford	Granada	1FABP26B8BG173225	E772916	7189	46654	Good
1982	Ford	Fairmont	1FABP21B5CK160342	E780256	7193	44464	Good
1978	Ply.	Volare	HL41H8F212419	E458990	7229	44507	Fair
1979	Ply.	Volare	HL41H9B304348	E780265	7233	42653	Good
1979	Ply.	Volare	HL41H9B304352	E480127	7237	57524	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39M9FG227222	E478721	7329	63086	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39MOFG227223	E478722	7330	52177	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39M2FG227224	E478723	7331	48606	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39M4FG227225	E478724	7332	56433	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39M8FG227227	E478725	7333	67119	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39M1FG227229	E478726	7334	73804	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39MFG227220	E478727	7335	58805	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39MFG227226	E478728	7336	63297	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39MXFG227228	E478729	7337	47189	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39M1FG227232	E478734	7339	72919	Fair

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LISTING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT: (cont'd.)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERIAL #</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>VEH. #</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>	<u>COND.</u>
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39M3FG227233	E478733	7340	59297	Fair
1985	Ford	LTD	1FABP39MXFG227231	E478732	7341	65667	Fair
1982	Ford	Fairmont	1FABP21B6CK190529	E791981	7419	41991	Good
1985	Chev.	Caprice	1G1BN69H3FY172676	E923687	7459	31542	Good
1980	Ford	Pinto	OT10A182690	E744884	7506	39095	Poor
1980	Ford	Pinto	OT10A182694	E744890	7508	38750	Fair
1975	Cushman	Scootr	479679	E665196	7752	2924.5hrs	Poor
1982	Ford	Dial-A-Lift	1FDKE30ZXCHA26696	E753347	373	90054	Fair
1982	Ford	Dial-A-Lift	1FDKE3023CHA26698	E753348	374	181937	Fair

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council authorize the sale of the above listed SURPLUS vehicles utilizing the services of a commercial auction outlet, "The Ken Porter Auction Company".

- 20d. **COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT:** For the purchase of tow truck for a hazardous material trailer for the Fire Department.
 Ref. Bid No. B88-39
 Expenditure: \$19,470.33.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Fleet Services Department and Purchasing Division recommend that Council authorize the purchase of the hazardous material tow vehicle from the low bidder, Downey Auto Center, in the total amount of \$19,470.33 including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, 20c, and 20d. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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At 10:04 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. and the regular Council agenda order was resumed.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Police Chief Nash announced "National Night Out" to be celebrated next Tuesday, August 9 -- ceremony in front of City Hall commencing at 6:15 p.m.

22b. Councilwoman Hardison agreed with concerns voiced by Ms. Sue Herbers during consideration of the lot split moratorium ordinance [Agenda Item 12a, Page 7 of these minutes]. Ms. Hardison requested that lot division items being processed at this time go forward to the Planning Commission with material on compatible lot sizes.

22c. Councilwoman Hardison requested that there be more advanced notice and planning in order to avoid an overlap of community meetings involving Traffic Commission scoping sessions with various areas of the City. Ms. Hardison also requested that printed material supporting comments from the Police Department's representative at last night's Traffic Commission meeting be shared with the Council [these comments having to do with solutions to neighborhood traffic problems].

22d. Councilwoman Hardison requested that information regarding R-1 development standards be forwarded to the Planning Commission or to a City Council Committee for review. [It was later established that the Council would prefer this matter be forwarded to the appropriate Council Committee.]

22e. Councilman Wirth, speaking on behalf of the entire Council, extended best wishes for a speedy recovery from recent heart surgery to Annie Mock, daughter of Councilman Mock.

22f. Mayor Geissert appointed Councilwoman Hardison to serve as liaison with the Project Manager and the architect in the development of the Cultural Arts Center.

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22g. Mr. John Whitebrook, 9823 Patronella, expressed grave concerns regarding recent explosions at the Mobil Oil refinery. The on-going extensive studies and evaluations of safety at the refinery were explained by the Mayor and City Manager.

22h. Mr. John Eubanks, 21617 Ladeene Avenue, suggested that the City adopt a traffic mitigation fund with relation to the Little Company of Mary project [Pages 9-17 of these minutes]. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised of the City's intent to study the matter as it relates to established legislative directives.

Mr. Eubanks then addressed the lot split issue pertaining to Little Company of Mary and suggested consideration of action similar to that accomplished with the Oxford development. City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated a willingness to explore that possibility.

It was also requested by Mr. Eubanks that staff investigate the need for completion of traffic lane widening between Hawthorne Boulevard and Amie Avenue. Department of Transportation to investigate.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. See Page 1, for the matter considered during the 5:00 p.m. executive session this date. Other matters scheduled for executive session at this time were withdrawn.

24. ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:32 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1988, AT 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment was dedicated to the
memory of
Mr. Frank Grippo

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