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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, November 1, 1988, at 5:33 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Applegate.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Brownie Troop #474 - [members: Lindsey Glick, Charna Widby and Elizabeth Cyran] Nancy Widby, Leader.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Fire Chief Scott Adams.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 4, 1988, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

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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 ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 20a: SALE OF USED FURNISHINGS -- Continued for two weeks, per City Manager Jackson.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee
November 29, 1988 - 4:30 p.m.
First Quarter Budget Review

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Mayor Geissert introduced the City's newly appointed City Attorney, Mr. Ken Nelson, who will be assuming the responsibilities of this position upon Mr. Remelmeyer's retirement, November 30, 1988. Mr. Nelson was extended a warm "welcome aboard" by the Mayor.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Geissert presented service awards to the following City employees:

Mr. John Hoffman, Park Services Administrator
30 years with the City.

Police Officer Forrest L. "Pete" Snodgrass
25 years with the City.

This recognition was accepted with appreciation by these employees.

8b. INTRODUCTION OF KASHIWA DELEGATION:

Mayor Geissert extended a warm welcome to the visiting delegation from Torrance's Sister City, Kashiwa, Japan. These individuals were introduced, as follows, by Ms. Mikko Haggott-Hansen.

- Susumu Mikogami, Principal [Leader]
- Toki Nagatani, Head Official
- Hiroshi Ichikawa, Teacher
- Sachiko Tsuchida, Teacher.

Mementos of this occasion were exchanged by the representatives of both cities.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN [CTIP] AGREEMENT:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that Council adopt the resolution authorizing execution of the attached Agreement between Torrance and eight South Bay cities providing for implementation of the Commuter Transportation Implementation Plan and that \$80,596 be appropriated in Proposition A Local Return Funds to finance the City of Torrance share of the CTIP program in FY 1988-89.

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Staff presentation was provided by Sr. Administrative Analyst Hildebrand, who requested that Section 14, of the Agreement for Regional Commuter Bus System, be modified to read as follows:

A. ". . . this agreement may be terminated by any party giving written notice to the Lead Agency and the PSC of such intent to terminate ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date of the commencement of service [rather than agreement]
". . . ."

Mr. Hildebrand then responded to Council questions, providing clarification regarding scheduling, funding, etc.

The following action was ultimately taken.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-277

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH EIGHT SOUTH BAY CITIES IMPLEMENTING THE SOUTH BAY COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-277, as amended. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve the appropriation on this agenda item. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

10b. PROPOSED BUDGET ADDITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Transportation Committee recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Add one position of Principal Analyst to the Transit Division for an increase in external funding of approximately \$56,000.

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- 2) Add one position of Principal Analyst to the Airport Division for an increase in external funding of approximately \$56,000.
- 3) Reconfirm the reassignment of the Airport Programs Specialist (to become Senior Administrative Analyst) from the Airport Division to the Administrative section of the Department.
- 4) Concur in the implementation of the interim proposal for a premium pay of 7.5% for the Senior Administrative Analyst.
- 5) Concur in the concept of the Principal Administrative Analyst with two sub-classes subject to the approval of class specifications, the assignment of the class to a representation unit, and the setting of a salary. The position shall be filled in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations.

FUNDING NOTE: To implement recommendation number one above, an appropriation of \$42,000 in Prop. A Local Return Funds must be approved to finance the position for three-quarters of FY 1988-89.

To implement recommendation number two above, an appropriation of \$42,000 from the Airport Fund must be approved to finance the position for three-quarters of FY 1988-89.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE: The premium pay provision of recommendation number four will require concurrence by meet and confer sessions with the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) and then approval of the resulting supplemental M.O.U. by your Honorable Body at a later date.

The staff presentation on this agenda item was provided [per material of record] by Director of Transportation Horkay.

Action was taken as is reflected below.

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

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MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to approve funding appropriations as noted [per FUNDING NOTE]. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

City Manager Jackson advised that staff will return with the subject Memorandum of Understanding in order to implement the interim procedure.

