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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, August 23, 1988, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mayor Geissert.

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

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NOTE: In the absence of Mayor Geissert, Mayor Pro Tem Walker conducted the meeting.

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It was with sadness that Mayor Pro Tem Walker announced the passing of Mr. George Ittner, a long-time, active member of this community. It was Mr. Walker's request that this meeting be adjourned in Mr. Ittner's memory.

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3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Planning Director David Ferren led in the salute to the flag.

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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 minutes of the City Council meeting of July 26, 1988, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Wirth abstained (having been absent July 26); Mayor Geissert 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 Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert 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 Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Transportation Committee
Monday, August 29, 1988 - 5:00 p.m.
Subject: Transit Issues

Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, September 7, 1988 - 5:00 p.m.
Subject: City Towing Service

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. INTRODUCTION OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM JAPAN:

Mayor Pro Tem Walker, assisted by Mr. Mark Linnell of the Torrance Rotary Club, introduced Torrance Rotary exchange students:

Yasuto Watanabe

and

Kayo Takiguchi.

A warm welcome was extended to these young people by Mayor Pro Tem Walker.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. AGREEMENT WITH TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-210

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 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1988-89

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-210. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. VACATION OF EASTERLY PORTION OF BORDER AVENUE NORTH
OF CARSON STREET
PROPONENT AND BENEFICIARY: GASCON-MAR, LTD.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION
TO VACATE THE EASTERLY 30 FOOT WIDE PORTION
OF BORDER AVENUE FROM CARSON STREET TO
1,000 FEET NORTHERLY THEREOF IN THE CITY
OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR
THE HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE
PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution
No. 88-211. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unani-
mously approved by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

10b. AIRPORT T-HANGAR RENOVATION PROJECT:

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Services and Transportation Departments
recommend that your Honorable Body authorize the
appropriation of \$20,000 from the Airport Fund to
complete additional work required on the T-Hangar
renovation project. It is further recommended that
the City Council approve the \$3,600 change order to
Bay Oak General Contractors for additional electrical
work, and that a \$14,385 contract for hangar door
repairs be awarded to Industrial Door Service.

MOTION; Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the
above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 10b. His motion,
seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call
vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

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11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. RENEWAL OF POLICE/DIVERSION TREATMENT SERVICE CONTRACTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended [by the Police Chief] that the City Council endorse the Treatment Service contracts so that the needed assistance to our children can continue.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Police Chief. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert absent].

Councilwoman Hardison acknowledged the assistance rendered to young people in the schools by the above program.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR POLICE RECORDS SUPERVISOR:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Personnel Department and the Civil Service Commission recommend approval of the revised class specification for Police Records Supervisor. The Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) concurs in this recommendation.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 14a. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. THREE AGREEMENTS WITH EPSON AMERICA, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN ACCESS AGREEMENT, LICENSE AGREEMENT AND LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND EPSON MADRONA BUILDING PARTNERSHIP FOR PROPERTY AT CIVIC CENTER DRIVE AND MADRONA

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-212. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert absent].

17b. CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING UNIFORM FIRE CODE (HAZARDOUS MATERIALS):

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 3234

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 85.2.46 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 3234 at its first and only reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

17c. MEMORANDUM OF LEASE - WHITTLESEY MOTORS:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-213

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE KATHLEEN AND DAVID WHITTLESEY LIVING TRUST

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-213. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert absent].

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17d. COUNCIL OPPOSITION TO AB 3354 (FLOYD); STATE PRE-EMPTION OF LOCAL FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME WARNING ORDINANCES (FAS):

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council oppose AB 3341. It is further recommended that the City Council direct the City Manager's office to draft correspondence, for the Mayor's signature, to the appropriate State Legislators expressing its opposition to AB 3354.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For Annual Requirements for Red Highway Safety Flares
Re: Bid No. B88-41
Expenditure: \$13,108.45 (including tax).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body award a contract to furnish the City's annual requirements of twenty minute red highway safety flares to the sole bidder, the Standard Fusee Corporation of Boonton, N.J., in the total amount of \$13,108.45, including tax.

20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: To furnish one (1) new, replacement Daihatsu off-road transporter.
Ref: Bid #B88-32
Expenditure: \$6,811.74, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body authorize the award of contract to furnish a new Daihatsu off-road transporter to the low responsible bidder, Vreeland Daihatsu of Ventura, California in the amount of \$6,811.74, including sales tax.

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

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At 7:12 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. Upon adjournment of the Agency meeting at 7:13 p.m., the regular City Council meeting was resumed.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Police Chief Nash announced the August 26th promotional ceremony for various Police Department personnel.

22b. Fire Chief Adams noted that three new fire engines were on display in front of City Hall earlier this date.

22c. Councilman Applegate expressed appreciation to Parks and Recreation Director Barnett for his department's efforts in the prompt removal of graffiti throughout the City. Mr. Applegate also acknowledged the support of the School District in this effort.

Mr. Barnett responded, noting that this has been a team effort put forth by General Services, Street Department and Environmental personnel, as well as the Parks and Recreation Department.

22d. Councilman Nakano urged that the City consider, whenever appropriate, assisting private property owners in the removal of graffiti. It was also his request that a water bill insert be prepared alerting citizens of the need for prompt notification of the City regarding graffiti problems.

22e. Councilman Applegate suggested that a water bill insert be prepared notifying citizens of proper procedures in preparation for street sweeping.

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22f. Ms. Mary Comon, 1011 Amapola, presented a petition to the Council registering concerns regarding zoning and development in that area of the City.

22g. Councilwoman Hardison indicated her concurrence with the concerns above voiced by Ms. Comon, and requested that staff return next week with alternatives for Council consideration including --

- Possible moratorium for this area.
- Tie-in of building demolition to the planning process.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that an Emergency Ordinance in this regard will be prepared for consideration.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

Mayor Pro Tem Walker 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 confer with the City Manager and/or City Attorney regarding a proposed license agreement to allow monument signs for Wickes Furniture and Home Club on City owned property near the northeast corner of 190th and Hawthorne Boulevard. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.8.

The Council will also confer with the City Attorney regarding litigation entitled Thomas Vallejo v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SOC 71802. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9 (a).

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At 7:32 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Walker declared a 5-minutes recess, following which the Council proceeded to executive session for the above announced purposes. Upon returning at 7:58 p.m., the Council took the following action.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXTERNALLY FUNDED AND LIMITED TENURE EMPLOYEES AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 88-166

MOTION; Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-214. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

RESOLUTION NO. 88-215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 88-187

MOTION; Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-215. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert absent].

RESOLUTION NO. 88-216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 88-194

MOTION; Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-216. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by unanimous roll call vote [Mayor geissert absent].

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City Attorney Remelmeyer then requested that the Council concur with the recommended settlement of the City Attorney regarding litigation titled Thomas Vallejo v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SOC 71802.

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

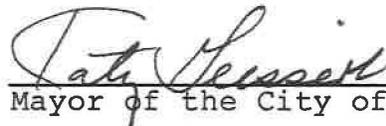
24. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:02 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, August 30, 1988, 5:30 p.m.

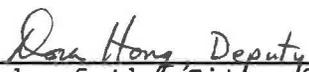
Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of

Mr. George Ittner.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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