It was the request of Councilwoman Hardison that a follow-up report on the projected activities for the [new Transportation] Planning Division for the near future be provided to the Council as an informational item. Staff will follow through.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. NOVEMBER BALLOT PROPOSITIONS:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ad Hoc Legislative Committee recommends adoption of these positions by the City Council.

Propositions 78-86, 88, 90, 93, 96 and 97	Support
Propositions 98, 100-106	Oppose
Propositions 91, 92, 94, 95	No Position

The Ad Hoc Legislative Committee further recommends that the City Council review and adopt positions for Propositions 87 and 89.

City Treasurer Tom Rupert reviewed the above recommendation and clarified, where desired by Council, the pros and cons of the proposition measures.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Various personal philosophies and observations were voiced by individual Councilmembers, and the following series of motions was ultimately offered.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee's recommendation EXCLUDING Propositions 98, 87 and 89. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

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MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved that the Council establish NO POSITION on Proposition 98. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Hardison, Mock, Nakano and Wirth.

NOES: Councilmembers Walker and Mayor Geissert.

ABSENT: Councilman Applegate.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved that the Council adopt an OPPOSE position on Proposition 87. The motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved that the City Council adopt a NO POSITION relative to Proposition 89. This motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Councilman Applegate absent].

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. SALE OF USED FURNISHINGS: El Rancho Motor Lodge High Bid Offer: \$2,500.00.

Held for two weeks - see Page 2.

20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT: For the Procurement of New Metal Office Furniture for the Computer Operations Division of the Information Systems Department.
Ref: Bid No. B88-35
Expenditure: \$9,692.84, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Purchasing Division recommends that your Honorable Body award a contract for the procurement of various pieces of metal office furniture for use in the computer operations area of the Information Systems Department, to the responsible low bidder, Sam Yocum, Inc. of San Gabriel, CA in the total amount of \$9,692.84, including tax.

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with staff recommendation on Agenda Item 20b. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Councilman Applegate absent].

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At 6:32 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 7:02 p.m., and the regular City Council agenda order was resumed.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson commended Parks and Recreation staff and all involved for the successful Halloween celebration at Wilson Park.

22b. City Attorney Remelmeyer congratulated the City Council on "having the very good sense to select Ken Nelson as the future City Attorney." Mr. Remelmeyer welcomed his distinguished colleague to this evening's meeting.

22c. Councilwoman Hardison noted her pleasure and delight in having served as a costume judge at the Wilson Park Halloween event.

22d. Mr. Dave Wall, 1730 West Sepulveda, Space #12, described the extreme inconvenience and financial hardship experienced by him during the extensive water development project at the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Western Avenue.

The unusually lengthy tenure of this project was discussed by the Council with input provided by City Manager Jackson and Water System Superintendent O'Cain.

The Mayor directed that staff keep Council informed by way of weekly memoranda of the status of this project, and that this citizen be extended every cooperation possible [including status reports] until the matter is resolved.

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22e. Mr. Don Karg, speaking on behalf of Mr. Karlheinz Halter and Slidematics, 22126A Vermont Avenue, affirmed on-going problems involving his business [first addressed by Mr. Karg at the October 25, 1988 Council meeting under Oral Communications, Page 20 of the minutes of that meeting].

Mayor Geissert again advised that this matter does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Torrance City Council.

22f. Mayor Geissert referenced a memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk requesting interviews for Commission vacancies on January 10, 1989. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

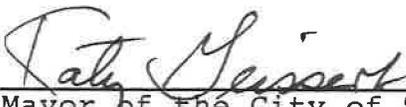
Mayor Geissert read the following statement into the record.

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.

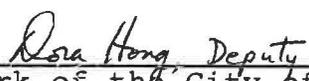
At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Geissert called a brief recess, followed immediately by an executive session as above announced. The Council returned at 9:00 p.m.

No action was taken as a result of the executive session, and this meeting was formally adjourned to Friday, November 4, 1988, 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
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